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THE PLANNING FOR SQUIRM NIGHT ISSUE



Brandon Wise *brandonw@smdp.com*

PICKING UP: **Volunteers explore the sand in search of debris north of the Santa Monica Pier during Heal the Bay's Coastal Cleanup Day on Saturday. The Coastal Cleanup gathers hundreds of volunteers together to walk along picking up trash on the beaches of Southern California.**

Record number clean local waters

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

SM BAY An all-time number of volunteers last Saturday collected more than 100,000 pounds of ocean-bound trash from local waters as part of Heal the Bay's 21st annual Coastal Cleanup Day.

Despite blazing heat throughout the region, participants scoured Southland beaches, inland waterways, regional parks and urban neighborhoods. Some 14,131 volunteers mobilized from 9 a.m. to noon at 65 sites throughout the county, covering 101 miles, according to officials with Heal the Bay.

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Bayside wants food truck ban

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN In a move that could run up against a legal barrier, the board of the Bayside District Corp. has formally urged the City Council to ban food trucks from doing business in Downtown Santa Monica.

The organization's 13-member board of direc-

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Saint John's NICU fondly remembered

BY SAM SCHAEFER
Special to the Daily Press

MID-CITY Emily Kay Tillman didn't know if her newborn twins were going to survive. They were born premature — just shy of 27 weeks — and weighed about 2 pounds each.

But when she walked into the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at Saint John's Health Center just a month after they were born, she saw that a nurse had dressed her baby girls in

SEE NICU PAGE 10

City Hall employees to pay for health insurance

Editor's note: This story is part of an ongoing series that tracks the city's expenditures appearing on upcoming Santa Monica City Council consent agendas. Consent agenda items are routinely passed by the City Council with little or no discussion from elected officials or the public. However, many of the items have been part of public discussion in the past.

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL For the first time, City Hall employees will have to contribute significantly toward the cost of their health insurance premiums under a new "memorandum of understanding" the City Council is being asked to approve tonight.

The proposed agreement would establish the terms of healthcare coverage for all City Hall employees except for police officers, who have a separate health insurance deal.

Under the proposed arrangement, "each active eligible employee will contribute a pre-tax monthly flat dollar amount toward the medical premium for their city-provided medical insurance plan" beginning Jan. 1, a City Hall report stated.

City Hall currently pays 100 percent of premium costs for employees and their families.

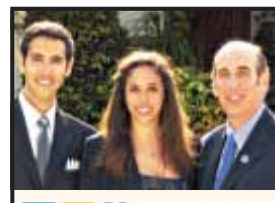
The City Hall report did not state how much employees will be required to pay, but mentioned the agreement would save $1.1 million over its 18-month term. It also said a "reserve/trust account established in 2005 will be utilized to subsidize a portion of the employee's contribution."

Donna Peter, director of Human Resources, could not be reached for comment on the proposed deal.

City Councilman Kevin McKeown

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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA AND SURROUNDS



Tuesday, Sept. 28, 2010

Official business
Santa Monica City Hall
1685 Main St., 5:30 p.m.
Watch the City Council in action during its regular meeting. The meeting begins with a closed session. The public portion usually begins after 6 p.m. For more info, visit smgov.net/departments/council.

Honoring the Sea, World Fest of Sacred Music Closing Ceremony
Santa Monica Beach at the end of Ocean Park Boulevard
3 p.m. — Sundown
The ceremony will feature over 300 artists demonstrating sacred traditions from seven world cultures. Among the performances are Pasadena Scottish Pipes and Drums ensemble, the brass Banda Juvenil Solaga, the Agape Choir, as well as dance groups from a variety of cultures.
For more information, call (310) 825-0507.

Poetry and verse
Barnes & Noble
1201 Third Street Promenade
10:30 a.m.
Improve your poetry skills and appreciation every Tuesday with Bill Robertson of Santa Monica Emeritus College.
Visit www.greenpoets.com for more information.

'Unzipped'
Santa Monica Public Library
Martin Luther King, Jr. Auditorium
3 p.m. — 5 p.m.
"Unzipped" details fashion designer Isaac Mizrahi's planning of his 1994 fall collection. The movie features Naomi Campbell, Cindy Crawford and more supermodels of the day.

Wednesday, Sept. 29, 2010

Downward dog
Annenberg Community Beach House
9 a.m. — 10 a.m.
Relax with a weekly yoga session at the Annenberg Community Beach House. Practice your downward dogs and lotus positions in harmony, while you take in the ocean breeze. To sign up, visit recenroll.smgov.net.

Calling foodies
Downtown Santa Monica
8:30 a.m. — 1:30 p.m.
Get the freshest of the fresh at this weekly Famrers' Market.
For more info, visit www01.smgov.net/farmersmarket.

