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Report: Santa Monica crime on the decline

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE Crime reports in Santa Monica held largely stable from 2009, with the largest decreases seen in property crimes, according to a report released Tuesday by the FBI.

The 2010 Uniform Crime Report compiles information on reported crimes from more than 18,000 city, university, college, county, state, tribal and federal law enforcement agencies to provide a snapshot of crime in the United States each year.

This year, participating law enforcement agencies covered 97.4 percent of Americans, or 308.7 million people.

Across the board, national crime rates — or numbers of crimes committed per 100,000 people — dropped in each of seven categories, which fall under two umbrella groupings — violent crime and property crime.

Violent crime includes murder, aggravat-

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CRUISING

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Samohi's Sarah Krenik (right) spikes the ball in the face of Torrance defenders Tuesday on campus. Samohi would win in three straight games.

Sustainable homes bring in the green

Eco-friendly attributes work wonders for recent sales

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

NOMA Homes situated north of Montana Avenue fetch the highest prices in all of Santa Monica, but Josh Borris surprised even himself with a recent sale in the area.

The house, a 6,000-square-foot traditional style situated on the 700 block of 23rd Street, went for $4.98 million after 15 days on the market.

It blew Borris away.

"In this market, that is an amazing feat," he said.

Borris owns Core Development Group, the company that designed and built the house in 2008 to the specifications of Judith Fisher Freed, an archivist and Santa Monica resident.

But while there are many large homes in NoMa, this one raced to a sale with an extra card up its sleeve.

The home was built with sustainability in mind, incorporating salvaged materials as well as thousands of dollars worth of solar panels, energy-efficient appliances and low-VOC paint.

It came crowned with a "tankless" water heater, that saves energy by heating water as it's used rather than keeping it warm all day.

Preliminary studies coming out of the Pacific northwest show that eco-friendly, or "green," homes fetch a premium on the open market.

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House approves funding for homeless vets

ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES The House of Representatives has passed a funding bill that provides nearly $36 million to renovate parts of the sprawling Department of Veterans Affairs campus in West Los Angeles.

Rep. Henry Waxman (D-Santa Monica) said in a release that the bill includes $20 million for renovations to a building that will be used to provide long-term housing for homeless veterans while they receive therapy. It passed 412-to-3 Tuesday.

The building is one of three that the VA has said it plans to renovate to accommodate homeless vets as part of a recently enacted master plan for the 387-acre medical center campus.

The campus is currently the subject of a lawsuit accusing the VA of offering insufficient services for homeless vets. Santa Monica City Councilman Bobby Shriver is one of the parties that brought the suit.

The House bill now goes to the U.S. Senate.


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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Wednesday, Sept. 21, 2011

State of public education
St. Anne's Church Community Room
1519 20th St., 7 p.m.
Jackie Goldberg, former Assembly member and former president of the Los Angeles Unified School District Board of Education, will be the guest speaker at the September general membership meeting of the Santa Monica Democratic Club. She will address the state of public education and the possibility of regaining a two-thirds majority in the state Legislature, with ample time for Q & A. Free parking is available and refreshments will be offered. The program is free and open to the general public.

Planning on it
City Council Chambers
1685 Main St., 7 p.m.
Check out the Planning Commission meeting where members will be discussing whether or not to grant a permit to Walgreens to sell alcohol at their planned store at Lincoln and Pico boulevards. Commissioners will also discuss a development agreement for a four-story mixed-use residential development at Seventh Street and Arizona Avenue, and consider allowing alternative vehicles to be sold on the Third Street Promenade. For more information, call (310) 458-8341.

Which witch is which?
Montana Branch Library
1704 Montana Ave.,
1 p.m. — 3 p.m.
Do you want to write but just don't know if it is right for you? Well today there is a playwriting workshop that engages a writer's creative side while still focusing on the basic elements of playwriting. The eight-week workshop will teach you the creative process from the bottom up. The cost is free. Contact the branch to enroll at (310) 458-8682.

Thursday, Sept. 22, 2011

Disability in America
SMC Main Campus
Humanities & Social Science Lecture Hall 165
1900 Pico Blvd., 11:15 a.m.
Santa Monica College presents "DIS THIS! Disability in America," a free lecture by Allen Rucker, best-selling writer, lecturer and outspoken advocate for the disabled in film and television. Rucker will discuss the current status of 56 million Americans with a disability, what has changed 20 years after the passage of the historic Americans with Disabilities Act, how the disabled are doing in education and the job market, and how they are portrayed in the media. For further information, call (310) 434-4303.

Cycling for beginners
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 7 p.m.
Santa Monica Public Library presents "Cycling for Beginners: Health Benefits and Tips for the Street." Presented by Dr. Sharon Ignarro, from the UCLA Medical School, and Dr. Michael Cahn, from Sustainable Streets (sustainablestreetsla.org), the program will provide an overview of the many health benefits of cycling, and teach how to stay safe while bicycling on the road. For more information, visit smpl.org or contact the Santa Monica Public Library at (310) 458-8600.

Coping with loss
St. Monica Catholic Community
725 California Ave.,
7 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.
If you or someone you care about is mourning the loss of a loved one, then visit the Fall Bereavement Group that St. Monica's sponsors. Charges are $25 to become a member. Participants must attend all sessions, there is no drop-in group. The group will meet in the Spirituality Center. Questions, call (310) 566-1530.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

MAIN LIBRARY

Green reading

The Santa Monica Public Library has announced the winners of the fifth annual Green Prize for Sustainable Literature Awards and will host a ceremony on Oct. 27 dubbed "Sense & Sustainability."

The library is awarding prizes in 10 categories. The 2011 Green Prize Pioneer Award, which honors a writer who has paved the way for discourse on sustainable issues, will go to Bill McKibben, author and founder of the grassroots climate campaign 350.org. McKibben was proclaimed in 2010 by the Boston Globe to be the "country's most important environmentalist."

At the ceremony, guests will be able to learn from local experts and Green Prize recipients about sustainable trends, buying and eating local, and grass roots action.

The winners of the 2011 awards are:

• Anthology

"The Post Carbon Reader: Managing the 21st Century's Sustainability Crisis," by Richard Heinberg and Daniel Lerch, published by Watershed Media.

• Economics

"The Story of Stuff," by Annie Leonard, published by Free Press.

• Photography

"Earth Then and Now: Amazing images of Our Changing World," by Fred Pearce, published by Firefly Books.

• Science and Nature

"Earth: Making a Life on a Tough New Planet," by Bill McKibben, published by Times Books.

• Fiction

"Anthill," by E.O.Wilson, published by W.W. Norton & Co.

• Youth Fiction

"Watch Out World: Rosy Cole is Going Green," by Sheila Greenwald, published by Farrar Straus Giroux.

• Youth Picture Book

"This Tree Counts!" by Alison Formento, illustrated by Sarah Snow, published by Albert Whitman & Co.

• Early Childhood Nonfiction

"The Earth Book," by Todd Parr, published by Little, Brown & Co.

• School Age Nonfiction

"What Does it Mean to Be Green?" by Rana DiOrio, illustrated by Chris Blair, published by Little Pickle Press.

The Green Prize for Sustainable Literature was established to encourage and commend authors, illustrators, and publishers who produce quality books that make significant contributions to, support the ideas of, and broaden public awareness of sustainability.

City Hall's Sustainable City Plan defines sustainability as "meeting current needs – environmental, economic and social – without compromising the ability of future generations to do the same."

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IRON MAN: **Samohi's Chad Wheeler plays on both the offensive and defensive lines.**

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Samohi's Chad Wheeler verbally commits to USC

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

SAMOHI Chad Wheeler may go from being a Viking to a Trojan.

Santa Monica High School's Wheeler gave a verbal commitment to USC this week, after previously agreeing to play for Arizona State next season.

The reversal came once USC began showing interest in the towering defensive and offensive lineman. Wheeler had dreams of playing for the Trojans growing up and the offer was just too good to pass up.

Things could change between now and signing day, but Samohi Head Coach Travis Clark is confident that Wheeler will honor the commitment. Wheeler shows skill on either side of the line, but USC is interested in him as an offensive tackle.

"I just want my guys to be happy with what they decide," Clark said. "But, with

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Butler, Osborn winning support

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

DOWNTOWN Assemblywoman Betsy Butler (D-53) has won the support of the National Women's Political Caucus in her bid to become the next representative in the newly-created 50th Assembly District, which includes Santa Monica.

In a statement released Monday, Butler said she is a longtime member of the political caucus and served as president of its Westside Los Angeles chapter. The organization was founded in 1971 under the leadership of feminists including Shirley Chisholm, Betty Friedan and Gloria Steinmen.

"Betsy has advocated for women her entire career, encouraged women to become involved in the political process and helped them succeed," NWPC California President Teray Stephens said in a statement. "Now, as an elected woman herself, she is fighting for equality, reproductive freedom and an end to

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Academies don't expect much change from DADT end

BRIAN WITTE
Associated Press

ANNAPOLIS, Md. They were young children — mere kids 18 years ago when the "don't ask, don't tell" policy on gays serving openly in the military took effect. But over two decades, attitudes shifted, America changed and these youngsters grew up, winning coveted spots to study in the top military academies.

Now they are giving a collective shrug to Tuesday's end of the "don't ask, don't tell" era.

The nation's military leaders of tomorrow say they have less preoccupation with the sexual orientation of their colleagues than generations before them. And gay students are quietly reporting that a burden is being lifted that had weighed down those of same-sex orientation who went before them through the U.S. Military Academy at West Point,

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Healthy food, healthy living

Editor:

Elizabeth Brown's Kitchen Vixen column "Don't be a food snob," which appeared in the Sept. 17-18 edition of the Daily Press reminded me of how unhealthy I used to eat. All those late night fast food runs never gave me the nutrients I needed to fulfill a healthy diet. I don't think many people are aware of the significance of eating organic produce and the affect it has on future health issues.

The Good Food Festival is a great way to captivate the attention of the public and offer them useful tips on where they can find "fresh, local, seasonal, organic food." My mother had Alzheimer's and dementia and passed away recently at the age of 64. My family always wondered what caused her to get these diseases, and I believe that the consumption of vital nutrients in our diets is the first step in preventing them.

This tragedy makes me more conscious about my diet and the magnitude of eating healthy everyday. I'm glad someone such as Elizabeth is putting the word out there with simple, homemade recipes anyone who is willing can use. It's easy, it's healthy, it's fresh; so don't be a snob.

Barry Jackson
Santa Monica

Encouraging law breakers

Editor:

There has been a good deal of comment in this department concerning the accommodation of traffic: bicycle, automobile, and pedestrian all attempting to use the city roads at the same time. Much heat has been generated about compliance issues concerning bicycle riders who ignore traffic laws and signage.

I have now discovered that Santa Monica is officially encouraging bicyclists to run stop signs. No kidding! This morning, for the third time, I have been stopped by a crossing guard at 20th and Pearl streets to facilitate a bicyclist in running the stop sign on Pearl Street. I asked her if she was purposefully encouraging cyclists to run stop signs and she replied, "Yes." I find it curious.

