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THE CLEAR SKIES ISSUE

Santa Monica Airport traffic down in 2012

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

SMO Flights out of Santa Monica Airport dropped 11 percent in the first half of 2012 compared to the same time last year, and much of the reduction was related to the kinds of local flights that most annoy neighbors, SMO officials told the Airport Commission Monday.

According to statistics released Monday night, flights logged in a category reserved for local operations were 23 percent lower in the first six months of the year compared to the same stretch the year prior.

That category, called by the otherwise cryptic title "local VFR," includes pattern flying, a type of maneuver that requires a student pilot to fly in a box pattern within visual distance of the airport.

Pattern flying is used to practice take-offs and landings, a critical skill for beginning

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File photo

REDUCTION: **Less flights reported at SMO.**



YOUR VOTE, YOUR VOICE

Brandon Wise *brandonw@smdp.com*

Santa Monica College students register for the upcoming election during a campus-wide voting drive on Tuesday.

Residents take city to court over bus ads

Founder of AIDS Walk L.A. fighting to get message out

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL Three Santa Monica residents filed suit against City Hall Monday contesting a long-standing ban against non-commercial advertising on Santa Monica's Big Blue buses that has recently ensnared the nonprofit AIDS Walk Los Angeles.

The ban, which has been in place since 2001, was loosely enforced for a decade until city officials reviewed their policy, which prohibited advertising that did not promote the sale of a good or a service.

That included an event like AIDS Walk Los Angeles despite the fact that the buses have carried those advertisements for the past six years. AIDS walk is a 10-kilometer walking event that raises money for AIDS Project Los Angeles to be spent on research, resources and education related to the disease.

The organization was informed in December that it would no longer be able to put the ads on the buses, a form of outreach

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Local beaches get high marks for water quality

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor-in-Chief

SM BAY Those who took a dip in the Santa Monica Bay this summer didn't have to worry too much about getting sick as 2012 marked one of the cleanest summers for beach water quality ever recorded in the state, according to environmental watchdog Heal the Bay.

The Santa Monica-based nonprofit on Tuesday released its annual End-of-Summer Beach Report Card, which assigned letter grades to 466 beaches along the California coast, based on bacterial pollution data collected by 20 health agencies and discharges from Humboldt through San Diego counties.

It was the sixth year in a row that California beachgoers enjoyed "excellent"

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Wednesday, Sept. 26, 2012

Activists unite
Friends Meeting Hall
1440 Harvard St., 7 p.m.
Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce President Laurel Rosen will be this week's guest speaker at the Activist Support Circle public forum. The Activist Support Circle is an open, ongoing support group for progressive activists that began in 2005 to help guard against activist burnout. For more information, call (310) 399-1000.

Dance, dance, dance
Santa Monica Bay Woman's Club
1210 Fourth St., 7 p.m. — 11 p.m.
Every Wednesday, the club hosts a night of ballroom dancing. There's usually a good crowd and you can even get lessons. Cost: $10 general admission; $8 students. For more information, call (310) 487-0911.

Thursday, Sept. 27, 2012

Welcoming a hero
Santa Monica College
1900 Pico Blvd., 11:15 a.m.
Lt. Col. Tammy Duckworth — the famed Purple Heart recipient and one of the top officials in the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs who electrified audiences with her speech at the Democratic National Convention — will give a free talk at Santa Monica College. After recovering from her injuries, Duckworth ran for the House in 2006. After losing a close race, she became director of Illinois' Department of Veterans Affairs. In 2009, President Obama appointed her assistant secretary of Veterans Affairs where she sought to improve the standard of care for vets. For more information, call (310) 434-4303.

The whole deal
Locanda del Lago
231 Arizona Ave., 7 p.m.
This popular eatery's whole-animal dinner series continues with Guinea hen on the menu. There will be five courses all designed to highlight this specialty. Cost: $42 per person; another $18 per person for unlimited house wine; or another $30 per person for a specialty wine paring menu. For more information, call (310) 451-3525.

Friday, Sept. 28, 2012

Consider the alternative
Santa Monica Civic Auditorium
1855 Main St., 10 a.m. — 5 p.m.
The AltCar Expo & Conference provides one of the most extensive presentations of alternative technology vehicles and transportation, infrastructure, renewable energies, energy efficiency and urban planning found worldwide. The AltCar Ride & Drive Area offers a rare hands-on experience with all technologies. For more information, call (310) 390-2930.

Almost ready for showtime
Annenberg Community Beach House
415 PCH, 6 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.
Sheetal Gandhi completes her 10-week artist residency with a new site-specific dance on the Beach House grounds. This outdoor performance includes an ensemble of community participants and winds around the Beach House in a melancholy and ecstatic exploration of the outdoors, family, togetherness and separation. Friday is the final dress rehearsal. Performances will take place Saturday and Sunday. For more information, visit annenberg-beachhouse.com.

The king and his men
Morgan-Wixson Theatre
2627 Pico Blvd., 8 p.m.
"All the King's Men" is the story of the rise and fall of a political titan in the South during the 1930s. It won the Pulitzer Prize in 1947, and in 1949, the film adaptation became Best Picture. More recently in 2006, it became a hit film starring Jude Law and Sean Penn. For more information, visit morgan-wixson.org.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

DOWNTOWN

Sierra Club makes council endorsements

Environmental guardians Sierra Club has announced its endorsements for four seats on the Santa Monica City Council.

They are City Councilman Terry O'Day, Planning Commissioners Richard McKinnon and Ted Winterer, and journalist John C. Smith.

The club released the endorsements late Monday night "after an exhaustive and complete process," according to a press release.

"Out of the 15 candidates and after interviewing nine of those who completed questionnaires for consideration for endorsement, we believe these candidates best reflect the ideals of Sierra Club that John Muir would be proud of and who can lead the city of Santa Monica in its next stage of being a truly green city," said Darrell Clarke, a former Santa Monica planning commissioner who is also a former chair of the Sierra Club Angeles Chapter and is currently co-chair of the national Sierra Club's "Beyond Oil" campaign.

Pollution and health concerns caused by Santa Monica Airport, overdevelopment and traffic issues, regional wildlife protection (including Santa Monica's continuing partnership with Sierra Club on protection of the Ballona Wetlands), leading-edge sustainability, energy and water conservation, and tree-protection in the city were some of the significant issues the candidates discussed with Sierra Club leaders and which appear to have emerged as some of the central issues in the election campaigns, said Marcia Hanscom, a former member of Sierra Club's national Board of Directors and a member of the club's Political Committee for the Angeles Chapter.

"We are heartened to see that important environmental issues are being discussed throughout the city, and we are confident that some of Santa Monica's serious overdevelopment issues, Ballona Wetlands wildlife protection and pollution concerns related to the Santa Monica Airport will be addressed properly by the Santa Monica City Council if our chosen endorsed candidates are elected," Hanscom said.