For more information on any of the events listed, log on to smdp.com and click the "Events" tab for the given day's calendar.

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Meet the City Council candidates

ELECTION 2010

Santa Monicans have critical decisions to make come November when they will be asked to cast votes for candidates running for the City Council, SMMUSD school board, the Santa Monica College Board of Trustees and the Rent Control Board. To help make those decisions easier, the Daily Press created a questionnaire that asks candidates to give their opinions on key issues affecting the city by the sea. Here they are, published in the order in which candidates will appear on the Nov. 2 ballot.



GLEAM DAVIS

• **NAME:** GLEAM DAVIS
• **AGE:** 54
• **OCCUPATION:** CORPORATE COUNSEL
• **MARITAL STATUS/CHILDREN: MARRIED 18 YEARS TO JOHN PRINDLE;** WE HAVE A 13-YEAR-OLD SON, JACKSON
• **YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD? HOW LONG HAVE YOU LIVED THERE?:** WE HAVE LIVED NORTH OF MONTANA FOR 11 YEARS. I ALSO HAVE LIVED IN OCEAN PARK AND WILMONT.
• **YOUR MODE OF TRANSPORTATION/MODEL, MAKE AND YEAR OF YOUR RIDE?:** 2005 CADILLAC SRX.
• **OWN OR RENT?** OWN

• DO YOU SUPPORT MEASURE Y, THE HALF-CENT SALES TAX INCREASE? IF SO, DO YOU THINK HALF OF THE MONEY GENERATED BY THE INCREASE SHOULD GO TO LOCAL PUBLIC SCHOOLS?

Yes and yes.

• WHAT ARE YOU READING?

I am reading "Freedom" and a book about our relationship with animals entitled "Some We Love, Some We Hate, Some We Eat."

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• **NAME:** LINDA ARMSTRONG
• **AGE:** DECLINED TO STATE
• **OCCUPATION:** DATA ENTRY OPERATOR/COMPUTER RESEARCH
• **MARITAL STATUS/CHILDREN:** SINGLE
• **YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD? HOW LONG HAVE YOU LIVED THERE?:** DECLINED TO STATE/20 YEARS
• **YOUR MODE OF TRANSPORTATION/MODEL, MAKE AND YEAR OF YOUR RIDE?:** BUS/BIKE
• **OWN OR RENT?** RENT

• DO YOU SUPPORT MEASURE Y, THE HALF-CENT SALES TAX INCREASE? IF SO, DO YOU THINK HALF OF THE MONEY GENERATED BY THE INCREASE SHOULD GO TO LOCAL PUBLIC SCHOOLS?

Yes to both.

• WHAT ARE YOU READING?

Sue Grafton: "U is for Undertow."

• DO YOU BELIEVE THERE IS ENOUGH PARKING DOWNTOWN? IF NOT, WHAT DO YOU PLAN TO DO ABOUT IT?

We need light rail, more Tide buses.

• NOW THAT THE BROAD MUSEUM IS OUT OF PLAY, WHAT SHOULD CITY HALL DO WITH THE CIVIC CENTER PARKING LOT?

Relieve parking scarcity.

• WHEN YOU WERE A KID, WHAT DID YOU WANT TO BE WHEN YOU GREW UP?

An astronomer.

• LOCAL BUSINESSES PROVIDE THE MAJORITY OF THE CITY'S GENERAL FUND REVENUES, YET SANTA MONICA HAS A REPUTATION FOR BEING A DIFFICULT PLACE TO DO BUSINESS. HOW WOULD YOU ENTICE MORE BUSINESSES, DIFFERENT BUSINESSES, TO OPEN UP SHOP? HOW CAN CITY HALL HELP THOSE BUSINESSES

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SUSAN HARTLEY

• **NAME:** SUSAN HARTLEY
• **AGE:** 65
• **OCCUPATION:** TENANT/EMPLOYEE ATTORNEY
• **MARITAL STATUS/CHILDREN:** SINGLE/25-YEAR OLD DAUGHTER
• **YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD? HOW LONG HAVE YOU LIVED THERE?:** SUNSET PARK FOR NINE YEARS; SOUTH OF MONTANA AVENUE FOR TWO YEARS; NORTH OF MONTANA FOR FOUR YEARS
• **YOUR MODE OF TRANSPORTATION/MODEL, MAKE AND YEAR OF YOUR RIDE?:** 2005 TOYOTA PRIUS
• **OWN OR RENT?:** MORTGAGED TO THE HILT FOR EIGHT YEARS. PREVIOUSLY, RENTER FOR 37 YEARS

• DO YOU SUPPORT MEASURE Y, THE HALF-CENT SALES TAX INCREASE? IF SO, DO YOU THINK HALF OF THE MONEY GENERATED BY THE INCREASE SHOULD GO TO LOCAL PUBLIC SCHOOLS?