Bill Worden
Venice

Not the way

Editor:

Isn't Heal the Bay about respecting the bay? This owner and artist did not respect the neighbors, fire codes or building codes ("Collaboration between volunteer, artists achieves goal," Sept. 20).

Instead they willingly and with full knowledge broke laws in the name of a cause to impose their personal artwork on local residents. That is not the right concept to give to children. Furthermore, to post kids' posters and act like that gives them authority to do an illegal brash publicity stunt shows further imbalanced thinking.

Maybe worse is to waste so much money on a stunt in bad economic times. Paint, wood, scaffolding, and security guard was a waste of money. We do not teach kids this way. Promoting and justifying this type of action is wrong.

I live on Berkeley Street and spoke with Corlin on a number of occasions while they were working. He knew he was breaking the laws and brashly felt proud of that.

John Harman
Santa Monica





The Taxman

Jon Coupal

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Gov. Brown can be a hero

AS PART OF HIS ONGOING CAMPAIGN to raise taxes, last week Gov. Jerry Brown made a pilgrimage to a major labor confab in Las Vegas. There he delivered a fiery speech to thousands of union delegates, touting his labor credentials and lashing out at Republicans and the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association, blaming the minority party and the taxpayers group for blocking his administration's efforts to increase taxes and "invest" — spend, that is — more money.

Now taxpayers are willing to accept the premise that "what happens in Vegas stays in Vegas" and hope the governor will have a clearer head once away from the city that some regard as a "Fantasy Land" for adults. A dispassionate observer will note that Brown's party controls the entire governing apparatus of California. Democrats hold every constitutional office and huge majorities in both houses of the Legislature. And because of the passage of their sponsored Proposition 25, all they need is a simple majority to pass a state budget of their choosing. Additionally, Californians already bear one of the highest tax burdens in all 50 states, the unemployment rate is second in the nation and businesses are fleeing the state due to suffocating regulatory policies.

The real reason that Sacramento has less money than Jerry Brown would like is because average taxpayers have so much less due to high taxes and the horrible economy. For a solution he would do well to examine the current political power structure that is responsible for the state's dismal economic climate.

The actual governor of California is not Jerry Brown; our state is governed by the leadership of the government employee unions. Every elected official with a "D" after their name owes homage to the union bosses. This is why the Legislature has passed a slew of union backed bills, including one that would unionize as many as a hundred thousand child care workers. This, of course, means more dues money to be used by the union bosses to elect more union-controlled politicians.

Another union backed bill, one that has the potential for real mischief, is SB 202, which would move all initiatives qualified after July 1, 2011 to the November 2012 ballot. This is because the government employee unions fear a measure, the Stop Special Interest Money Now Act, that would limit both corporate and union money in politics and, under current law, would likely be voted on in June.

The motive behind moving the vote to the later election is that historically the general election has drawn a greater turnout of "low information voters" — those with little knowledge of the issues and who are more easily influence by expensive and deceptive advertising campaigns.

Adding insult to injury, SB 202 also postpones a vote on the permanent creation of a prudent reserve fund designed to carry the state through difficult economic times like those we face now. A 2012 vote on the "rainy day fund" was scheduled as part of the major tax increase agreement of 2009, but representatives of the best compensated state employees in the nation are concerned that setting money aside could cut into future raises and increases in benefits.

THE ACTUAL GOVERNOR OF CALIFORNIA IS NOT JERRY BROWN; OUR STATE IS GOVERNED BY THE LEADERSHIP OF THE GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE UNIONS.

Even Democratic Assemblyman Mike Gatto was offended by this effort to postpone reform. The original author of the prudent reserve fund measure actually bucked the union position saying, "It is the most common sense reform that could possibly happen," but his colleagues approved the delay anyway.

So now we come to Jerry Brown's dilemma. The bill to postpone the votes on these critical measures sits on his desk. He can do the bidding of the government employee union bosses and sign SB 202 or he can go against the grain and potentially free his party and all politicians from the grip of special interest money as well as establish a prudent reserve by allowing a vote this June.

This is Brown's "Nixon to China moment" and by using his veto pen we hope he will strike a blow for long overdue political and fiscal reform.

Governor, you can be a hero.

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Fighting the law and saving money

THE LAWS OF PHYSICAL SCIENCE TEACH us we can neither create nor destroy energy. But it's also a simple fact that we can surely waste it. And that raises the possibility of saving money by refusing to let energy slip through our fingers.

Typical families in the U.S. spend about $1,900 each year on home utility bills. That's $160 per month. Your bills may be higher if your household consumes a lot of energy, if you heat with oil or if you live where the cost of electrical power is high.

Those of us lucky enough to still own a place to live are in the best position to save substantial amounts of energy. Whether you live in a McMansion or a modest house built in 1949 like I do, September is a good time of year to consider how your household uses energy. If it turns out you are in need of adding insulation to the attic, maybe upgrading from the ancient windows in that back bedroom to modern ones, or simply caulking cracks and holes, this is the time of year to get in gear and upgrade your home.

In a typical household, heating and cooling account for 43 percent of utility bills. Your refrigerator and other kitchen appliances likely account for around 17 percent of your bill. Hot water and lighting chip in around 12 percent each. Computers, TV and other electronics account for an impressive 9 percent and other miscellaneous uses fill in the rest.

Because heating and cooling account for so much energy use, the largest savings you can make likely are to be found in improving insulation, repairing leaking ducts, or plugging cracks around doors and windows.

Attic insulation can be a do-it-yourself job using one of several options. Even if you hire pros to "blow in" some attic insulation for you, the investment can pay for itself in a year or two. Good insulation in an attic will also help save on your electricity bill if you have air conditioning. Check out www.energysavers.gov for ideas about insulating your attic.

Anything that penetrates an outer wall or ceiling that's below an unheated attic is a place you should check for leaks. For example, electrical outlets and light switches can let air from the interior of your home leak into outer walls — and from there to the outside world. Hardware stores sell pre-cut foam insulation you can simply pop into outlets and switches. (The job is so easy even a Ph.D. like me can do it. But kindly turn off the power to the room you're working on before you unscrew electrical plates.)

For myself, I know I really should check the crawl space at the back of my house. It's an ugly job in the dark and dank, but I want to address it because I can't keep my back room warm in the winter. I wonder if the insulation that's in there has sagged or come entirely unmoored. My plan is to hire someone with better knees than I have and hand him what he needs through the unreasonably tiny door of the crawl space. I did a similar job myself about seven years ago for my previous house, then stupidly moved across town and now must face this unpleasant chore all over again.

TYPICAL FAMILIES IN THE U.S. SPEND ABOUT $1,900 EACH YEAR ON HOME UTILITY BILLS. THAT'S $160 PER MONTH.

But crawl spaces and basements pose moisture issues that can shape what's really a good decision about insulation. Check with pros or home guides for more information.

Then there are the simple things. Programmable thermostats cost as little as $25 to $30 and mean you'll never forget to turn down the heat at night again. And when you buy a new appliance, look at its energy efficiency. What you pay to take delivery on a refrigerator, for example, is only a small fraction of the total cost of running it over the years, so buy an efficient model and you'll come out ahead in the long run, sometimes saving hand over fist. Ditto for front-loading clothes washers that can reduce energy bills and water bills at the same time.

We can't win the fight against the first law of thermodynamics. But many of us can seize the day to save energy — and money — at home.

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The Q Line

Barking up the wrong beach?

A group known as Unleash the Beach is gearing up for another run at creating a dog beach in Santa Monica where pooches can run free.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
Are you in support of creating an area on the beach where dogs can play? Or do you think it would create too many problems?

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Giving pets pills doesn't have to be traumatic for anybody

SUE MANNING
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES Giving pills to your pet may be more traumatic for you than the animal, but it doesn't have to be.

There are many ways to get the job done. You can hold a small dog or cat like a football or a baseball; wrap the cat like a burrito; try decoys and disguises; or arm yourself with squeeze cheese.

Whatever you do, "Be cool, calm, collected and quick," said Janet Winikoff, director of education for the Humane Society of Vero Beach and Indian River County in Vero Beach, Fla. She has given pills, injections, liquids and subcutaneous fluids to shelter animals and her own pets over the years.

Administer medications with confidence and the least amount of restraint, she said. "For many pets, the more restraint you use, the more they struggle and become stressed."

Pet medicines may be in the form of pills, liquid, shots, gels or creams; they can be flavored or smelly; chewable, tablet or capsule; meant to be taken with food or without; big and bitter — or not.

Kim Saunders, vice president of shelter outreach for Petfinder.com, an online pet adoption database, has been giving her 22-year-old cat thyroid pills for years. She just found out there is a transdermal form of the medicine and her cat is much happier, she said. The medicine isn't a patch, but a cream she puts inside her cat's ear.

Cats are usually harder to medicate than dogs. Many dogs, especially bigger ones, appear to inhale their food, so they barely notice a little medicine. Cats are more likely to chew and bite down on a pill, spit it out and leave it behind.

Greenies and Pill Pockets are hollow treats made to hold pills and are extremely popular for both dogs and cats. But you might have something right in your fridge that can disguise a pill: liverwurst, baby food, cream cheese, string cheese, meatballs, tuna or peanut butter. Rolling a pill in butter will make it easier for the pet to swallow.

Everyone seems to have a trick. One person online suggested crushing the pill, mixing it with something sticky and rubbing it on the cat's gum. Someone else suggested dabbing a squirt of squeeze cheese on your cat's paw right after giving a pill so the animal has something else to think about besides the bad taste of the medicine.

For dogs who must take pills for a long time, the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals suggests cutting up hot dogs or cheese, or using small chunks of ground beef or chicken, and giving your dog 10 to 20 decoy treats in a row. Do that two or three times a day for several days to prepare your dog before sneaking a pill into one of the bites.

Most vets will tell you to hold the pet's lower jaw in one hand and upper jaw in the other and lift the animal's head toward the ceiling before popping the pill in its mouth. Easier said than done, but there are any number of online demonstrations. Cornell University — http://partnersah.vet.cornell.edu/pet/fhc/pill_or_capsule — has a cat video and Washington State University — http://www.vetmed.wsu.edu/cliented/cat_meds.aspx — has cat photos.

Ask your vet for a demonstration, and also ask what to do if things don't go as planned, Winikoff said. "Sometimes you think you're successful only to find a half-dissolved pill on the carpet several hours later. Do you re-administer? Wait? Try another method?"

To avoid giving an animal the wrong medication, Winikoff suggests a checklist of "five rights": Right patient, right drug, right dosage, right route, right time."

Maria Ramirez, director of animal care at the Vero Beach shelter, prefers cheese cubes, but said the most important thing is to massage the animal's throat to make sure the pill goes down properly and the pet doesn't choke.

If all else fails, you can go to a compounding pharmacy where they will turn pills into flavored liquid that can be mixed with a pet's food.