Smith had a slight advantage in the selection process, having been a leader in the organization in the 1990s in the effort to protect the Ballona Wetlands from being displaced.

– KEVIN HERRERA



Daniel Archuleta *daniela@smdp.com*

PRECAUTION: **Santa Monica police blocked Ocean Avenue at Wilshire Boulevard on Tuesday as a man threatened to jump from a nearby hotel.**

Man threatens to jump from hotel

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

OCEAN AVENUE Santa Monica police Tuesday afternoon blocked off a section of Ocean Avenue as a man threatened to jump from atop the Fairmont Miramar Hotel.

SMPD spokesman Sgt. Richard Lewis said that officers were able to grab the man before he could attempt to jump. They waited the situation out, ultimately making their move once the man sat down and closed his eyes.

Officers wore safety harnesses while on the roof to guard against falling.

Lewis added that the young man was despondent over a relationship and, while intoxicated, made it onto the roof of the building.

Though a crime, Lewis said that charges would most likely not be filed in the case. The man may seek treatment following the incident.

Police did not release his identity.

The man's parents were at the scene, but were unavailable for comment.

Police shut down Ocean Avenue from Wilshire Boulevard to California Avenue around 3 p.m. and reopened the street at approximately 5 p.m.

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SM Conservancy wants to raise $1.6M

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

OCEAN PARK The Santa Monica Conservancy is hoping to raise $1.6 million to create a new, professionally-staffed Preservation Resource Center to be located in a rehabilitated shotgun house.

The fundraising campaign will also help expand programming, including a local history curriculum, according to a press release issued by the nonprofit Tuesday.

The conservancy so far has raised more than $860,000 from the Ralph M. Parsons Foundation, the National Trust of Historic Preservation, the Friends of Heritage Preservation, City Hall, Morley Builders, the Minardos Group and other businesses and individuals.

"We have accomplished a great deal in 10 years as an all-volunteer organization," said Carol Lemlein, president of the conservancy. "The time has come to hire professional staff and secure a site easily accessible to those who want to learn more about historic preservation."

After a successful bid to lease the landmark 1890s shotgun house owned by City Hall, the conservancy agreed to rehabilitate the house and relocate it to city-owned property across from the Ocean Park Library at Second Street and Norman Place, a neighborhood with other landmark buildings reflecting the history of Santa Monica.

"By establishing our Preservation Resource Center in this historic house, we will provide an instructive model of the

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Development, not pot, the priority

Editor:

The only moratorium the City Council should be contemplating is the one that will stop the over-building of monstrous apartment buildings in the city's center ("Council to consider moratorium on pot shops," Sept. 24).

Companies like NMS and Century West need to be stopped.

More importantly, the council members who've allowed this need to be voted out of office ASAP.

Gary Gurner
Santa Monica

Who's behind this?

Editor:

Last week a series of full-page ads in the Daily Press attacked Mayor Bloom, by name, for Big Blue Bus' advertising policy. During an election season in which Bloom is a candidate, attack ads are open to special scrutiny. I hope those paying for the negative messages plan to file any required disclosures of how the ads were financed with the city clerk and/or the secretary of state.

No matter whom one may support – I personally have endorsed Betsy Butler for Assembly – this is a matter of transparency and fairness in the electoral process.

Kevin McKeown
City Councilmember

City Hall's hypocrites

Editor:

I learned Friday that Santa Monica intends to enact an ordinance to ban outright medical marijuana dispensaries ("Council to consider moratorium on pot shops," Sept. 24). The dirty, backroom politics involved here are boldfaced and shameful.

For a city that purports to uphold the rights of medical marijuana patients, the hypocrisy here is stunning. Recently, the City Council dropped a proposal to ban smoking within apartments for its supposed concern for patients. On the other hand, the city is fighting tooth-and-nail to squash a health and safety testing lab for medical marijuana within the city.

This is all within a city where a "lowest law enforcement priority policy" relative to recreational marijuana use has been enacted; though only by a ballot measure by the residents themselves. Santa Monicans had to go over City Hall's head to enact that measure.

Worse, since the legalization of medical marijuana in California, City Hall has claimed that it has no ban on dispensaries. As recently as a couple of months ago, it testified so in its fight with the testing lab. Now, suddenly, City Hall aims to ban dispensaries. Apparently, City Hall is fine with recreational pot smoking, but loathes a patient's right to test their medication or to get it locally.

On Oct. 2 when the dispensary ban proposal is heard at the council meeting, all Santa Monicans should be watching. Then, come November, the hypocrites should be given the boot!

Fiona Gonsier
Santa Monica





The Taxman

Jon Coupal — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Getting burned by dancing with the special interest devil

IN A STATE CAPITOL HEARING ROOM, THE taxpayer advocate waited patiently for the 37 special interest pleaders to finish speaking in favor of yet another tax increase — a last minute measure that had been jammed through in the final hours of session. He reflected on the similarity of each robotic presentation, how approval of the new tax would be tremendously beneficial and would put lawmakers on the side of the angels. When his turn finally came, he rose to the microphone and said:

"Members, it's time now to hear from a voice that hasn't been heard yet in this debate. It is a voice not heard often in the halls of this Legislature. It is the voice of the millions of California taxpayers who will be hit with $2 billion more in taxes if this bill passes."

For Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association's legislative advocate, David Wolfe, being the lone voice on behalf of citizen taxpayers was familiar territory. The bill in question was SB 1455, a seemingly sensible proposal to ease regulations on diesel truckers as well as establish hydrogen fuel stations to support cars that will — it is hoped — increase in popularity. But the proposal came with a heavy price tag: $2 billion in higher car taxes, including vehicle registration fees, smog abatement fees and tire surcharges.

It was a classic example of how the Legislature works to build support for extracting more from taxpayers. By first placing overly-restrictive regulations on industries like diesel truckers, they can then persuade those impacted to support new taxes by offering, in return, to reduce their regulatory burden.

Fortunately, common sense — which is California's most endangered species — prevailed and SB 1455 went down to defeat in the closing hours of the legislative session, sparing already beleaguered taxpayers another blow.

However, taxpayers were not so fortunate when another bill, AB 1492, a 1 percent sales tax on consumers buying lumber products at retail stores like Home Depot and Lowe's, was approved. This too was a tradeoff, where loosening regulations on the timber industry was used to convince the industry to support the tax which would be borne by consumers.

Now, we have nothing against the trucking or timber industries. The Washington D.C.-based Tax Foundation rates California 47th lowest out of 50 states in business climate. We'd like to see damaging and unnecessary regulations disappear just as much as anyone. So here's a novel thought: If the regulations and restrictions were not appropriate in the first place, just repeal them. It is the Legislature that imposed them, and the Legislature can remove or modify them. Lawmakers have no business extorting more from taxpayers who want to build a home or deck, in return for their representatives doing the right thing. And even the benefits of these bills may be illusory. Once the new taxes are in place, all it takes is a majority vote to reimpose the onerous regulations.