I do not support Measure Y. I am not for more taxes. These are hard times for everyone. As [Mayor] Bobby Shriver has said, there is no guarantee under Y and YY that any of the money generated will go to the schools. Instead, I support the City Council allocating the proposed $6 million to the schools from its over half-a-billion-dollar budget. However, should Measure Y pass, I would demand that half of the projected $12 million go to the

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Unanswered questions about Glow

Editor:

How wonderful that Nina Vargas of San Dimas and Helen "Pineapple" O'Neil of Ventura County had a good time on Santa Monica's dime ("Glow fills the night," Sept. 17, page 1). When the local public schools need help, when Emeritus College is cutting out its senior exercise classes, is this the right time for our city to be throwing a party for the neighbors? On one hand our city officials are asking us to approve a half cent increase, bringing our sales tax to 10.25 percent, one of the highest in the U.S. On the other hand they're spending how many thousands, millions of dollars on Glow?

Just who benefits from Glow? If City Hall wants to support culture, direct grants to local artists would be faster and cheaper. Did neighborhood businesses see an increase in customers? How much is the real bill, including payments to the exhibitors, overtime for the police and clean-up crews, city staff hours for planning, etc.? How many people attended? And that works out to how much per person? Those are the questions the Santa Monica Daily Press should be asking City Hall for a follow-up story.

H.P. Epstein
Santa Monica

Bikers are arrogant

Editor:

Pedestrians are the collateral damage in the green war between cyclists and autos in Santa Monica. I've been hit by a cyclist on the Main Street sidewalk, forced into the Neilson Way gutter by a couple of high, wide-handled beach cruisers, and often buzzed by cyclists in digitally timed protected crosswalks throughout Santa Monica. Autos may not yield to a pedestrian in a crosswalk, and may even run lights, but more cyclists raise their voices in indignation and middle fingers to pedestrians than do hermetically-sealed, smart-phoned-distracted drivers. Too many cyclists are auto obsessed and pedestrian clueless. The cyclist motto seems to be "I'm green so I have the clear right of way in every situation – don't break my stride!"

Leif Johanson
Santa Monica

Behind closed doors

Editor:

Re: "Officials solve AZ boycott headache," Wednesday, Sept. 22.

I was amazed to learn that City Hall avoided the competitive bid process for building the manufactured homes at the Mountain View Mobile Home Park. It seems that this type of action was banned 50 to 60 years ago because of egregious abuses by public officials. It became evident then that in order to ensure impartiality, transparency and cost effectiveness in public spending, no-contract bids were disallowed above a nominal amount.

It is clear that there is no assurance of objectivity when negotiations occur behind closed doors. Weren't laws enacted to prohibit this kind of activity?

"Sidestepping" laws enacted to ensure transparency and impartiality in contract bidding processes only brings us back to the corrupt spoils system. There can be no argument that the end justifies the means.

Ronnie Peters
Santa Monica





Back to Nature

Reese Halter — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Bet on Moore's Law to capture sunshine, change our world

THE PRICE OF FOSSIL FUELS IS SOARING; burning them releases greenhouse gases, and a byproduct from coal energy is toxic mercury vapour, which has contaminated the Arctic and now melt-waters are circulating mercury in our oceans.

For every problem there are at least three solutions.

Silicon Valley venture capitalists like the legendary John Doerr, Vinrod Khosla (co-founder of SunMirco Systems), Larry Page (co-founder of Google) and the late John Walton (of the Wal-Mart family) are pouring billions of dollars into start-ups developing photovoltaic cells, which convert sunlight directly to electricity.

In the 1960s, innovators and investors believed that the computer industry would revolutionize our lives. They took it from zero machines to almost a billion in 30 years, doubling processing speed every 24 months or less and cutting costs in half each time the speed doubled.

In 1965, Intel co-founder Dr. Gordon Moore predicted that the number of transistors on a chip doubles about every two years. He was correct and it's known as Moore's Law.

Innovators and investors today are betting on Moore's Law to capture sunshine and change the world again.

In 2007, the total solar capacity worldwide was just 6.6 gigawatts, compared to more than 1,000 gigawatts for coal. In the U.S., solar cells provided less than 0.05 percent of the electricity supplied. By 2013, solar energy will be producing at least 75 gigawatts or an elevenfold increase from today.

Currently, the shortfall is a cost effective means of storage because of the nature of sunlight not shinning 24 hours a day, every day of the year. The same problem confronts other renewable energy sources — particularly wind.