Most customers are concerned about making the medicine tastier for their pets, said Milo Sanchez, the compound technician at Paseo Pharmacy in Pasadena, about 10 miles east of Los Angeles.

He adds chicken or fish flavor to liquefied pills for pets, then puts the solution in eye droppers, he said.

Compounding a two-week supply of pills costs about $50, he said, noting that not all medicine can be transformed.

Another thing to know: The Cornell website points out that "foaming at the mouth after giving pills or capsules is not a cause for alarm. Some medicines leave a bitter aftertaste, causing your cat to salivate. Coating the medicine in peanut butter may help to disguise the bitter taste and eliminate the excessive salivation."

The educational staff at Drs. Foster & Smith, the catalog and online pet supply retailer, posted a pilling how-to on its website and advised against mixing a pet's medicine with a whole meal, because your pet may not eat it all and you will never know how much it got.

They also recommended keeping a cat's nails trimmed and wrapping it in a blanket or towel (the burrito look) before administering a pill. Blowing gently on your cat's nose is likely to make it lick its nose, then swallow, they wrote.

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Scientists testing earthquake early warning system

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PASADENA Elizabeth Cochran was sitting in her office when her computer suddenly sounded an alarm.

Beep. Beep. Beep.

A map of California on her screen lit up with a red dot, signaling an earthquake had struck. A clock next to the map counted down the seconds until shock waves fanning out from the epicenter north of Los Angeles reached her location in Pasadena: 5-4-3-2-1.

Right on cue, Cochran felt her chair quiver ever so slightly from a magnitude-4.2 that rumbled through Southern California on Sept. 1.

"If I hadn't known it was an earthquake, I would have thought it was a truck going by," she said.

After years of lagging behind Japan, Mexico and other quake-prone countries, the U.S. government has been quietly testing an earthquake early warning system in California since February. Cochran belongs to an exclusive club of scientists who receive a heads up every time the state shakes.

The alert system is still crude and messages are not yet broadcast to residents or businesses.

With more testing and funding, researchers hope to build a public warning system similar to the Japanese that has been credited with saving lives during the March 11 magnitude-9 disaster.

Since earthquakes are unpredictable, supporters of early warning say it's the next best thing to prepare people and the commercial sector before the ground rocks. Even a 5-second advance notice can be precious, they contend.

"You want to get under a sturdy table before things start falling off the wall," said University of California, Berkeley seismologist Richard Allen, a project participant. "We don't want people to start running out of buildings."

Early warning is designed to sense the first pulses of energy after a fault breaks and estimate the magnitude based on limited information. This is possible because of the different speeds at which seismic waves travel.

A sprawling web of underground sensors can detect the faster-moving and less damaging primary or "P" waves before the secondary "S" waves that can cause buildings to pancake. A warning is issued ahead of the arrival of the stronger waves.

How much warning — a few seconds to tens of seconds — depends on the distance from the epicenter. The farther away, the more lead time.

Project chief Doug Given of the U.S. Geological Survey ticked off actions that can be taken: Trains can be slowed or stopped. Air traffic controllers can halt takeoffs and landings. Power plants and factories can close valves. Schoolchildren can dive under their desks and cover their heads.

Early warning is useless at the quake's origin because the tremors radiate out almost simultaneously.

Japan invested in a public alert system after the deadly 1995 magnitude-6.9 Kobe earthquake. Development began in 2000. Seven years and $500 million later, Japan unveiled the world's first early warning network. Parts of Mexico, Taiwan and Turkey also have embraced early warning, but their systems are less sophisticated.

The Japanese got their big test in March when a massive quake hit off the northeast coast and spawned a tsunami. A public emergency announcement was sent out 8 seconds after sensors detected the first inkling of the quake, interrupting regular TV and radio programming, and buzzing cell phones.

Millions received 5 to 40 seconds of warning depending on how far they were from the epicenter. Tokyo — about 230 miles away — got about 10 to 30 seconds of notice before high-rises swayed. A dozen trains were stopped in their tracks without derailing.

There were glitches. Sensors underestimated the quake at a magnitude-8.1 when it was actually 22 times stronger. Because of the error, warnings were not sent to certain cities. The jolt was so violent that it knocked 55 seismic stations offline and there were no warnings sent for aftershocks for several hours.

Still, in a hearing before a House subcommittee a week after the disaster, USGS director Marcia McNutt told lawmakers the Japanese early warning system saved thousands of lives. McNutt also acknowledged the financial cloud surrounding the U.S. effort.

"Shame on us if we do not learn from their misfortune," she testified.

Since 2006, the U.S. has been testing three alert systems and launched a prototype internally known as "ShakeAlert" in February, a month before the Japan devastation. For now, messages are only blasted out to about 30 scientists at the USGS, California Institute of Technology and University of California, Berkeley, where they are working out software bugs on a shoestring budget.

Where possible, the U.S. has borrowed aspects of Japan's warning system. Researchers said it's not possible to just replicate it because of differences in the countries' seismic sensor networks.

"It's not perfect," said Berkeley's Allen of the U.S. effort. "Frankly, it's stuck together with duct tape, but it's operational."

The next steps are to partner with businesses to test the system in the real world later this year and work on a more robust network. The Southern California Earthquake Center, made up of 55 research institutions worldwide, has been chosen to independently rate how it's working.

Technology hurdles aside, the work suffers from lack of funding. The USGS has spent $2 million on the project and is seeking help from private foundations and industry groups. Scientists estimate it will cost $80 million over five years to create a statewide public alert system and millions more annually to maintain it.

"That's tough in this budget environment when there are lots of trade-offs that have to be considered," said David Applegate, associate director for natural hazards at USGS headquarters, adding that he remained hopeful.

It's been a long wait for Caltech engineering professor Tom Heaton, who has studied early warning for more than three decades and finally got it running in his house on his 60th birthday.

"My hope is that it happens before I die. That's my goal," Heaton said.

To date, the alerts only pop up on the selected scientists' computers, which is an impractical way to warn because it depends upon being online. Scientists envision eventually broadcasting messages through TV, radio and cell phones.

Since the prototype went live, users have hardly felt any shaking because the quakes are either too weak or too distant. Occasionally, they get notice of a jolt that they care about like the magnitude-4.2 centered near Newhall, a bedroom community about 25 miles north of downtown Los Angeles.

Though a mild tremble by seismic standards, it rattled nerves across a wide swath.

Cochran, who recently left the academic world to join the USGS in Pasadena, has been running the program in the background for about a month before the Newhall rumble. She has grown used to the constant pinging whenever the ground heaves. The Newhall quake caught her interest because the countdown was short — a sign that it occurred close by.

So Cochran sat still and waited for the shaking. Had it been stronger, she would have ducked under her desk.

"It was the first time that I had gotten a warning and actually felt it," she said.



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According to one report by GreenWorks Realty and Development Group, a real estate agency in Seattle, homes that boasted an environmental certification like Built Green, Energy Star or the more popular Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) sold for 9.2 percent more and in a quarter of the time of their conventional counterparts.

Local realtors are noticing the trend as well.

Simon Salloom, a real estate agent in Santa Monica with Partners Trust, agreed that homes that can boast any level of sustainability get snapped up quicker and for more than the average house.

"It's just like in the mid-2000s with Viking ranges, people will pay more for homes with green features," Salloom said.

It doesn't always take much. Even putting the phrase "salvaged wood floors" in ad copy has become a must-do Salloom said.

"It adds commercial viability," he added.

The value of sustainable homes comes from the amount of money a seller has to charge to make up for the added cost of green materials and appliances — estimated at 20 percent above and beyond a traditional house — which the buyer justifies with the amount of money they hope to save on utilities.

An added perk is a feeling of social conscientiousness, that the buyer is using their dollars wisely and in service of the planet.

But that leaves out one major category, said Mina Chow, a professor of architecture at USC and expert in green building and design.

"It's trendy," Chow said. "It's the keeping up with the Jones' syndrome."

While return on investment and the life cycle cost of the building do play an important role, most American home buyers won't stay in their house long enough to recoup the cost of the environmentally-friendly installations they include, Chow said.

Although companies that market solar power for homes often claim that the units pay for themselves within five to seven years, that's often an over exaggeration.

"This is an argument that architects had when sustainability became a household word," Chow said. "We had this problem that Americans never thought of a home as a European would. They think of the home staying in the family for generations."

In that case, investing in a green home makes perfect sense.

Home buyers here that grasp onto environmentally-friendly buzzwords are often the same as those that go to Whole Foods, she said.

"They have the money, and they're thinking about responsibility and the stewardship of the environment. They're trying to do their part in protecting every aspect of the environment," Chow said.

The new awareness of a residence's impact on the environment has brought interesting twists to the market.

One client of Salloom's required that she be able to install an electric car charger on a condominium she purchased.

"Yesterday, a client wanted a reusable rainwater capture system and solar panels on the roof of a townhouse," Salloom said. "No one's ever asked me that before."

The trend is heartening to people like Brenden McEneaney, the green building program advisor with the Office of Sustainability and the Environment, but it could likely be done cheaper and still achieve the same goals.

There's not a lot of research yet on the residential side, but LEED-certified commercial properties also tend to go for more, and the costs to certify a building don't have to go as high as many people think, McEneaney said.

On a commercial building, getting a LEED Basic certification adds at most 2 percent to the cost of building.

"I agree that many would say it costs a lot more," McEneaney said regarding perceptions about green building, "but I would argue that you can build a LEED building that doesn't have to cost more than a regular home."

Employing aspects of integrated design rather than slapping on expensive solar panels can be a big cost-saver, and certain green elements — like mechanical systems that reuse water for irrigation purposes — can be more cheaply replaced by drought-tolerant landscaping.

"Graywater is a great example in my mind of one of the things where I support it, but it's expensive," McEneaney said. "It's more equipment and maintenance."

Homeowners with questions and concerns about building green can always call the Office of Sustainability and the Environment for information and advice.

"There are inexpensive ways to do green, and expensive ways to do green," McEneaney said. "I am sympathetic to those who want to do things the right way, and it's tough to discern what's the right way and what's the most efficient way."

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CRIME
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ed assault, rape and robbery, while property crime encompasses burglary, theft and motor vehicle theft.

Those drops come in the face of an additional 1.8 million people in the national population.

"While this information is encouraging as a whole, when properly analyzed, these data also provide valuable insight into the nature and volume of crime in small and large communities alike," wrote FBI director Robert S. Muller in a release.

California also saw a 6 percent decline in violent crimes and a 2.8 percent drop in property crimes, despite an increase in population, according to the report.

In comparison, violent crime in Santa Monica held rock solid, decreasing only slightly from 393 reported crimes to 392 between 2009 and 2010.

Property crime, on the other hand, decreased 7.5 percent from 3,354 to 3,120 incidents.

Theft, which falls under property crime, continues to be a major problem that local police deal with every day, said Santa Monica Police Chief Tim Jackman.

"It's what we've focused most of our efforts on," he said. "It wouldn't surprise me if we start to have more of an impact on that, and see more dramatic decreases year to year."