SADLY, FAR TOO MANY LAWMAKERS FROM BOTH POLITICAL PARTIES HAVE LOST TRACK OF THEIR FUNDAMENTAL OBLIGATION AS ELECTED OFFICIALS TO SERVE THE BROADER PUBLIC GOOD.

The disturbing trend is that Republicans, who usually tout themselves as the champions of the taxpayer, are being swayed by the siren song from those who would trade regulatory reform for tax increases. This year, 10 bad votes were cast by Republicans on the two bills discussed above. Another jumped ship to support a third tax increase — that ultimately failed — in the hope that he would receive in return changes to environmental regulations that were requested by developers in his district.

These bills are just two recent examples, out of many, of Sacramento insider dealmaking with narrow special interests that exclude consideration of the interests of taxpayers. Sadly, far too many lawmakers from both political parties have lost track of their fundamental obligation as elected officials to serve the broader public good. Until voters rise up and demand change in Sacramento, the special interests and pay-for-play politicians will continue to call the tune while taxpayers are expected to dance.

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How to stem the tide of junk mail

HERE'S MORE THAN YOU EVER WANTED to know about junk mail. Each year, direct mail creates 10 billion pounds of solid waste in the U.S. and costs local communities more than $1 billion in collection and disposal expenses . It also puts you at greater risk for identity theft if you don't shred personalized mailings before tossing.

So how can you stop the flood of junk mail you receive? You could try moving or changing your name, but as you've probably noticed, a lot of what's delivered to your mailbox is addressed to "Occupant." In fact, the U.S. Postal Service relies heavily on such deliveries, which now outnumber first-class postage mailings.

Here are a few more practical suggestions for stemming the tide:

A good way to significantly reduce the number of offers you get for new credit accounts and insurance is to register with www.OptOutPrescreen.com, a secure website created by the leading credit bureaus (Equifax, Experian, Innovis and TransUnion).

By completing a simple online form, you can request to be removed from marketing lists the bureaus supply to lenders and insurance companies for use in firm (preapproved) credit or insurance offers. The electronic opt-out is valid for five years. If you want to opt out permanently, you must mail the form to the address provided. You can also opt back into such mailings electronically through the website. And, if you prefer, you may opt in or out by phone at 888-567-8688.

Another good method to curb the amount of direct mail you receive is to register with www.DMAchoice.org, a program run by the Direct Marketing Association, the leading trade organization for businesses and nonprofits that send direct mail. When you register, your name is put in a "delete" file that is sent to DMA's 3,600-plus members to check against their mailing lists.

It's important to note that not all marketers belong to DMA, so registering won't stop all such mailings. Also, it won't stop mailings from companies you already do business with or to which you've made a donation in the past. To get off their lists you'll have to contact them directly.

You can also register with DMAchoice.org to stop mail from being sent to a deceased individual or if you want to manage mail being sent to a dependent in your care. And, they have an e-mail preference service where you can opt out of receiving unsolicited commercial e-mails from DMA members for six years.

IF YOU HAVE ELDERLY PARENTS, YOU MIGHT WANT TO SCREEN THEIR MAIL FOR AN OVERABUNDANCE OF DIRECT MAIL – ESPECIALLY CATALOGS AND SOLICITATIONS FOR MONEY.

A third opt-out option to explore is www.CatalogChoice.org, a free service that helps you submit opt-out requests for catalogs, coupons, credit card offers, phonebooks, circulars and more. Catalog Choice also offers several paid where they do more of the legwork to get you off third-party mailing databases.

One last suggestion: If you have elderly parents, you might want to screen their mail for an overabundance of direct mail — especially catalogs and solicitations for money. If they're on a fixed income and susceptible to strong sales pitches, the combination can be devastating to their bank account. You can help them register with the organizations mentioned above.

No matter how diligent your efforts to get yourself off unwanted mailing lists, you're probably still going to get some junk mail. But it's good to know there are ways to significantly scale back the amount.

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The Q Line

On the rebound

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its organizers believe is central to its overall campaign.

Craig Miller, the founder of the event, sued along with local businesswoman Lisa Brisse and recent Santa Monica High School graduate Paloma Bennett to get the advertisements back on the buses in the run-up to the Oct. 14 event and to secure the right to run future "public service" advertising encouraging people to get tested for HIV and AIDS.

"Every day makes a difference," Miller said. "This community organizer will give up on running 2012 AIDS Walk L.A. ads on Oct. 14, but not a day before."

Miller and the other plaintiffs contend that City Hall's characterization of the ads as "non-commercial" skips over the very real exchange of money that occurs both as organizers gather donations for the event and as large corporate sponsors like car manufacturer Toyota or movie giant Paramount Pictures buy sponsorships.

He likens it to advertising on television shows, which also fetch a high price for spots based on the number of eyes an advertiser or sponsor can reach, but involves no direct commerce.

"Our sponsors give us money for two reasons — to promote the cause and to sell their products to our audience. The larger our crowd, the more we are able to sell our sponsorships for. It's directly analogous to a television station," Miller said.

If that argument doesn't hold up, Miller and his attorneys will argue that the whole notion of disallowing non-commercial speech while inviting in commercial entities is unconstitutional.

A better policy to Miller's way of thinking would be setting up defined regulations that would prevent unwanted or offensive speech from decorating the sides of Santa Monica's buses while at the same time allowing organizations like AIDS Walk Los Angeles to promote their events.

City officials aren't interested in drawing those lines, said Deputy City Attorney Anthony Serritella.

"The city of Santa Monica policy distinguishes between commercial and non-commercial speech. They don't want to be in the position to say some forms of non-commercial advertisements are appropriate and some are not. It's the best way to run afoul of the First Amendment," Serritella said.

Cities cannot pick and choose between organizations based on content, and even regulations that prohibit some content across the board can invite lawsuits.

At the Sept. 11 City Council meeting, officials noted that the city of San Francisco had found itself in a bind when a nonprofit organization ran an ad on the sides of its buses that read, "In any war between the civilized man and the savage, support the civilized man. Support Israel. Defeat Jihad."

San Francisco is now exploring ways to prohibit noncommercial speech in an attempt to prevent future inflammatory ads like that one from being displayed on city buses, City Attorney Marsha Moutrie said at the meeting.

Focusing on avoiding litigation to the exclusion of all other factors seems like a losing proposition, Miller said.

"The city attorney seems to be coming from a standpoint that the number one priority, more than free speech, more than reflecting the values of our people in our city's policy, more important than any of that is 'Don't get sued,'" Miller said. "Well there's a great irony to her position isn't there? … We have an empirical fact in front of us now, the city is being sued."

The existing policy does include room for nonprofits, and even some advertisements that don't appear to be explicitly commercial.

Groups like the local public radio station KCRW are still able to run advertisements on Big Blue buses because they have a cooperative agreement with City Hall that allows them to do so.