Research is forging ahead on improving batteries and developing storage technologies like excess electricity to pump water up into reservoirs for use later in hydroelectric generators.

The cost of solar energy is, for the meantime, expensive.

There are three different ways the industry is attacking the cost problem. The first approach is to increase efficiencies of existing technologies while lowering the cost of crystalline-silicon cells. The second strategy is to jump to cheap next-generation nanotechnologies by producing quantities of photovoltaic foil or fabric (likened by some to Astroturf) even if it generates less energy per square foot. The third plan is a premium price for quality — innovators are cramming the most efficiency onto the smallest possible cells, wrapping the cells into optics using mirrors and concentrating the sun's intensity by 500 to 1,000 times.

The cost of outfitting the average home with solar panels is about $21,000 or enough to generate approximately 3 kilowatts. Those panels will last for at least 30 years. That works out to be about $7 per watt, when it drops to $1 per watt it out competes coal. But don't forget, in the U.S., the coal industry receives $18 billion a year in subsidies.

Every hour the sun bathes the Earth with as much energy as all human civilization uses in an entire year.

If only 9.5 percent of that energy were converted to electricity — a piece of land 116 square miles on a side could produce enough electricity to power the entire North American continent.

In 2007, China became the third largest producer of solar cells, behind Japan and Germany. Chinese venture capitalists raised billions and along the way created several new billionaires.

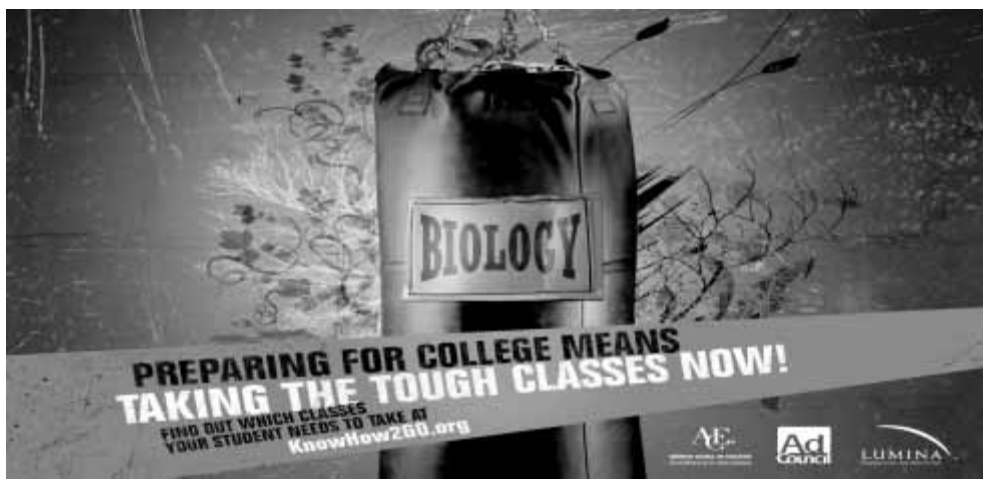
One Chinese company, Suntech, is worth about $6 billion, employs 35,000 people and sells 90 percent of its output to Germany.

Phoenix-based First Solar was founded in 1990 when John Walton infused a quarter of a billion dollars into the company. Today, the company's value exceeds $5 billion with long-term contracts to generate almost 800 megawatts for European and Canadian buyers — nearly eight times the total shipped in 2006 from every solar factory in the U.S.

In order to stabilize our climate by mid-century we must globally reduce our dependency on fossil fuels by at least 80 percent.

Innovators, investors and even our children understand that the 19th century fossil-fuel technologies are expensive and outdated, and they are polluting our planet. Clearly, it is time for both Canadian and U.S. federal governments to stop subsidizing fossil fuels, impeding progress with clean renewable energy technologies and once and for all impose a North American carbon emission cap.

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What's the Point?

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Media misses mark on story

THE HEADLINE READ, "CALIFORNIA SPERM donor stalks lesbian mother." The problem is this, there was no stalking, it was a paternity case gone awry. I should know. I represented the sperm donor.

The article as written by Susan Donaldson James, a graduate of Columbia University in journalism, and published by ABCNews.go.com. It was largely taken from a press release without adequate fact checking, or contacting both sides. A classic case of yellow journalism.

In an effort to set the record straight, I prepared a line-by-line response that was sent to Dan Childs, editor for ABCNews. It was also sent to The Advocate. Neither publication has responded or printed a correction almost two weeks later.