Over the last five years of reported data, Santa Monica has consistently shed crime, with a dramatic drop in violent crime noted between 2008 and 2009 when it shrank from 536 incidents to 393.

In that same time period, however, property crimes rose by nearly 15.5 percent.

The increase was largely driven by thefts out of cars, Jackman said.

"Larceny drove our numbers way up," he said.

The overall decrease in crime bucked accepted thought that the slowing economy would equate to an increase in overall crime.

"It had the opposite effect of what many experts would have believed," Jackman said. "What we've seen is that during major recessions, crime decreases."

Between 2006 and 2010, Santa Monica maintained between 204 and 207 sworn officers, according to the report.

That's high for a community of its size — 87,817 in 2010 — where a ratio of two to every 1,000 in population is considered normal.

But Santa Monica has other challenges, Jackman said.

Beyond a high homeless population, the daytime population swells to a conservative estimate of 250,000 people, which can get even higher in the prime tourism months.

With those additional people counted, the police force shrinks down to approximately 1.8 officers to every 1,000 people, which is closer to the norm for Southern California.

"We're not like a lot of other cities of our size," Jackman said.

The police department, which has a budget of over $70 million for the coming year, has been chipping away at some of its major problems over the past decade, which included a proliferation of street drugs and gang violence.

This is the first time in nearly two decades that Santa Monica could report no gang-related murders on its streets. The last occurred in November 2009.

The department put itself in a bind in its budget statement in May when it committed to reduce serious crime by 8.5 percent using the standards in the Uniform Crime Report.

That report counts victims rather than incidents of crime, which can make it seem like more crimes are occurring. For instance, if an individual robs a family of four, it counts as four crimes rather than one under Uniform Crime Report statistics.

Under those standards, crime in Santa Monica has only gone down 4 percent since the beginning of the year. Counting individual incidents rather than victims, however, crime has decreased 11 percent, Jackman said.

Residents have responded favorably to the department's efforts.

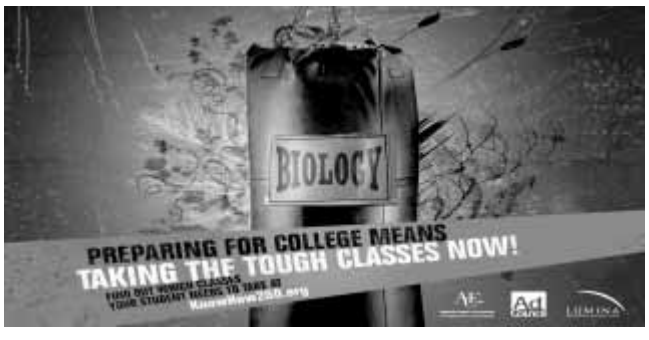
A community survey conducted in February showed that emergency 911 services more than met citizens' expectations, and that gangs, youth violence and crime were the least serious problems in the city.

Jackman attributes the success to a well-rounded approach from all sections of the community.

"It's not just as a police department alone. Crime takes a community effort to reduce," Jackman said. "We count on our brother and sister departments."

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Sunset Bridge Reconstruction Closures

All approaches to the Sunset Bridge over the I-405 Freeway will be reconstructed over two 14-day closures beginning on September 30, 2011. To ensure the public's safety and ensure traffic mobility, the work will be phased. At its completion, the street intersections and utilities will be raised to meet the new height of the reconstructed Sunset Bridge.

Here's what to expect:

Phase I - September 30 – October 14
> 14 day and night closures of EB Sunset Bl to the SB I-405 on-ramp
> NB ramps and the WB Sunset Bl to SB I-405 ramp will remain operational

Phase II - October 15 – October 29
> 14 day and night closures of north Church Ln between Sunset Bl and the SB I-405 ramps and WB Sepulveda Way between Sepulveda Bl and Sunset Bl
> Weekday closures of the SB Sunset Bl off-ramp from 6am to 10am
> NB and SB ramps will remain operational

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> Access will be provided for emergency responders
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the U.S. Naval Academy and the U.S. Air Force Academy.

In interviews at all three academies, midshipmen and cadets tell The Associated Press that the once-thorny issue of homosexuality just doesn't create the controversy it once did. Students who weren't even in their teens at the time of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks have grown up in a nation at war. They say competence and character are what matter to them — not sexual orientation.

"The United States has been ready for a long time for them to be able to serve openly, and they deserve to serve openly," said Naval Midshipman Lorenzo Santos, of King George, Va., interviewed recently in Annapolis. "They're going to do the job, the same job, just as well as anybody else, and they're going to risk their lives besides everyone else. I mean, they should be allowed to serve honorably and have no discrimination."

Gay activists and others say such talk on the campuses bears out a shift in attitudes regarding sexual orientation.

"They are of a generation that doesn't really care," said Dan Choi, a gay activist, former Army lieutenant and West Point graduate who was discharged from the military for revealing his orientation.

Choi famously handcuffed himself to a fence outside the White House in November 2010 to protest the military's "don't ask, don't tell" policy. Placed on federal trial in the nation's capital last month on a charge of failing to obey an order to leave the area, he testified that he was being harshly prosecuted because he was gay and outspoken. The judge put his trial on hold Aug. 31, and he claimed a victory.

Under "don't ask don't tell," a practice adopted in 1993, gays were allowed to serve as long as they did not openly acknowledge their sexual orientation. Commanders were not allowed to ask.

Ever since President Barak Obama signed a law last December opening the way for Tuesday's repeal, the policy has been fading out. Already, the Pentagon says 97 percent of the military has undergone training in the new law. And for weeks, the military services have been accepting applications from openly gay recruits.

Two gay West Point cadets who spoke to AP on condition of anonymity because the policy was still in force when they were interviewed earlier this month, said they don't expect their lives to change dramatically.

But they say some changes are already apparent for them.

One immediate change at West Point: Gay cadets no longer have to hide their sexuality in a way they might feel violates the Cadet Honor Code, which demands that "a cadet will not lie, cheat, steal, or tolerate those who do." One former high-ranking cadet, Katherine Miller of Findlay, Ohio, has said she felt as though she were violating the code by hiding her sexuality. She cited it as a reason for leaving the academy in 2010.

A lesbian cadet at West Point, speaking anonymously, said she does not feel she is violating the Honor Code in the way that Miller did, but still says the repeal could relieve a burden for gay cadets.

"I think it's a lot about just the fact that it's going to be a lot less stressful for us," she said.

But practical changes are few.

"From what I've been talking with my fellow gay cadets about, is that we're not really going to change a lot of our everyday life," said the lesbian who will graduate in the spring. Her family and friends already know of her orientation, she noted.

She jokes she has no desire to run around and shout out of the windows. Gay activists planned celebrations Tuesday around the country. And she said she has faith in the cadets and staff at West Point as does another gay cadet in his junior year who spoke with AP.

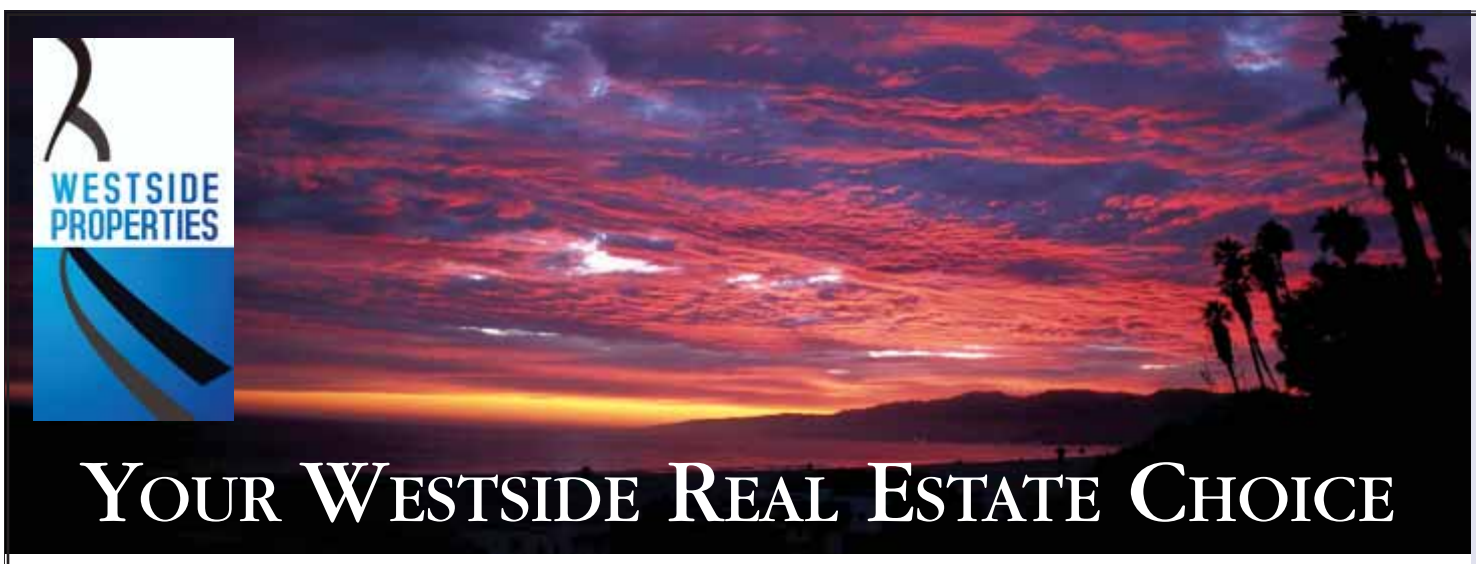
"There are certain individuals here who may or may not act as positively to any sort of disclosure by me or my friends, but it's a case-by-case basis," said the junior. "On the whole, it's not something I would even remotely be worried about."

One researcher on the policy shift and its effect on the military academies says those campuses were out front on the issue thanks to incoming students less concerned about homosexuality than their predecessors.

Aaron Belkin, director of the Palm Center — a research institute at the University of California, Los Angeles, which supports the repeal — said he remembers being met with resistance when he first asked to give lectures at military academies about 10 years ago. However, he said the schools became more welcoming in recent years as professors on campus warmed to dialogue.

"They've been having the conversation internally now for five, six, seven years, depending on which campus we're talking

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violence and discrimination against women. Betsy is one of us."

The caucus was formed to increase women's participation in the political process and recruit more women to run for public office.

Veteran nonprofit director Torie Osborn, who is also running for the 50th, announced Tuesday that she won the endorsement of another union, the Painters and Allied Trades District Council 36, which has more than 11,000 members.

"Working men and women need our legislators to be more than just a good vote," said Robert Smith, political director for the district council. "We need them to be our leaders, our champions, and our voice in Sacramento. Torie Osborn is a clear example of the kind of leader that we want in the Assembly — someone who can put forward new ideas for how to solve our state's toughest problems and get Californians back to work."

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USC, you couldn't do any better."

Wheeler said that USC just recently entered the recruiting chase. But, once he realized the Trojans were interested, he couldn't help but give it serious consideration.