Not only does KCRW broadcast City Council meetings live, it's also connected with the Santa Monica City College District, which makes it part of another government agency, Serritella said.

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pilots but one that aggravates neighbors who dislike the constant buzz of airplanes flying over the densely-populated area that surrounds SMO and the perceived threat of lead contained in the fuel used to run propeller planes.

Figures showed a 10 percent reduction in operations conducted by propeller planes as well as a 10 percent drop in jet operations, another category of aircraft that draws ire from the local community over pollution concerns and safety issues.

Although there were fewer planes in the sky, noise violations increased by 2 percent and community "inquiries" into flights increased by 17 percent over the same period.

Despite that, community members have noticed an improvement in conditions, although they're uncertain if it's because of cloudy weather during the summer months that could have disrupted flight school traffic or some other reason, said John Fairweather, founder of Community Against Santa Monica Airport Traffic, or CASMAT.

"Alternatively it could be caused by the continuing downward trend in flight school enrollment that has been in effect for a couple of years now due to the economy. Finally there may be a component of the 2012 pattern flying downtick that is actually related to deliberate attempts by flight schools to be less anti-social," Fairweather wrote in an e-mail.

Stelios Makrides, the operations and noise management supervisor at the airport, said he was surprised by the lower numbers when he gathered the information for his statistics, and there's some indication that the same is true at airports across the country.

Employees of an airport in New York reached out to see if SMO had experienced the same slow-down that they had witnessed at their own airport, which mainly handles non-local flights, Makrides said.

The news didn't shock Joe Justice, owner of SMO-based flight school Justice Aviation.

"If the belt gets any tighter, our eyes will pop out," Justice said of the drop off in customers.

The beginning of 2012 has been lean for the flight school, a fact which Justice attributes primarily to the dragging economy, which had mostly spared the Los Angeles flight community until now.

"The L.A. area was kind of a hold out because business was still pretty good," Justice said. "Right after the economic decline, flight schools around the country started dropping like leaves from a tree. It's a labor of love, not profit."

While SMO is left guessing why fewer planes are taking off and landing, airports in the region around Santa Monica aren't.

According to data gathered by the Federal Aviation Administration and compiled by employees of the flight advocacy organization Airplane Owners and Pilots Association, traffic at the Van Nuys Airport is up 5.8 percent, while Palo Alto saw an uptick of over 9 percent in the first six months of 2012.

SMO seems to be an outlier along with Brackett Field in La Verne, Calif., another small airport that saw a 34 percent decrease in traffic, said Katie Pribyl, vice president of communications with aircraft association.

The loss of operations in the beginning of 2012 comes after an increase in almost every category of flights in 2011 compared to 2010.

Total operations increased from 104,950 in 2010 to 110,694 in 2011, or roughly 5.4 percent. It was the first time flight operations has increased over a previous year since 2006.

Those numbers corresponded to a 2.5 percent increase in jet traffic (from 12,853 operations to 13,180) and a 5.5 percent bump in propeller aircraft operations (89,779 to 94,719).

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water quality during the period from Memorial Day through Labor Day, with 96 percent of sampled sites receiving A or B grades, a 4 percent improvement from last year, according to Heal the Bay.

The better the grade, the lower the risk of swimmers and surfers suffering from diarrhea, nausea and vomiting because of exposure to fecal bacteria.

In the Santa Monica Bay, water quality continued to improve with 65 of 69 (94 percent) beaches receiving A or B grades, compared to 89 percent last year. This is the third year in a row that the chronically polluted waters around the Santa Monica Pier earned a much improved A grade, according to the report.

But there's some bad news. While Los Angeles County beach water quality continued to improve, this year by 2 percent, Avalon Beach on Catalina Island remains problematic. Avalon consistently appears on Heal the Bay's infamous annual "Beach Bummers" list of the 10 most polluted beaches throughout California. It was the eighth summer in a row that none of the five monitoring locations have received A or B grades.

Help is on the way, though. Clean Beach Initiative funding has subsidized the recent upgrade of Avalon's corroded sewer infrastructure. The upgrades were completed this summer, according to Heal the Bay, and additional water quality projects are currently underway.

"We look forward to seeing a boost in water quality grades as these projects progress," read a statement from Heal the Bay.

The Malibu Pier (50 yards east) once again received poor marks. For the third consecutive year the Malibu Pier has earned an F grade.

Heal the Bay is also concerned about the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's proposed acceptable bacteria levels in recreational waters that the nonprofit says are in some respects less protective than the 25-year-old criteria the agency would replace.

If approved, the new criteria would "have a devastating effect on beach water quality programs in 2013," Heal the Bay officials said.

And if that wasn't enough for environmental advocates, the EPA is facing budget cuts that would eliminate all BEACH Act grant funding, jeopardizing water monitoring programs throughout the country, according to Heal the Bay. These programs allow state, local health and environmental protection agencies to routinely monitor and track water quality at the nation's beaches, as well as alert the public when bacteria levels in the water are unsafe by posting beach warnings or closing the beach.

"Heal the Bay has long advocated for strong water quality standards as well as for consistent, effective monitoring and timely alerts to the public when the water is unsafe for swimmers," a statement from the nonprofit reads. "Heal the Bay urges concerned citizens to send a letter directly to the EPA asking that officials reconsider proposed recreational water quality criteria and to restore the BEACH Act Grant Program, via www.healthebay.org/get-involved/take-action."

Heal the Bay sent the EPA on Tuesday over 200 petitions from those concerned about water quality.

Officials with the EPA said the new criteria was developed with the help of numerous studies and scientific literature.

For a copy of the full report card, visit beachreportcard.org.

The report card is in its 22nd year.

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Santa Monica College's Luis Sanchez (center) gets tangled up with Glendale College's David Matriosyan on Tuesday at Corsair Field. SMC won the game, 4-1, improving to 6-0-2 this season.

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adaptive reuse of a structure that many might have thought had long outlived its usefulness," Lemlein added.

The local history curriculum, "Building a Neighborhood," is the brainchild of Santa Monica Landmarks Commissioner and conservancy board member Nina Fresco.

Geared to third-grade students and fulfilling California standards for social studies and the visual arts, the curriculum gives students an understanding of how the story of a community and its residents is reflected in the changing materials, styles, and uses of its buildings. The lessons are interactive, using kits that provide students the opportunity to build models of actual homes in the city's Third Street Neighborhood Historic District as they study the evolution of the neighborhood.

Leading the Campaign Steering Committee is chair Tom Neary, vice president and director of business development at Morley Builders, headquartered in Santa Monica. Huell Howser, host of the TV show "California's Gold," is serving as the honorary chair.



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FUTURE: **This rendering depicts what the shotgun house may look like after renovations.**

For more information on the campaign and the conservancy, visit www.smconservancy.org or call (310) 496-3146.