When the article first hit, I received a phone call from a reporter for the Santa Monica Daily Press. He didn't know that I was the attorney for the father, since that wasn't in the press release or article. We talked about the deficiencies and the resulting coverage in the Daily Press had my innocuous quotes. Since I write for the Daily Press, I did not expect to be showcased. It's that journalistic ethics thing, my editor abides by it, and it is distressing that ABCNews didn't.

The press release I reviewed was sent out by "K. Pearson Brown." It referred to the lesbian mother as Karen B. Coincidentally they are the same person. Ms. Brown tried to make this look as if she was removed from the case, for as a well trained publicist, she knew that the likelihood of the article being picked up would increase, if it didn't look like she was just a lesbian with an ax to grind.

This was the same deceptive tactic that she used in court. She claims to be a feminist, but when the chips are down she conveniently claims that she is, but a frail woman, and the chivalrous thing to do, is to give her what she wants.

This case turned on one issue, whether or not she knew what she was doing when she signed a Voluntary Declaration of Paternity (VDP). The VDP is a simple, one-page form that is prepared by the hospital when a child is born to unmarried parents. It is written in language a sixth grader can understand. Primarily it is used to lock fathers down to paternity for child support. In California, if you don't contest the document within 60 days, it is considered a judgment for all purposes.

But evidently, if you are a woman, you can wait two years, all the while collecting child support from the presumed father, and then you can change your mind. You can claim that when you signed it, three days after giving birth, that you were too drugged and tired to know what you were signing. Not one woman I have asked about this believes she didn't know what she was doing three days after birth. Categorically their response is, "she knew."

It's ironic that Brown, who claims to be a voice for the feminist lesbian community and says that women are powerful and can be masters of their own destiny, would turn around and use the "damsel in distress" defense.

When she and Daniel were first contemplating having a child, she was the drafter of their agreement. An agreement the court referred to as "amateurish." This was not the usual 30 page agreement that would be used for an egg (or sperm) donation. It was one page, poorly constructed and poorly written. And for Daniel, English is a second language.

They met when Brown replied to Daniel's ad. That's a crucial point — it was his advert that she responded to. He wanted to be a father: an active, involved, engaged, child-support paying father. Which is precisely what Brown got. He attended the baby check ups, he had holidays and playdates and paid his child support without demand. He was a perfect father, right up to the time when he wanted more visitation with his son. Suddenly he is "just a sperm donor" — her words.

They agreed that Daniel would be on the birth certificate as the father. She cashed each of the child support checks he wrote voluntarily for two years. She dressed the child in the clothing that Daniel bought at Bloomingdale's. She and Daniel are listed as parents on the baptism certificate. It was announced in the papers in Brazil that he was a father.

Contrary to her portrayal, there was no win in this case. It never came before the court for a hearing on the final issue, as the parties entered into a stipulation so that Karen Brown would get what she wanted, full custody, and Daniel would get continued visitation.

Brown issued a press release to get this story written, months after the case was done. I have no idea what her motivation was. Paternity cases are traditionally confidential, but if the parties decide to make it public there's no law against it.

Which is probably why ABCNews and Susan Donaldson James felt this was a great opportunity to take one side of the story, sensationalize it with an inflammatory headline and did not bother to fact check.

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The Q Line

Still glowing?

Santa Monica held its bi-annual Glow art event on Saturday with people coming from across SoCal to take in the art.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
Did you attend Glow? If so, what worked and what didn't?

Call (310) 285-8106 before Friday at 5 p.m. and we'll print your answers in the weekend edition of the Daily Press.

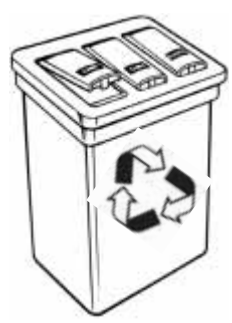
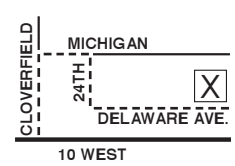

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• DO YOU BELIEVE THERE IS ENOUGH PARKING DOWNTOWN? IF NOT, WHAT DO YOU PLAN TO DO ABOUT IT?

We have a large number of parking spaces in Downtown but we need to manage them better. The structures near the Third Street Promenade fill up early in the day and stay full while more distant structures (such as the Civic Center and Main Library) are relatively empty. We need to incentivize drivers to park in these underutilized structures. In addition, when Parking Structure 3 is demolished as part of the new AMC movie theater project, we will have to compensate for the loss of that parking; perhaps by adding new parking on nearby City Hall-owned land.

• NOW THAT THE BROAD MUSEUM IS OUT OF PLAY, WHAT SHOULD CITY HALL DO WITH THE CIVIC CENTER PARKING LOT?

City Hall should fulfill its promise to place cultural facilities in the Civic Center. In the meantime, City Hall also should finalize its plans for a child care center in the Civic Center and move forward with its construction.