"It's a great opportunity," Wheeler said after Friday's win over Palisades. "It's hard to turn them down."

Wheeler tallied 38 tackles last season with 5 sacks. This year, he plays nearly every down on both sides of the ball.

Clark considers Wheeler essential on both lines for the Vikings, but believes that his skill set is more geared toward offensive tackle.

"USC is getting a wonderful player and a human being," Clark said.

If Wheeler does decide to honor the commitment and signs with USC, he'll begin in the spring semester. He is scheduled to graduate from Samohi after the fall semester, paving the way for him to join the Trojans for spring practice.

An added benefit of adding Wheeler is USC's scholarship situation. They have a number remaining from the current year that were left behind by players leaving the program following NCAA sanctions. He won't count against next year's total, giving the Trojans a larger recruiting class than usual.

"He's dreamed of this offer for a long time," Clark said. "I think he's just happy to get it over with early in the process so he can focus on the season."

Wheeler isn't alone in being recruited by major schools.

Senior linebacker Chris Collins has received offers from Nevada, Washington State, the University of Arizona and New Mexico State, Clark said.

Cornerback/wide receiver Dylan Muscat, who has been offered by a number of Ivy League schools, has recently drawn the interest of Idaho and Fresno State. Clark expects interest to grow in a player he describes as versatile.

"It's been such a luxury to have him here for three years," Clark said of the three-year varsity starter.

Senior running back Kori Garcia has also drawn the interest of Ivy League schools, but Clark believes that if his starting running back continues to have the same type of production that he's enjoyed through the first two games of the season, he's sure to draw interest from other schools.

Garcia has scored five touchdowns this year, four rushing and one receiving.

"He's special for sure," Clark said of Garcia. "I'm sure he'll get some attention."

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about, so they were ahead of the rest of the military in getting ready for this change," Belkin said.

Belkin, who is releasing a book titled "How We Won," also pointed out that the academies were included in the Pentagon's 2010 study about how to implement repeal, and some professors worked on researching the issue and writing reports.

Students at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo., signaled they were among those who didn't expect noticeable changes.

Cadet Samantha Berthiaume, a senior from Allen, Md., said students work hard to maintain a professional atmosphere at the school and respect differences.

"I honestly don't see it being a big issue," Berthiaume said. "The cadets are very close — as family members. This is kind of who we live with, who we work with, and so we keep it extremely professional and extremely, I guess, sanitized when there's an issue that we necessarily don't agree with."

The academies point out that they've long had rules of conduct that already cover issues that could be raised by the change.

"We aren't crazy enough to think that everything is going to be perfect and there won't be issues," said Air Force Col. Reni Renner, vice commandant culture and climate at the academy. "But we think we are postured to deal with issues that we may not have foreseen as they arise and help our cadets of whatever gender or sexual orientation that they might espouse, to live and work and grow and become officers of character for our nation."

Vice. Adm. Michael Miller, the superintendent of the Naval Academy, noted that all of the academy's students live in the same dorm — living arrangements that have long required students to respect each other.

"We've always had these standards because we have a mixed-gender dormitory," Miller said. "We won't change any of the rules. They will be equally applied."

At West Point, Chief of Staff Col. Charles Stafford noted that cadets must already adhere to strict rules of behavior that demand respect for others.

The U.S. Coast Guard Academy's leaders are welcoming the repeal, a change that could draw even more of the nation's best and smartest teens to apply at the Connecticut academy, its superintendent said.

Rear Adm. Sandra Stosz, who oversees more than 1,000 cadets and the academy's commissioned and civilian employees, said she expects very little to change on campus. But in one small change, she said non-roommates of the same gender will have to keep their barracks doors open when they study together, just as opposite-gender cadets currently do — to ensure that the policy is fairly applied.

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No answer for Greece's debt crisis kills market rally

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NEW YORK Investor optimism faded in a hurry Tuesday after two days of conferences ended with no resolution to Greece's debt crisis.

Stocks erased nearly all of their gains in the last hour of trading after rallying for much of the day on hopes the Fed would stimulate the economy.

At the closing bell, the Dow Jones industrial average was left with a gain of 7.65 points, or 0.1 percent, at 11,408.66. It had been up as much as 149.21 points earlier in the day.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 2, or 0.2 percent, to 1,202.09. The Nasdaq composite fell 22.59, or 0.9 percent, to 2,590.24.

Many analysts believe the Fed will announce a new stimulus plan at the end of a two-day policy meeting Wednesday. But another two-day meeting, a teleconference between Greek officials and international lenders, spurred sellers late in the day.

After the teleconference, the European Commission said debt inspectors would continue to review Greece's progress on its budget goals early next week. That suggested to investors that a resolution to Greece's debt crisis wouldn't come in the next few days.

Greek Finance Minister Evangelos Venizelos attempted to convince the European Commission, International Monetary Fund and European Central Bank, known collectively as the Troika, that Greece can make deep budget cuts. Greece must meet the Troika's strict budget targets in order to qualify for a second installment of the rescue package it received in 2010 to keep it from defaulting on its debt.

Greece is only one of several European countries that investors fear may be at risk of failing to pay their debts. On Monday night, the ratings agency Standard & Poor's cut Italy's credit rating by one notch, citing the country's growing debt and weak growth outlook. Italy has the second-biggest debt burden among countries that use the euro, after Greece.

If Greece or Italy were to default, European banks that have lent money to the countries could lose billions of dollars. That could hurt the European banking system and have repercussions for U.S. banks, which have lent billions to their European counterparts. Investors are concerned that a default in Europe could cause a lending crisis similar to what happened after the collapse of Lehman Brothers in 2008.

Investors have shifted between optimism and pessimism that the region's debt problems will be resolved. Stock prices have swung sharply for months in response to investors' changing mood. Moves of more than 100 points in the Dow have become commonplace.

Right now, hopes are not high that Greece will avoid a default, said David Smith, chief investment officer at Rockland Trust Investment Management Group, a firm based in Rockland, Mass., that manages about $1.7 billion in assets. "I'm sitting here, like a lot of investors, thinking we don't have anything like a concrete solution," he said.

A bleak forecast for U.S. economic growth added to fears the U.S. could be headed for a second recession, but sparked hopes that the Fed would be persuaded to enact stimulus measures.

The International Monetary Fund lowered its forecast for the country's growth this year. Some saw it as another reason for the Fed to act. The IMF said it expects the U.S. economy to grow only 1.5 percent this year and 1.8 percent in 2012. In June, it had forecast 2.5 percent growth in 2011 and 2.7 percent in 2012.

The IMF also lowered its outlook for the 17 countries that use the euro because it fears Greece will default on its debt.

In a sign that the market's afternoon rally was a cautious one, stocks were led higher by industries that tend to do well regardless of the economy, like utilities and health care. Investors are reluctant to take much risk, said Quincy Krosby, market strategist for Prudential Financial.

"The market already thinks the Fed has telegraphed that it wants to push down rates," said Krosby. "What you're witnessing now is traders taking profits."

After the close of trading, software company Oracle Corp. said its server business had weakened in its most recent quarter, sending the company's stock down 2.3 percent in after-hours trading.

In other corporate news, Carnival Corp. rose 5.1 percent after it said its 3 percent rise in quarterly earnings was due in part to higher ticket prices. There were concerns that consumers would cut back on travel because they're worried about the economy, but the cruise line's profit beat forecasts.

Ralph Lauren Corp. rose to an all-time high of $154.62 after an analyst upgraded the stock because of its strong international business and sales of higher-priced merchandise.

Apple Corp. also hit an all-time high of $422.86 a share. The company is seen as able to withstand a weak economy because of the huge popularity of its iPhones and iPads.

Netflix fell 9.5 percent a day after customers balked at the streaming video and DVD rental company's decision to separate its two businesses.

ConAgra Foods Inc. fell 1.7 percent after the food maker said higher costs for consumer foods sent its quarterly profit down 42 percent, below the expectations of Wall Street analysts.

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NASA struggles to determine where satellite will fall to Earth

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CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. NASA scientists are doing their best to tell us where a plummeting six-ton satellite will fall later this week. It's just that if they're off a little bit, it could mean the difference between hitting Florida or landing on New York. Or, say, Iran or India.

Pinpointing where and when hurtling space debris will strike is an imprecise science. For now, scientists predict the earliest it will hit is Thursday U.S. time, the latest Saturday. The strike zone covers most of Earth.

Not that citizens need to take cover. The satellite will break into pieces, and NASA put the chances that somebody somewhere on Earth will get hurt at 1 in 3,200. But any one person's odds of being struck have been estimated at 1 in 21 trillion.

As far as anyone knows, falling space debris has never injured anyone. Nor has significant property damage been reported. That's because most of the planet is covered in water and there are vast regions of empty land.

If you do come across what you suspect is a satellite piece, NASA doesn't want you to pick it up. The space agency says there are no toxic chemicals present, but there could be sharp edges. Also, it's government property. It's against the law to keep it as a souvenir or sell it on eBay. NASA's advice is to report it to the police.

The 20-year-old research satellite is expected to break into more than 100 pieces as it enters the atmosphere, most of it burning up. Twenty-six of the heaviest metal parts are expected to reach Earth, the biggest chunk weighing about 300 pounds. The debris could be scattered over an area about 500 miles long.

Jonathan McDowell, for one, isn't worried. He is in the potential strike zone — along with most of the world's 7 billion citizens. McDowell is with the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics in Cambridge, Mass.

"There's stuff that's heavy that falls out of the sky almost every year," McDowell says. So far this year, he noted, two massive Russian rocket stages have taken the plunge.

As for the odds of the satellite hitting someone, "it's a small chance. We take much bigger chances all the time in our lives," McDowell says. "So I'm not putting my tin helmet on or hiding under a rock."

All told, 1,200 pounds of wreckage is expected to smack down — the heaviest pieces made of titanium, stainless steel or beryllium. That represents just one-tenth the mass of the satellite, which stretches 35 feet long and 15 feet in diameter.

The strike zone straddles all points between latitudes 57 degrees north and 57 degrees south. That's as far north as Edmonton and Alberta, Canada, and Aberdeen, Scotland, and as far south as Cape Horn, the southernmost tip of South America. Every continent but Antarctica is in the crosshairs.

Back when UARS, the Upper Atmosphere Research Satellite, was launched to study the ozone layer in 1991, NASA didn't always pay attention to the "what goes up must come down" rule. Nowadays, satellites must be designed either to burn up on re-entering the atmosphere or to have enough fuel to be steered into a watery grave or up into a higher, long-term orbit.

The International Space Station — the largest manmade structure ever to orbit the planet — is no exception. NASA has a plan to bring it down safely sometime after 2020.

Russia's old Mir station came down over the Pacific, in a controlled re-entry, in 2001. But one of its predecessors, Salyut 7, fell uncontrolled through the atmosphere in 1991. The most recent uncontrolled return of a large NASA satellite was in 2002.