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NYC schools dispensing morning-after pill to girls

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Associated Press Writers

NEW YORK It's a campaign believed to be unprecedented in its size and aggressiveness: New York City is handing out the morning-after pill to girls as young as 14 at more than 50 public high schools, sometimes even before they have had sex.

The effort to combat teen pregnancy in the nation's largest city contrasts sharply with the views of politicians and school systems in more conservative parts of the country.

Valerie Huber, president of the National Abstinence Education Association in Washington, calls it "a terrible case once again of bigotry of low expectations" — presuming that teen girls will have sex anyway, and effectively endorsing that.

But some doctors say more schools should follow New York's lead.

Emergency contraception is safe and effective "if you use it in a timely fashion. It provides relief or solace to a young woman or man who has made a mistake but doesn't want to have to live with that mistake for the rest of their lives," said Dr. Cora Breuner, a Seattle physician and member of an American Academy of Pediatrics' committee on teen health.

Plan B emergency contraception is about 90 percent effective at preventing pregnancy if taken within 72 hours after unprotected sex.

New York's program was phased in in the 1-million-student school system beginning about four years ago. Nurse practitioners or physicians dispense the pills, and parents can sign an opt-out form preventing their daughters from taking part.

Only about 1 to 2 percent of parents have opted out, according to the city Health Department.

The program is seen a way to reduce a startling number: More than 7,000 New York City girls ages 15 to 17 get pregnant each year. More than two-thirds of those pregnancies end in abortions.

"We are committed to trying new approaches ...to improve a situation that can have lifelong consequences," the Health Department said in a statement.

In the 2011-12 school year, 576 girls got the pills, said Deborah Kaplan, an assistant health commissioner.

Felicia Regina, Parent Association president at Port Richmond High on Staten Island, has two teens at the school, a junior and a senior, and said she has never heard any parents voice objections.

"I do think it's a good idea," she said. "The children nowadays are not going to abstain from sexual intercourse. How many unwed mothers do we need?"

Anne Leary, a conservative blogger in Chicago whose children are in their 20s, said

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the idea is ill-advised and undermines parents' authority. Her own children attended high school in a Chicago suburb and had to get a note from a parent or doctor just to get an aspirin.

"These kids are under 16, which is the age for statutory rape in most states. I just think it's subsidizing and encouraging behavior that's probably not healthy for kids that age," Leary said.

New York City's schools already offer regular birth control pills, condoms and other contraception, just as many other schools around the country do. But emergency contraception is especially controversial.

Many scientists say Plan B works by blocking ovulation or fertilization. But Plan B's label says it may also prevent a fertilized egg from implanting in the uterus, and conservative activists who believe life begins at conception contend it amounts to an abortion pill.

The American Academy of Pediatrics says Plan B does not cause abortion or encourage risky sex, and it has called for the sale of the morning-after pill over the counter to help prevent teen pregnancies.

Last year, however, the Obama administration blocked plans to put the pills on drugstore shelves, keeping them behind the pharmacy counter. The contraceptive requires a prescription for those under 17 but is available to older women without a prescription if they show pharmacists proof of age.

Opposition to making Plan B available over the counter came mostly from conservatives and religious groups who said such a step would promote underage sex.

At least one high school in a Los Angeles neighborhood with a high teen pregnancy rate also offers emergency contraception in a partnership with Planned Parenthood.

Teen pregnancies have declined in recent years nationwide, a trend attributed partly to increased use of birth control.

The most recent government figures show the rate was about 70 pregnancies per 1,000 girls ages 15 through 19 in 2008. New York City's rate was 82 per 1,000 births that year, and dropped to 73 per 1,000 in 2010. Nationwide, about 43 percent of girls ages 15 to 19 have had sex.

Some students on their way Tuesday to New York's Fashion Industries High School said they knew emergency contraception was available there, while others did not.

Glenesha Fernandez, a ninth-grader, said her mother opted out. "I said 'OK, I don't care,'" Glenesha said.

Yerenia Aybar, another ninth-grader, said girls her age shouldn't get the pill. "It might make students think it's OK to have sex," she said.

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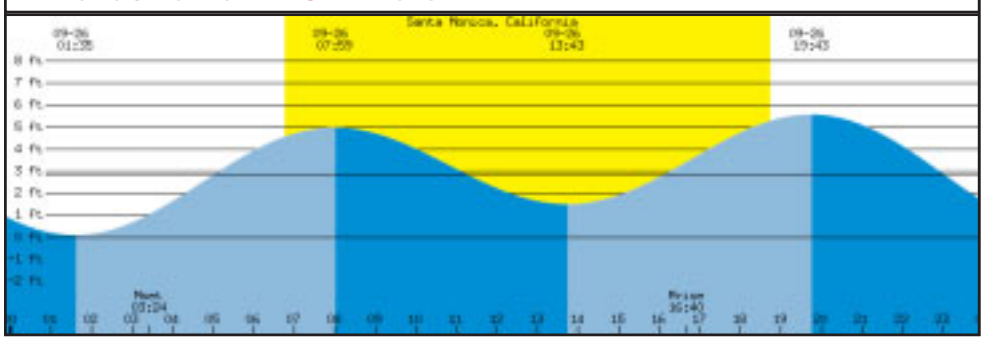
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- Number of sewage spills -- 8
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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Los Alisos creeks.	ns	ns
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	ns
Dread Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	F	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	B	ns
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach.	A	ns
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 21672 Malibu Rd.	A	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fences.	B	ns
Surfrider Beach (beach location) - daily.	A	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	F	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	ns
Big Rock Beach at 19648 PCH stairs.	A	ns
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon.	ns	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	A	ns
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	C	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at 17300 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.	A	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 CIWW jetty).	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	A+	ns
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant.	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	A+	ns

LEGEND

DRY -- each location is graded on an A – F scale based on bacterial pollution levels present in the surf zone

WET -- grades for days of recorded rainfall and the following 3 days

ns -- no sample taken

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NFL

League upholds Seahawks' disputed win over Packers

RACHEL COHEN
AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK The NFL conceded Tuesday that a bad call cost the Green Bay Packers the game — yet still upheld the Seattle Seahawks' victory.

While coaches, players and fans — even athletes in other sports — ripped the use of replacement refs, the league met with its locked-out officials Tuesday in an attempt to resolve the impasse.

Two people with knowledge of the talks told The Associated Press that the sides were meeting Tuesday. They spoke on condition of anonymity because the discussions were not made public.

The NFL said Seattle's last-second touchdown pass of the "Monday Night Football" game should not have been overturned in the 14-12 victory — but acknowledged Seahawks receiver Golden Tate should have been called for offensive pass interference before the catch.

Frustrations over the replacements have mounted through the first three weeks of the season and reached an apex Monday when a highly questionable call decided the outcome of a game.

Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers, normally a soft-spoken player who didn't say much after the game, lashed out on his radio show a day later.