• WHEN YOU WERE A KID, WHAT DID YOU WANT TO BE WHEN YOU GREW UP?

A lawyer.

• LOCAL BUSINESSES PROVIDE THE MAJORITY OF THE CITY'S GENERAL FUND REVENUES, YET SANTA MONICA HAS A REPUTATION FOR BEING A DIFFICULT PLACE TO DO BUSINESS. HOW WOULD YOU ENTICE MORE BUSINESSES, DIFFERENT BUSINESSES, TO OPEN UP SHOP? HOW CAN CITY HALL HELP THOSE BUSINESSES THAT ARE STRUGGLING IN THE CURRENT ECONOMY?

City Hall needs to streamline permitting and other processes that place an undue burden on business. City Hall also should continue to support business development efforts such as the "Buy Local" program and business promotion organizations like the Convention and Visitors Bureau.

• L.A. RECENTLY GREATLY REDUCED PATIENTS' ACCESS TO MEDICAL MARIJUANA. DO YOU SUPPORT MEDICAL MARIJUANA DISPENSARIES IN SANTA MONICA?

No. Prescription medicines, including marijuana, should be dispensed by a licensed pharmacy.

• SHOULD SMOKING BE BANNED WITHIN APARTMENTS?

No. I am not in favor of the government regulating lawful personal behavior within someone's home.

• WHAT WOULD YOU DO TO MAKE SANTA MONICA MORE BIKE FRIENDLY?

First, we need to create and implement a new bike action plan that establishes meaningful bicycle connectivity throughout Santa Monica and identifies the type of infrastructure we need to support cycling and cyclists. Second, we should have more events that encourage bike riding such as the planned Cyclovia, where a city street will be closed to automobile traffic but open to cyclists and pedestrians.

• WHAT'S THE BIGGEST THREAT FACING THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN SANTA MONICA?

Traffic. Traffic is a regional problem so I support regional solutions such as more and better mass transit. Locally, we need to provide better transit options to move people around the city and we must enforce the provision of the new Land Use and Circulation Element that requires new developments to mitigate their traffic impacts.

• DOWNTOWN PROPERTIES OWNED BY CITY HALL. SHOULD PARKING BE THE TOP PRIORITY OR SHOULD HOUSING COME FIRST?

Downtown developments should be mixed use so that they provide pedestrian-friendly commercial ground floors with housing on the upper floors. Shared parking facilities could be built underground.

• DO YOU SUPPORT THE CLOSURE OF SANTA MONICA AIRPORT IN 2015? IF SO, WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO REPLACE IT WITH AND HOW WOULD YOU MAKE UP FOR THE LOSS IN REVENUE GENERATED BY AIRPORT OPERATIONS, LEASE AGREEMENTS?

I do not support a complete closure of the airport. It is part of Santa Monica's history and it could prove to be an important link to medical and relief services in an emergency situation. I do believe, however, that all jet traffic should be banned from the airport and that the volume of piston engine aircraft traffic should be kept within reasonable limits.

• DO YOU BELIEVE IN PENSION REFORM AND SHOULD SANTA MONICA EMPLOYEES CONTRIBUTE MORE TOWARD THEIR HEALTHCARE AND RETIREMENT BENEFITS?

With regard to pensions, it is important for City Hall to honor the commitments it has made to its employees, particularly long-term employees. As for health care costs, the current economic downturn has forced City Hall to ask employees to contribute to their healthcare premiums. I am hopeful that a strategic combination of ongoing budget reductions and revenue increases will allow City Hall to minimize these employee contributions so that City Hall can offer a good benefit package that attracts and retains excellent employees.

• WHEN IT COMES TO GETTING PUBLIC BENEFITS FROM DEVELOPERS, WHAT SHOULD BE THE TOP PRIORITY: AFFORDABLE HOUSING, PUBLIC ART, CASH MONEY, BIKE LANES OR CARPOOLING?

Every new development in the city should offer certain baseline public benefits: sustainable building practices; facilities for cyclists; traffic management plans; and a commitment to local hiring. Beyond that, the type of public benefits offered will depend on the nature of the development and the needs and input of nearby residents.

• WOULD YOU SUPPORT PLACING A LIMIT ON THE AMOUNT OF TIME COUNCIL MEMBERS CAN SPEAK ON A PARTICULAR ITEM DURING MEETINGS?

No. I believe that it is important for council members to fully express their thoughts on matters they are discussing so that the public has some insight into how they arrived at their decisions and decision making is transparent.

• WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME YOU RODE A BIKE OR TOOK BIG BLUE BUS?

I often take the Big Blue Bus (Route 10) to work and I took the 3 bus to LAX for a Labor Day trip. I have not been on my bike in awhile.