The most sensational case of all was Skylab, the early U.S. space station whose impending demise three decades ago alarmed people around the world and touched off a guessing game as to where it might land. It plummeted harmlessly into the Indian Ocean and onto remote parts of Australia in July 1979.

The $740 million UARS was decommissioned in 2005, after NASA lowered its orbit with the little remaining fuel on board. NASA didn't want to keep it up longer than necessary, for fear of a collision or an exploding fuel tank, either of which would have left a lot of space litter.

Predicting where the satellite will strike is a little like predicting the weather several days out, says NASA orbital debris scientist Mark Matney.

Experts expect to have a good idea by Thursday of when and where UARS might fall, Matney says. They won't be able to pinpoint the exact time, but they should be able to narrow it to a few hours.

Given the spacecraft's orbital speed of 17,500 mph, or 5 miles per second, a prediction that is off by just a few minutes could mean a 1,000-mile error. It probably won't be clear where it fell until afterward, Matney says.

If it happens in darkness, it should be visible.

"If someone is lucky enough to be near the re-entry at nighttime, they'll get quite a show," says Matney, who works at Johnson Space Center in Houston, also in the potential strike zone.

Space junk in general is on the rise, much of it destroyed or broken satellites and chunks of used rockets. More than 20,000 manmade objects at least 4 inches in diameter are being tracked in orbit.

It's mostly a threat to astronauts in space, rather than people on Earth. In June, the six residents of the International Space Station took shelter in their docked Soyuz lifeboats because of passing debris. The unidentified object came within 1,100 feet of the complex, the closest call yet.

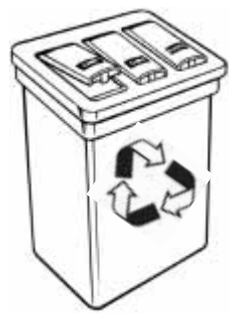
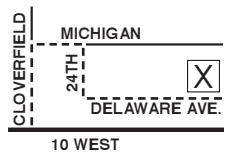


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Wendy's rethinking burgers, hopes to boost sales

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NEW YORK When Wendy's decided to remake its 42-year-old hamburger, the chain agonized over every detail. A pickle chemist was consulted. Customers were quizzed on their lettuce knowledge. And executives went on a cross-country burger-eating tour.

The result? Dave's Hot 'N Juicy, named after late Wendy's founder Dave Thomas. The burger — with extra cheese, a thicker beef patty, a buttered bun, and hold the mustard, among other changes — will be served in restaurants starting Monday.

"Our food was already good," said Denny Lynch, a Wendy's spokesman. "We wanted it to be better. Isn't that what long-term brands do? They reinvent themselves."

For Wendy's Co., based in Dublin, Ohio, reinvention is critical. That's why executives at the 6,600-restaurant chain spent the past two and a half years going over burger minutiae during an undertaking they call Project Gold Hamburger. That included deciding whether to switch from white onions on its burgers to red (they did), to change the fat/lean ratio of the meat (they didn't), or to go with plain or crinkled pickles (they picked crinkled.)

Wendy's is trying to boost lackluster sales and fight growing competition from much bigger rival McDonald's on one end and expanding fast-casual chains like Five Guys on the other. Part of the problem is that Americans in the economic downturn are being pickier about how they spend their dining-out dollars. But the biggest issue is that Wendy's, which hadn't changed its burger since the chain began in 1969, let its food offerings get stale while competitors updated their menus.

Still, it can be risky to tweak an old favorite. The past is littered with examples of this, including New Coke and Clear Pepsi, which were pulled from store shelves because customers didn't like them. Wendy's itself stumbled a few years ago when rolled out breakfast foods. The company now says its mistake was offering omelets and pancakes, which aren't conducive to eating on the go.

"We have a lot of catching up to do in some areas," said Gerard Lewis, Wendy's head of new product development. "But after we launch this hamburger there will be folks who need to catch up to us."

How it all began

Project Gold Hamburger started around early 2009, shortly after hedge fund magnate Nelson Peltz bought Wendy's and combined it with Arby's. The marriage ultimately failed, with Peltz selling Arby's to a private-equity firm this summer.

It was clear that Wendy's had lost its way. In six of the past 11 quarters, the company has reported lower or flat revenue at restaurants open at least a year, a key measure of a company's growth. And after Thomas died in 2002, Wendy's struggled to find a new face for ads, at one point running bizarre commercials featuring a man wearing a red pigtailed wig.

Wendy's also faces strong competition from McDonald's, which has snatched customers from rivals by remaking itself into a hip, healthy place to eat, with smoothies, Wi-Fi and coffee drinks. Last year, McDonald's had 49.5 percent of the fast-food burger market in the U.S, up from 41.6 percent in 2002, according to research firm Technomic. During the same period, Wendy's share fell to 12.8 percent from 14 percent. Burger King's fell to 13.3 percent from 17 percent.

Anxious to reverse the decline, Wendy's polled more than 10,000 people about their likes and dislikes in hamburgers. Surveys showed that people like Wendy's food, but thought the brand hadn't kept up with the times. So, executives were shipped off to eat at burger joints around the country to measure burger characteristics like fatty flavor, salty flavor and whether the bun fell apart.

"I've traveled more with this burger than I have in my entire life," said Shelly Thobe, Wendy's director of hamburgers and new platforms.

Then, it was time for Wendy's to consider the chain's own burger, ingredient by ingredient. Each time researchers made a tweak, they asked for feedback, visiting research firms around the country to watch through two-way mirrors as people the variations.

Wendy's chefs also tested new products at the headquarters in Dublin, just outside Columbus. From test kitchens, they slipped new burger incarnations through little windows into a "Sensory Test Area," a white-walled room with 16 cubicles where tasting volunteers — and sometimes employees — ranked each burger.

Many suggestions sounded good but didn't pan out. They tried green-leaf lettuce, but people preferred keeping iceberg because of its crunchiness. They thought about making the tomato slices thicker but didn't want to ask franchisees to buy new slicing equipment. They even tested a round burger, a trial that was practically anathema to a company that's made its name on square burgers. (While Wendy's did not go with the round shape, it changed the patty to a "natural square" with wavy edges because tasters said the straight edges looked processed.)

Among the proposed changes were some golden nuggets. Tasters said they wanted a thicker burger, so Wendy's started packing the meat more loosely, trained cooks to press down on the patties two times instead of eight and printed "Handle Like Eggs" on the boxes that the patties were shipped in so they wouldn't get smashed. And Wendy's researchers knew that customers wanted warmer and crunchier buns, so they decided that buttering them and then toasting them was the way to go.

In the end, Wendy's changed everything but the ketchup. It switched to whole-fat mayonnaise, nixed the mustard, and cut down on the pickles and onions — all to emphasize the flavor of the beef. The chain also started storing the cheese at higher temperatures so it would melt better, a change that required federal approval.

"It's not about getting real exotic," said Lori Estrada, Wendy's senior vice president of menu innovation and packaging. "It's about making everything work."

Change is good — but hard

Wendy's acknowledges that remaking a burger that's been around for more than four decades isn't easy.

The company in July sued a group of franchisees who refused to install the toasters needed to make the buns for the new burger. Each restaurant was asked to install two toasters, at a cost of $5,000 to $6,000 per restaurant. Locations with older grills had to replace those too.

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Couple's attempt to flee may have triggered bear mauling

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BILLINGS, Mont. Newly released recordings of 911 calls from hikers who came upon a fatal bear mauling in Yellowstone National Park reveal a harrowing scene in which the hikers heard a bear's roar and a couple screaming before the man went silent and the woman continued to yell for help.

Authorities released the recordings Tuesday along with a report from investigators that concluded the couple's screaming and running possibly triggered the mauling of 57-year-old Brian Matayoshi.

"It sounded like they were trying to scare the bear," an unidentified male hiker told the 911 dispatcher. "I heard a man's voice making loud, like, um, like animal noises. It sounded like he was trying to scare the bear and I heard a woman screaming. It sounded like she was scared."

A short time later, another caller who identified himself as a trauma surgeon called and said he was just a few hundred yards from the scene.

"Did you hear what they were saying? Did they say they were attacked or just yelling for help?" the dispatcher asked.

"No. They were just yelling for help. And all I can here is the lady's voice now. There was a man as well, so I'm worried that the man may be injured," the caller said.

In the immediate aftermath of the attack, park officials said the Matayoshis responded correctly when they encountered the bear along the park's popular Wapiti Lake Trailhead. But following a two-month investigation, bear researchers and wildlife agents concluded the couple's harried, 173-yard retreat after they encountered the bear may have played a role.

"What possibly began as an attempt by the bear to assess the Matayoshis' activities became a sustained pursuit of them as they fled running and yelling on the trail," the investigation team report said.

The couple was not carrying bear spray, mace-like canisters of pressurized pepper spray that park officials advise hikers to carry for self-defense.

The attack took place about 1? miles from the park's popular Wapiti Lake picnic ground, where the Matayoshis had set out for a hike at about 8:30 a.m. after arriving in the park a day earlier, according to the investigators' report.

The couple first spied the mother grizzly with her two cubs just after 10 a.m., from a vantage point along the trail. It was the Matayoshis fourth visit to the park, but the first in which they had seen any bears.

As the bears were digging and grazing in an open meadow, the couple stopped and took pictures from a distance of several hundred yards, then hiked on after deciding the animals were not near the trail.

After another half mile, then turned back because they were annoyed by mosquitoes, and soon after saw a large bear off the trail about 100 yards away. They turned and started heading for a patch of nearby trees when Marylyn Matayoshi "saw the bear's head pop up."

"She started coming at us and Brian said 'Run.' We were running down the trail," Marylyn Matayoshi told investigators. She heard her husband yell and turned to see the sow "hit him," with the cubs trailing behind their mother and growling.

After killing the husband, the bear tugged at Marylyn Matayoshi's backpack, then released her and fled. "She walked over to her husband and attempted to use a tourniquet on Brian's leg and heard a long breath escape from Brian," the report said.

She tried to call 911 for help — her cellphone log showed she tried 21 times — but never got through. She started back down the trail several times, but kept turning back out of fear that she would encounter the bears again.

Eventually she walked to the edge of the meadow where the bear charged from and was found by rangers who had been alerted to the attack by other hikers.

Park authorities later decided to let the bear remain free because it had no prior run-ins with humans and was reacting as might be expected to a surprise encounter.

Two other people have been killed by grizzlies in the Northern Rockies this year. That includes a second attack in Yellowstone earlier this month that killed a Michigan man, and a Nevada hunter killed Friday by a wounded bear along the Idaho-Montana border.

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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY
CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PERFORMANCE AND EVALUATION REPORT FOR 2010 PROGRAM YEAR

Notice is hereby given that the City of Santa Monica has developed the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) for the 2010 Program Year. The CAPER is submitted annually to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and provides a status report on how the City's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME grant funded projects and activities are meeting the City's overall housing and community development needs as specified in the Consolidated Plan (2010-15) and Action Plan (2010-11) adopted by City Council and submitted to HUD in May 2010 .The City is seeking community comments on this report.