"First of all, I've got to do something that the NFL is not going to do: I have to apologize to the fans," he said.

Even President Barack Obama got in on the conversation Tuesday, tweeting: "NFL fans on both sides of the aisle hope the refs' lockout is settled soon."

The controversy began on the final play when Russell Wilson heaved a 24-yard pass into a scrum in the end zone with Seattle trailing 12-7. Tate shoved away a defender with both hands, and the NFL acknowledged Tuesday he should have been penalized, which would have clinched a Packers victory. But it was not called and cannot be reviewed by instant replay.

Tate and Green Bay safety M.D. Jennings then both got their hands on the ball, though the Packers insisted Jennings had clear possession for a game-ending interception.

"It was pinned to my chest the whole time," Jennings said.

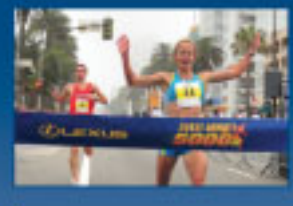
Instead, the officials ruled on the field that the two had simultaneous possession, which counts as a reception. Once that happened, the NFL said, the referee was correct that no indisputable visual evidence existed on review to overturn the touchdown call.

"The NFL Officiating Department reviewed the video today and supports the decision not to overturn the on-field ruling following the instant replay review," the league said in a statement.

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Words (PG-13) 1hr 36min
2:15pm, 4:45pm, 7:15pm, 9:45pm

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Bourne Legacy (PG-13) 2hrs 15min
12:45pm, 4:05pm, 7:20pm, 10:25pm

Dredd (R) 1hr 36min
11:50am, 5:10pm, 10:20pm

Dredd 3D (R) 1hr 36min
2:30pm, 7:50pm

Finding Nemo 3D (G) 1hr 40min
11:20am, 2:00pm, 4:45pm, 7:40pm, 10:15pm

Resident Evil: Retribution 3D (R) 1hr 35min
11:30am, 2:05pm, 4:30pm, 7:10pm, 10:00pm

Trouble with the Curve (PG-13) 1hr 51min
11:30am, 1:35pm, 2:15pm, 4:15pm, 5:00pm, 7:00pm, 7:45pm, 9:45pm, 10:30pm

End of Watch (R) 1hr 49min
11:35am, 2:25pm, 5:15pm, 7:55pm, 10:35pm

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Intouchables (R) 1hr 52min
1:40pm, 4:30pm, 7:30pm, 10:10pm

17 Girls (17 Filles) (NR) 1hr 30min
1:00pm, 3:20pm, 5:40pm, 8:00pm, 10:15pm

Arbitrage (R) 1hr 40min
1:50pm, 4:20pm, 7:00pm, 9:40pm

Master (R) 2hrs 30min
1:00pm, 4:05pm, 7:10pm, 10:15pm

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Possession (R) 1hr 31min
11:50am, 2:20pm, 4:55pm, 7:30pm, 10:00pm

House at the End of the Street (PG-13) 1hr 41min
11:45am, 2:10pm, 5:00pm, 7:50pm, 10:10pm

ParaNorman (PG) 1hr 33min
11:40am, 5:00pm, 10:05pm

Dark Knight Rises (PG-13) 2hrs 44min
12:45pm, 4:35pm, 8:25pm

Resident Evil: Retribution (R) 1hr 35min
11:55am, 2:40pm, 5:25pm, 8:00pm, 10:20pm

ParaNorman 3D (PG) 1hr 33min
2:25pm, 7:40pm

10 Years (PG-13) 1hr 40min
11:35am, 2:00pm, 4:45pm, 7:20pm, 9:55pm

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Put your feet up tonight, Libra

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ You are riding the crest of a wave. Take advantage of an opportunity that appears out of the blue. Your vision for what could occur probably is more of a possibility than you might imagine. Tonight: Where your friends are.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Zero in on what you know is effective when dealing with an elder or respected authority figure. In some way, you might want to be more authentic. There could be an element of resentment that surrounds you. Do not lash out. Tonight: Out with loved ones.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Your ability to get past an immediate issue emerges. You see what many people don't -- an alternative path. Do not hesitate, even if this way might appear offbeat. Tonight: Burn the candle at both ends.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Allow your imagination to come forward, and approach a situation very differently. A partner, associate or dear friend actively might be giving you feedback and direction. Use care with anger, whether it is yours or someone else's. Stay neutral. Tonight: Put on some music.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Deal with a partner directly, or else the mood could turn ugly. In discussions, you'll realize that you have many more options that you initially thought. A neighbor or sibling could be difficult as well. Bypass this person. Tonight: Be a duo.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Others flock to you. With one exception, everyone seems upbeat and friendly. Be careful with angry words, as they could be remembered for a long time. Tonight: Sort through invitations.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You could be taken aback by a situation. It is rare to find you speechless. Deal with strong feelings first, and allow more compassion to flow between you and someone else. Tonight: Put your feet up.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ Your creativity rises to an unprecedented level. Your way of handling anger might work for you, but not others. Keeping your feelings to yourself could cause depression. The question is: How do you express them in an appropriate manner? Tonight: Take a midweek break.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Try to establish better communication and a sense of community with others. Your way of thinking and handling a matter could change radically after getting input from others. An older friend could be difficult. Tonight: You do not need to go far.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Be aware of how much you indulge yourself right now. Ultimately, you might justify indulging a friend or loved, but ultimately it impacts you the same way. Be careful when expressing your displeasure with someone. Tonight: Return calls.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ You are in your element, though it is clear that someone else does not realize it. You might want to discuss a matter involving a friend at a distance; perhaps it is time for a trip. Tonight: Do some shopping you have putting off.

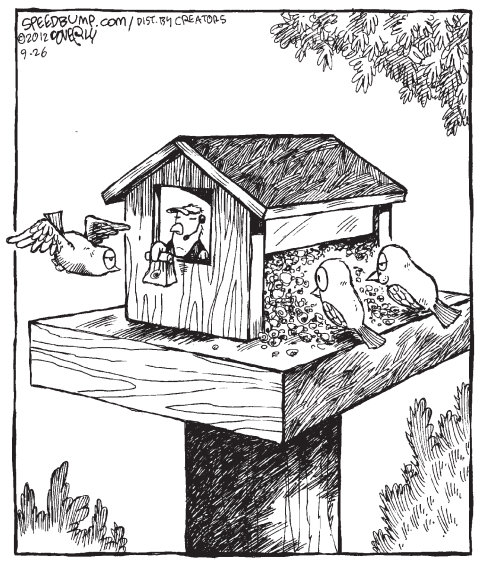
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★ Know when to back off and say "enough." You have experienced a lot of frustration lately. Having someone else add to the disagreeable commentary might be too much. Let someone know what your boundaries are. It is important for both of you. Tonight: Chill with friends.