• DOES THE HOUSING-FIRST MODEL WORK FOR ADDRESSING THE HOMELESS ISSUE OR SHOULD WE FOCUS ON BUILDING MORE EMERGENCY SHELTERS TO GET PEOPLE OFF THE STREETS IMMEDIATELY?

Homelessness is a complex, multi-dimen-

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schools whether or not YY passes. This is in line with my commitment to listen to residents. As a former teacher and parent, continuing to provide an excellent education to Santa Monica youth is a top priority of mine.

• WHAT ARE YOU READING?

Rachel Carson's "Silent Spring." I personally relate to her being the founder of the environmental movement, a woman, and a fellow breast cancer victim.

• DO YOU BELIEVE THERE IS ENOUGH PARKING DOWNTOWN? IF NOT, WHAT DO YOU PLAN TO DO ABOUT IT?

No. Existing parking structures should not be destroyed as planned. Any new building in Downtown should be required to have enough underground parking to satisfy the building's users. For example, the proposed mega-AMC Theater Project and its resulting 570 net new theater seats will have no underground parking. This project calls for the destruction of Parking Structure 3 and the construction of another parking structure at a different location. That is ridiculous. Keep Parking Structure 3 and make the AMC Theater developers put in underground parking. City Hall needs to remember that we can drive to the Westside Pavilion or the Marina and park underneath or near the theaters for free.

• NOW THAT THE BROAD MUSEUM IS OUT OF PLAY, WHAT SHOULD CITY HALL DO WITH THE CIVIC CENTER PARKING LOT?

Designate part of the property for the Santa Monica Archival Museum as Bruria Finkel suggested. The remainder of the property should be a park like Clover Park, including soccer fields and tennis courts. There should be underground parking, diagonal bikeways and pedestrian walkway loops.

• WHEN YOU WERE A KID, WHAT DID YOU WANT TO BE WHEN YOU GREW UP?

An inner-city teacher fighting social inequality by bringing equal educational opportunity to my students.

• LOCAL BUSINESSES PROVIDE THE MAJORITY OF THE CITY'S GENERAL FUND REVENUES, YET SANTA MONICA HAS A REPUTATION FOR BEING A DIFFICULT PLACE TO DO BUSINESS. HOW WOULD YOU ENTICE MORE BUSINESSES, DIFFERENT BUSINESSES, TO OPEN UP SHOP? HOW CAN CITY HALL HELP THOSE BUSINESSES THAT ARE STRUGGLING IN THE CURRENT ECONOMY?

I would not build up Lincoln and the east-west boulevards as called for in the LUCE. The small businesses there are doomed under LUCE. Businesses know this and will understandably go elsewhere. City Hall can help struggling businesses by not raising the sales tax, driving customers to neighboring areas.

• L.A. RECENTLY GREATLY REDUCED PATIENTS' ACCESS TO MEDICAL MARIJUANA. DO YOU SUPPORT MEDICAL MARIJUANA DISPENSARIES IN SANTA MONICA?

No. There appear to be sufficient dispensaries in neighboring cities. If the need arises for a medical marijuana dispensary in Santa Monica, it should be closely monitored and housed at a local hospital.

• SHOULD SMOKING BE BANNED WITHIN APARTMENTS?

Yes. The ban should be through attrition only. No existing tenant who smokes should be evicted. When smoke seeps into neighboring units, landlords should be required to mitigate so that no tenant has to breathe their neighbor's secondhand smoke. Units and then buildings could gradually over time be designated "No Smoking Apartment Buildings."

• WHAT WOULD YOU DO TO MAKE SANTA MONICA MORE BIKE FRIENDLY?

Every Sunday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. restrict Broadway (Centinela to Ocean) to bicycles, skaters, skateboarders, and pedestrians only so it becomes a safe conduit for residents all over Santa Monica to ride to the beach and Downtown. Paint bike lanes green. Create more bike lanes so there is a real bicycle network throughout Santa Monica.

• WHAT'S THE BIGGEST THREAT FACING THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN SANTA MONICA?

All the development and resulting traffic. We're busting at the seams. Where will we get the water to sustain the development? Where will the development's sewage go?

• DOWNTOWN PROPERTIES OWNED BY CITY HALL. SHOULD PARKING BE THE TOP PRIORITY OR SHOULD HOUSING COME FIRST?

Neither. Downtown is already over-developed. The City Hall-owned Downtown properties should become open space, possibly with underground parking.

• DO YOU SUPPORT THE CLOSURE OF SANTA MONICA AIRPORT IN 2015? IF SO, WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO REPLACE IT WITH AND HOW WOULD YOU MAKE UP FOR THE LOSS IN REVENUE GENERATED BY AIRPORT OPERATIONS, LEASE AGREEMENTS?