Copies of the CAPER are now available to the public for a 15-day community review period ending September 25, 2011. Copies are available at City Hall (Room 212) and on the web at smgov.net/hsd , or you may contact the Human Services Division, 1685 Main Street, Room 212, Santa Monica, CA 90401, telephone (310) 458-8701; TDD (310) 458-8696. Please send your written comments to Sergio Ramirez at the above address by September 25, 2011.



SURF REPORT

Surf Conditions **Water Temp:** 61°

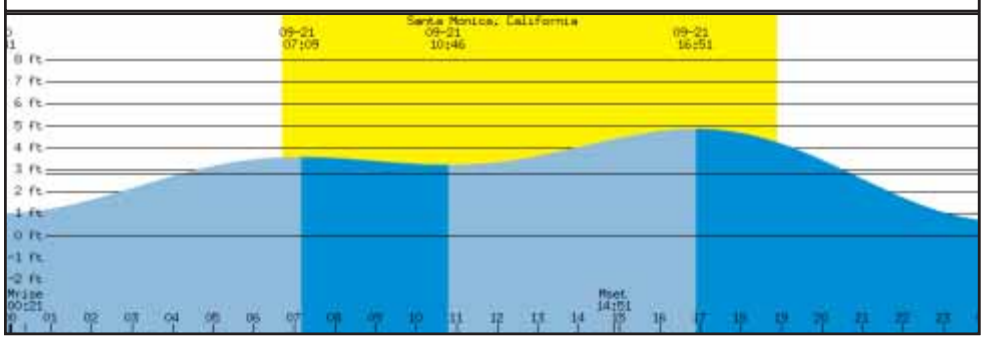
Swell Forecast

NW swell come ashore, hitting SB/VC early in the day, and finally SD mid to late morning. Size should run head high at most west facing breaks with pluses at standouts going about 2' overhead.

Long Range Synopsis

NW is expected to back off a bit, more along the lines of chest to at times head high for west facing breaks.

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 14, 2011**

HEAL THE BAY - 1444 9th Street, Santa Monica, CA 90401 - www.healthebay.org - brc@healthebay.org - 800 HEAL BAY

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 -- 8
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 29 / ns
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 0 / ns

The Beach Report Card is made possible by: The Diller – von Furstenberg Family Foundation, Grousbeck Family Foundation, simplehuman, LacarGUY, SMA

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

LOCATION	DRY	WET
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 Alisa creeks.	ns	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 Rominer Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A	ns
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A	ns
Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach.	F	ns
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	D	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	ns
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	B	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	D	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	C	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.	B	ns
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	C	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	ns

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	A+	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A	ns
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	A	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	A	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A+	ns
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A+	ns
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A+	ns
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St..	A+	ns
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower.	B	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

Heal the Bay's Beach Report Card® is based on weekly water quality monitoring data provided by the City of Los Angeles' Environmental Monitoring Division and the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services. Data is analyzed as soon as it is made available to us by the public agencies. Beaches are graded on an A–F scale based on the risk of ocean users becoming ill. Samples are analyzed for bacteria—enterococcus, total and fecal coliforms—that indicate biological pollution. A fact sheet detailing the exact methodology used in determining grades for each location is available from the office or on our web site. The report is not designed to measure the amount of trash or toxins found at local beaches.

The Beach Report Card is an indication of past water quality and is not a warranty of the current safety of those areas surveyed. Our lawyers are happy.

Heal the Bay is a non-profit environmental organization dedicated to making Santa Monica Bay and Southern California coastal waters safe and healthy for people and marine life.

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NCAA BASKETBALL

UCLA senior guard Anderson suspended for season opener

ASSOCIATED PRESS

WESTWOOD UCLA senior guard Jerime Anderson has been suspended for the season opener on Nov. 11 after pleading guilty to two misdemeanor charges involving the theft of a laptop.

It was already announced that he would miss the Bruins' exhibition game against Cal State San Bernardino on Nov. 6.

Coach Ben Howland said Monday that Anderson has been "very remorseful" in admitting his mistake and accepting responsibility for his actions.

Anderson pleaded guilty last week to charges of appropriation of lost property and trespass. His attorney, Jon Artz, says the plea agreement was based on evidence demonstrating Anderson's good conduct and moral character from community members.

Anderson must complete 300 hours of community service in a two-year period to have the plea of appropriation of lost property withdrawn. The misdemeanor charge of trespass would stand. He was arrested on the UCLA campus on July 26.





MOVIE TIMES

Aero Theatre
1328 Montana Ave.
(310) 260-1528

Hitler in Hollywood
7:30pm

AMC Loews Broadway 4
1441 Third Street Promenade
(888) 262-4386

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows - Part 2 (PG-13) 2hrs 10min
1:15pm, 4:30pm

Stay Cool (PG-13) 1hr 34min
1:45pm, 4:30pm, 7:00pm, 9:45pm

Rise of the Planet of the Apes (PG-13) 1hr 44min
1:00pm, 3:30pm, 6:10pm, 9:00pm

Shark Night 3D (PG-13) 1hr 35min
7:30pm, 10:00pm

Contagion (PG-13) 1hr 45min
1:05pm, 3:40pm, 6:30pm, 9:15pm

AMC 7 Santa Monica
1310 Third St.
(310) 451-9440

Lion King (G) 1hr 27min
11:55am, 2:35pm, 5:15pm

Straw Dogs (R) 1hr 45min
11:30am, 2:25pm, 5:25pm, 7:45pm, 8:30pm, 10:30pm

Warrior (PG-13) 2hrs 19min
11:40am, 3:10pm, 6:30pm, 9:45pm

Debt (R) 1hr 53min
11:15am, 2:00pm, 5:00pm, 7:50pm, 10:30pm

Help (PG-13) 2hrs 17min
11:55am, 3:25pm, 7:00pm, 10:20pm

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

Lion King 3D (G) 1hr 29min
11:15am, 1:45pm, 4:20pm, 7:00pm, 9:30pm

Laemmle's Monica Fourplex
1332 Second St.
(310) 478-3836

Love Crime (Crime d'amour) (NR) 1hr 46min
5:30pm

Burke and Hare (NR) 1hr 31min
1:10pm, 3:20pm, 8:00pm, 10:15pm

Special Treatment (Sans queue ni tete) (NR) 1hr 35min
1:40pm, 4:10pm, 7:00pm, 9:30pm

Guard (R) 1hr 36min
1:30pm, 4:20pm, 7:10pm, 9:40pm

Our Idiot Brother (R) 1hr 30min
1:50pm, 4:50pm, 7:30pm, 9:55pm

AMC Criterion 6
1313 Third St.
(310) 395-1599

Bucky Larson: Born to Be a Star (R) 1hr 36min
2:30pm, 8:00pm

Crazy, Stupid, Love (PG-13) 1hr 47min
11:15am, 1:55pm, 4:40pm, 7:30pm, 10:20pm

Colombiana (PG-13) 1hr 47min
11:40am, 5:15pm, 10:25pm

Detective Dee and the Mystery of the Phantom Flame (Di Renjie) (PG-13) 2hrs 02min
11:15am, 2:05pm, 4:55pm, 7:45pm, 10:30pm

Drive (R) 1hr 40min
11:30am, 2:15pm, 5:00pm, 7:45pm, 10:30pm

I Don't Know How She Does It (PG-13) 1hr 35min
11:45am, 2:10pm, 4:40pm, 7:10pm, 9:45pm

Kevin Hart: Laugh At My Pain (R) 1hr 28min
11:20am, 1:50pm, 4:30pm, 7:00pm, 9:30pm

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

Get some extra zzz's tonight, Leo

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ You could wake up on the wrong side of the bed. You might want to slow down and take a walk to relieve some tension. How much are your judgments responsible for creating stress? Confusion could surround a male figure or a career matter. Tonight: Walk away from negativity.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Keep communication flowing. Quite clearly, someone might be vested in being difficult or rigid. Walk away from an unnecessary hassle. A friend could make an offer that you might want to jump on. Tonight: Hang out with your pals. Recognize when it is time to call it a night.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ Remain in touch with a tendency to go overboard or cause yourself a problem. Develop a strong sense of self-discipline. A boss has an expectation that you might not be able to meet. Let your creativity be like a genie out of a bottle -- let it out! Tonight: Indulging doesn't always have to cost!

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ Listen to your instincts. Your intellectual capacities are good, too, but a mix is even better. Your instincts also could be right-on about observations, but you might not necessarily recognize that you made them. Trust yourself. Tonight: Remain optimistic. Ask for what you want.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★ Continue a low profile and understand what is motivating someone in your daily life. If this person is presenting a control issue, be sure that it isn't an issue for you, too. You don't have to play. Tonight: Get some extra zzz's.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Though you could stumble, you'll come back stronger and more quickly. You know your expectations. You might need to make a small adjustment. A partner or friend might be more insecure than you thought. Tonight: Keep your goal in mind.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Avoid someone who walks hand in hand with power plays, if possible. Good fortune comes through a partner who makes it his or her pleasure to work with you. Tap into your imagination as you establish your leadership. Tonight: Know that you are cared about. Look at a loved one's manipulation!

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Reach out for someone at a distance. You could feel like you need another perspective or a fresh attitude. You might not like what you hear, but you cannot control what someone else says. Tonight: Find your friends.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ A partner or associate wants you to notice him or her and go along with his or her thinking. Know that this is the time to be diplomatic, unless you want a War of the Roses. Clear out rather than play the game. Tonight: Share your feelings with a close friend.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ You could be more difficult than you realize. You might hit a brick wall, but you are not likely to share it. If others become reactive, know that you are part of the problem. You are empowered to change the situation. Tonight: Choose to be with a favorite person.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ Stay even and mellow when dealing with a situation in your daily life. Your inner dialogue might not be as peaceful, with you wanting to end a talk and do what you want. Resist the child within! Tonight: Working late.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Someone might be pushing you very hard. You have the right answers and solutions -- trust yourself. Even if you are being diplomatic, know that you don't have to lose your power. Share ideas with pride; give others the respect they deserve for their ideas! Tonight: Romp the night away again.

Happy birthday

This year, you experience more diversity within your circle of friends. As a result, you come into contact with more ideas and work opportunities. You might find yourself in the middle of a power play more than once. Though you might not think you have a control issue, this situation emerges because, on some level, you have a conflict to work through. Realize what is going on and accept the challenge of processing it. You will learn that the highest form of control is no control at all. If you are single, you will meet someone through a friend, or a friendship could evolve into much more. If you are attached, your compassion means more to your sweetie than you realize. More often than not, CANCER has your best interests in mind.