Happy birthday

This year you learn to detach even more. It becomes very important for you to understand what is going on with higher-ups. There will be the version they present to you, and the authentic side they choose to reveal to others. Travel, education and people from a distance are fortunate for you. If you are single, your affectionate and demonstrative nature attracts many potential sweeties. It could be difficult to choose which one is right for you. If you are attached, the two of you benefit from taking some time away together to relax and reconnect. Schedule that vacation soon. AQUARIUS can be provocative.

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

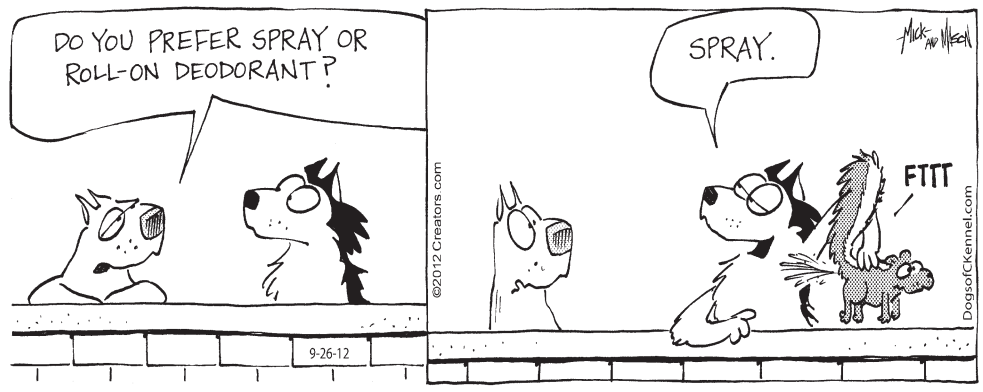
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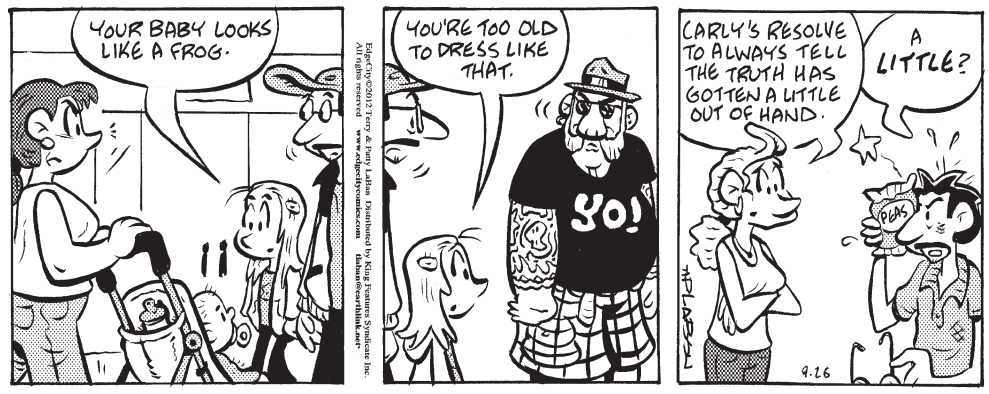
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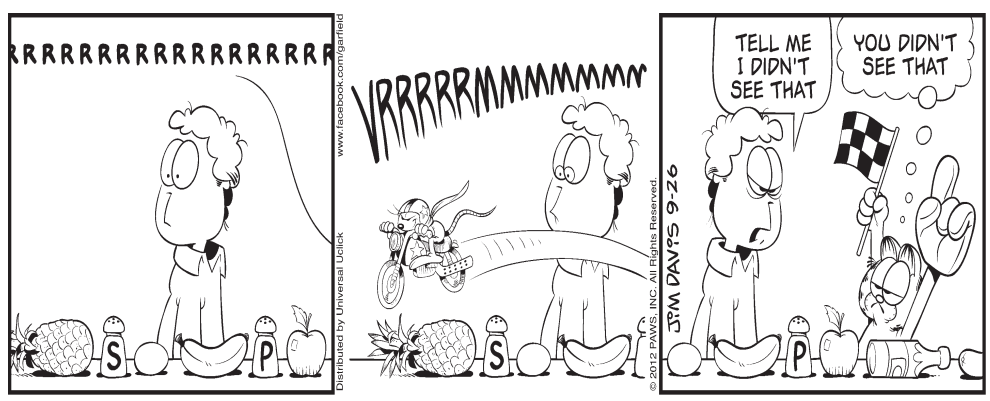
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Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★★

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

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GETTING STARTED

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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

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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Résumé listing
5 Internet computer
11 Poet Khayyám
12 Large lizard
13 It has its ups and downs
14 Chic
15 Peru coin
16 Turner and Clanton
17 Liszt's Concerto No. 1 in —
19 Keg need
22 Arkansas' — Mountains
24 Play part
26 Wander
27 Road division
28 Insolent look
30 Back biter
31 Approves
32 Radiate
34 Storage spot
35 Simile center
38 Submit, as a contest entry
41 Swear
42 Citation's jockey
43 Put on
44 Intensify
45 Spot

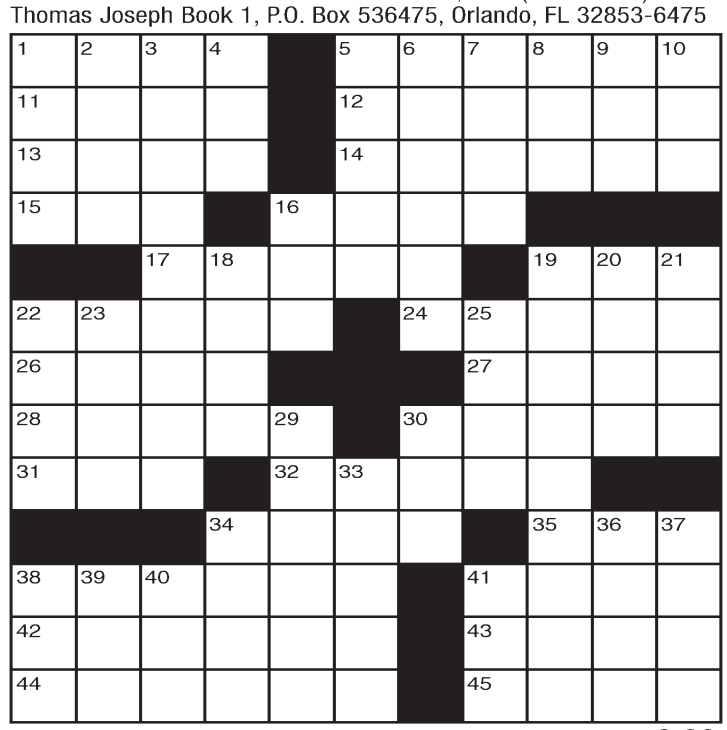
DOWN

1 Causes of happiness
2 Melville book
3 Food seasoners
4 Hit show letters
5 Alaskan city
6 Wading birds
7 Regrets
8 Big truck
9 Finish
10 Singer Charles
16 Sort
18 On the house
19 Some diviners read them
20 "The King and I" heroine
21 Equal
22 Words of approximation
23 Stupefy
25 Lummox
29 Put back on the payroll
30 Coffee, in slang
33 Inert gas
34 Open-handed hit
36 Bath need
37 Wrong
38 Fuming
39 Verb for you
40 Rink material
41 Reverence

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Yesterday's answer

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Meganumber:
Jackpot: $14M

SUPER LOTTO PLUS
Draw Date: 9/22
4 7 13 28 34
Meganumber: 4
Jackpot: $27M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 9/25
16 28 29 33 34

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 9/25
MIDDAY: 6 0 1
EVENING: 1 0 3

SANTA ANITA DERBY
Draw Date: 9/25
1st: 03 Hot Shot
2nd: 06 Whirl Win
3rd: 11 Money Bags
RACE TIME: 1:40.09

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Overtaking Washington, D.C., in Dysfunction: (1) Ever since Detroit prosecutor Kym Worthy found 11,000 "rape kits" lying idle on police shelves in 2009, she has been seeking funding to test them. In a progress report in August 2012, of the 400 kits deemed most likely to yield results, 21 "serial rapists" were identified. (Manpower to find the men is unavailable, and yet to be learned is whether any have committed additional rapes since 2009.) (2) Two hours after an early morning multiple-shooting in Detroit on Sept. 1, a 36-year-old man reported to a fire station to turn himself in. However, firefighters were unable to persuade police to come arrest him, and eventually, reported WXYZ-TV, the firefighters put the man in a taxi and sent him to a police station.

■ A 30-year-old man told Providence, R.I., told police in August that he was the victim of a sexual assault, and police are investigating. The man said he had gone to the North Main Street Spa for a professional massage and was unable to avoid a sex act administered by his "masseuse," "Yo Yo." (The Providence Journal did not publish his name because he claims to be the victim of a sex crime.)

TODAY IN HISTORY

1983 - Soviet military officer Stanislav Petrov averts a likely worldwide nuclear war by correctly identifying a report of an incoming nuclear missile as a computer error and not an American first strike.

1984 - The United Kingdom agrees to the handover of Hong Kong

1997 - A Garuda Indonesia Airbus A-300 crashes near Medan, Indonesia, airport, killing 234.

2000 - The MS Express Samina sinks off Paros in the Agean sea killing 80 passengers.

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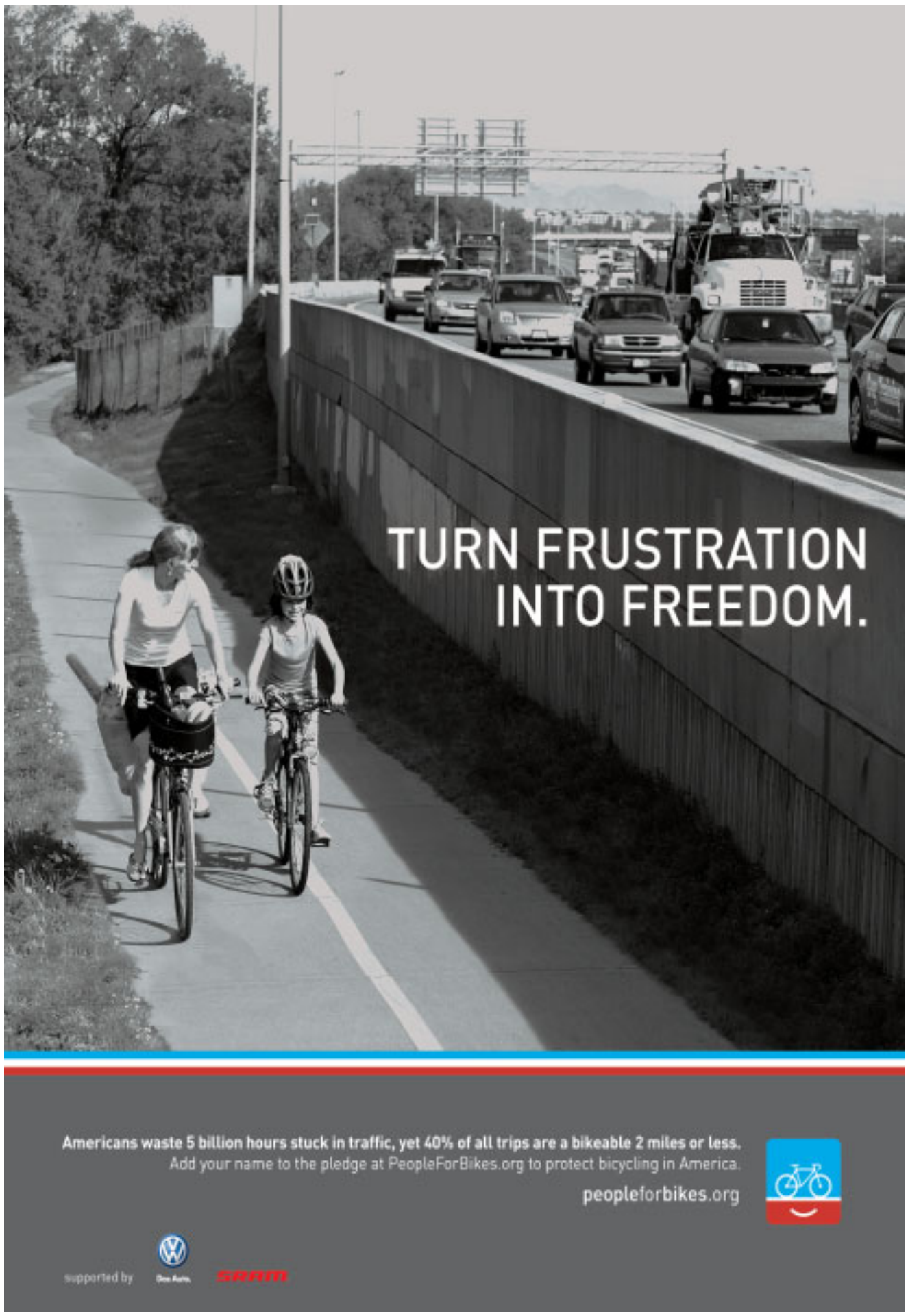
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This tax will not be imposed on all real estate transactions, a common misconception.

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The tax will fall only on individuals with an adjusted gross income (AGI) above $200,000 and couples filing a joint return with more than $250,000 AGI (adjusted gross income).

Applies to:
- Individuals with adjusted gross income (AGI) above $200,000
- Couples filing a joint return with more than $250,000 AGI

Types of Income:
- Interest, dividends, rents (less expenses), capital gains (less capital losses)

Formula: The new tax applies to the LESSER of
- Investment income amount
- Excess of Adjusted Gross Income over the $200,000 or $250,000 amount

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