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



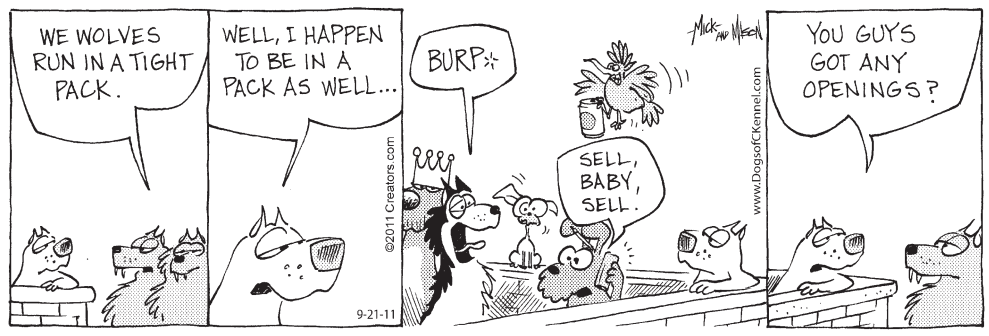
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Daniel Archuleta *daniela@smdp.com*

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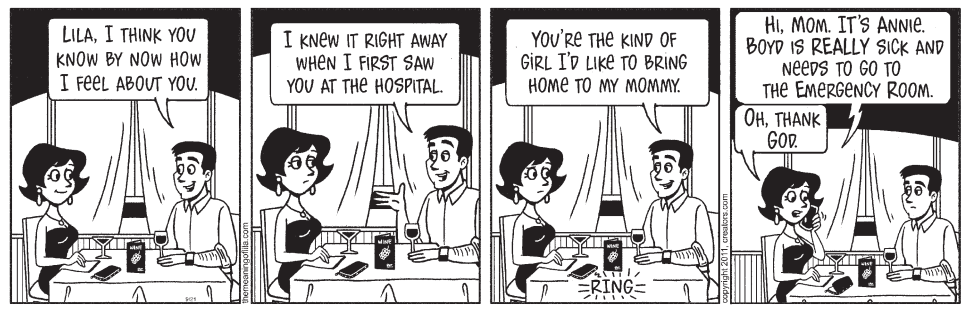
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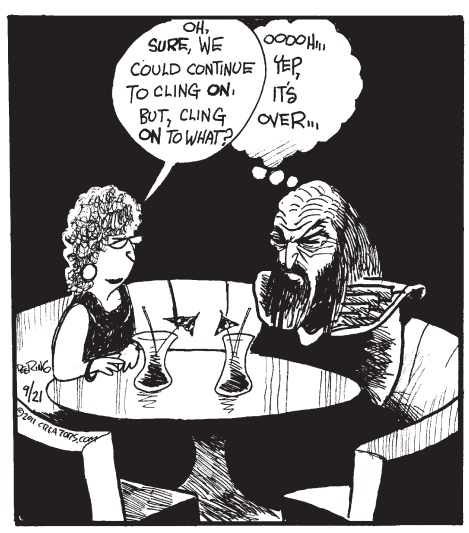
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By Jim Davis



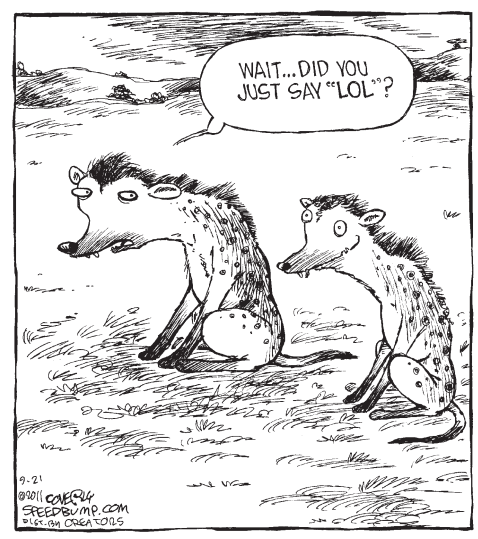
Strange Brew

By John Deering



Speed Bump

By Dave Coverly



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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	8						9	
	4						7	
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		4	5	3	1	9		
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5				9				7

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GETTING STARTED

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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



CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Deli fixture
6 Flat floater
10 Magnet ends
11 Dutch city, with "The"
12 Writer Asimov
13 Give an address
14 Hazard
15 Trample
16 Quill need
17 Baby boxer
18 Print measures
19 Serving cart
22 Tight-fitting
23 Man from Medina
26 Not invincible
29 Pipe material
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40 Without break
41 Young ones
42 Body shop challenges

DOWN

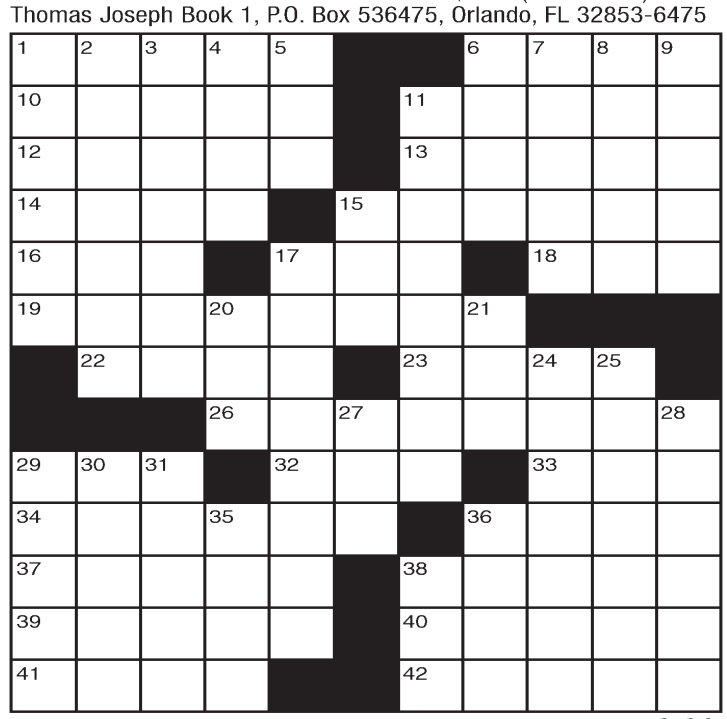
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4 Pipe problem
5 PC key
6 Exceptional
7 Visibly stunned
8 Thin mattress

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Yesterday's answer

9 SAT takers
11 Dorm cooker
15 Long lunch
17 Beauty contests
20 Old boat
21 Hurler's stat
24 Gut
25 Far from subtle
27 Deed
28 Corrects
29 Labrador explorer
30 Last letter
31 Get on
35 Calls on
36 Musical quality
38 Angler's need

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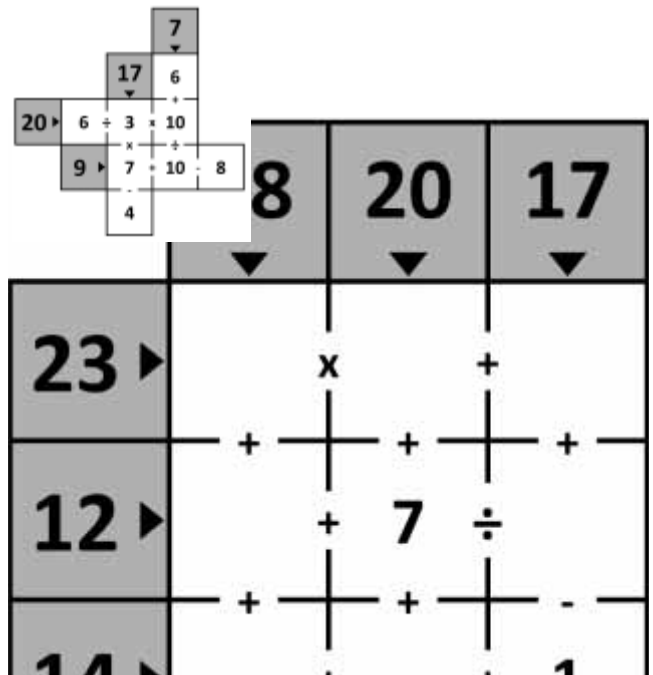
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Fill in the empty fields with the given numbers so when calculated together they satisfy all Equas in the gray boxes:

3, 4, 4, 7, 9, 11, 11

Solution for Task 562



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Fantasy 5: 12 34 27 32 24

DAILY 3: MIDDAY: 7 2 8
EVENING: 3 6 6

DAILY DERBY:
1st: 03 Hot Shot
2nd: 08 Gorgeous George
3rd: 04 Big Ben
RACE TIME: 1:49.25

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ My Rules: The Aug. 6 revival spectacular in Houston, billed as a day of prayer and attended by 30,000 people at Reliant Stadium, was also billed as a day of fasting, which apparently took at least a few worshipers by surprise, and Reliant's concession stands (which were open all day) only added to the temptation to ignore the fast. One otherwise-devout man from San Angelo, Texas, told the Texas Tribune that it was OK for him to eat because of an "agreement" he "made with God earlier."

■ Defining "Smite" Down: Fed up with the theft of Bibles from the Basilica of San Salvatore al Monte in Florence, Italy, the Franciscan priests in charge posted signs and spoke prayers urging the pilferer to repent. In the event that he does not, reported London's Daily Telegraph in August, the prayer asked that the thief be afflicted with "a strong bout of the (runs)."

■ My Kids Live With a Child-Killer? John and Kristine Cushing married and raised two daughters, but Kristine became mentally ill and in 1991 killed the girls as they slept. She was hospitalized for four years and eventually monitored for 10 more. Meanwhile, John divorced her and married Trisha, and they raised two sons, but eventually divorced and reached a shared-custody agreement. By 2005, Kristine had been approved by California doctors to return to society, and soon she and John reconnected. Understandably, Trisha became horrified at the prospect that Kristine might relapse, in which case her and John's two sons would be at risk. In August, a judge in Seattle (where John and Kristine once again cohabit), influenced by Kristine's clean record since her release, turned down Trisha's request for sole custody.

TODAY IN HISTORY

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.

WORD UP!

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Obituaries



Matthew Tyler Brosseit, 40, who was previously known as Tyler Everett Jones, passed away August 30, 2011 in Los Angeles. Until recently, he was a long-time resident of Santa Monica. Kind, sensitive, loving and artistic, Matthew was born March 28, 1971 in Louisville, KY. He lived life to the best of his abilities while carrying a burden not of his choosing. Schizophrenia and bipolar disorders are not punishments, nor the results of moral weakness. They cannot be overcome by hard work or willpower. They are not shameful. They are diseases for which, at this time, there are no cures. They are an immense oppression to the individual and negatively affect relationships and lifestyle. Matthew is now safe, happy and at peace. From the first book of Samuel: "For the Lord seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearances, but the Lord looketh on the heart." He leaves behind his devoted companion and caregiver, Larry Kogan of Los Angeles, his parents Gerald Jones of Ocean Park and Dixie D. Martin of Decatur, IL, sister Jennifer Michelle Garcia of Los Angeles, daughter Samantha, and uncle Christopher F. Martin of Chicago. He was preceded in death by his grandparents Charles F. and Mildred D. Martin, and Kathleen Jones, and uncle Jon C. Martin. Send condolences to matthewtylerbrosseit@gmail.com.

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