Definitely yes. It's a Love Canal in our midst. L.A. and Santa Monica residents should not be subjected to the daily pollution, noise, and crash risks. There will be no revenue loss to City Hall. The airport actually drains money from City Hall. Revenues generated by the airport are solely used to maintain the airport and its staff. When airport maintenance funds are insufficient, City Hall kicks in additional revenue to maintain the airport, such as $1.227 million this year for runway resurfacing and inspection. The airport should be converted to a great park like at El Toro and in Berlin. The golf course that used to be there should be returned. A solar and windmill farm should be installed to help make Santa Monica totally energy independent.

• DO YOU BELIEVE IN PENSION REFORM AND SHOULD SANTA MONICA EMPLOYEES CONTRIBUTE MORE TOWARD THEIR HEALTHCARE AND RETIREMENT BENEFITS?

Yes. Everybody else does.

• WHEN IT COMES TO GETTING PUBLIC BENEFITS FROM DEVELOPERS, WHAT SHOULD BE THE TOP PRIORITY: AFFORDABLE HOUSING, PUBLIC ART, CASH MONEY, BIKE LANES OR CARPOOLING?

The top priority should be reduced height and density so that we can see the sky, the horizon, the ocean, and the mountains. We don't need developments higher than two floors. All developments should have setbacks around the perimeter to eliminate the "canyonization" of Santa Monica. We don't want to become New York with palm trees. Every new development must be energy self-sufficient. Adequate parking for the development's users is mandatory. The best public benefit for Santa Monica is for developers to go elsewhere.

• WOULD YOU SUPPORT PLACING A LIMIT ON

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THAT ARE STRUGGLING IN THE CURRENT ECONOMY?

Streamline licensing process. Subsidize living wage.

• L.A. RECENTLY GREATLY REDUCED PATIENTS' ACCESS TO MEDICAL MARIJUANA. DO YOU SUPPORT MEDICAL MARIJUANA DISPENSARIES IN SANTA MONICA?

Yes.

• SHOULD SMOKING BE BANNED WITHIN APARTMENTS?

No. Smoking is legal. There should be no restrictions. Possible smoke-free sections of restaurants, at the discretion of restaurant owners.

• WHAT WOULD YOU DO TO MAKE SANTA MONICA MORE BIKE FRIENDLY?

Bike lanes.

• WHAT'S THE BIGGEST THREAT FACING THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN SANTA MONICA?

The recession; unemployment leading to homelessness.

• DOWNTOWN PROPERTIES OWNED BY CITY HALL. SHOULD PARKING BE THE TOP PRIORITY OR SHOULD HOUSING COME FIRST?

Housing.

• DO YOU SUPPORT THE CLOSURE OF SANTA MONICA AIRPORT IN 2015? IF SO, WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO REPLACE IT WITH AND HOW WOULD YOU MAKE UP FOR THE LOSS IN REVENUE GENERATED BY AIRPORT OPERATIONS, LEASE AGREEMENTS?

Not closure. Only banning of jets except for emergencies.

• DO YOU BELIEVE IN PENSION REFORM AND SHOULD SANTA MONICA EMPLOYEES CONTRIBUTE MORE TOWARD THEIR HEALTHCARE AND RETIREMENT BENEFITS?

Yes.

• WHEN IT COMES TO GETTING PUBLIC BENEFITS FROM DEVELOPERS, WHAT SHOULD BE THE TOP PRIORITY: AFFORDABLE HOUSING, PUBLIC ART, CASH MONEY, BIKE LANES OR CARPOOLING?

Affordable housing, then public art.

• WOULD YOU SUPPORT PLACING A LIMIT ON THE AMOUNT OF TIME COUNCIL MEMBERS CAN SPEAK ON A PARTICULAR ITEM DURING MEETINGS?

Yes.

• WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME YOU RODE A BIKE OR TOOK BIG BLUE BUS?

Today.

• DOES THE HOUSING-FIRST MODEL WORK FOR ADDRESSING THE HOMELESS ISSUE OR SHOULD WE FOCUS ON BUILDING MORE EMERGENCY SHELTERS TO GET PEOPLE OFF THE STREETS IMMEDIATELY?

Shelter is an immediate need. Housing first helps one percent of the homeless population.

• FREE FORM: WHAT'S PUTTING A BURR UNDER YOUR SADDLE?

The City Council's banning smoking while ignoring real emergency situations — minimizing the plight of the homeless.

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THE AMOUNT OF TIME COUNCIL MEMBERS CAN SPEAK ON A PARTICULAR ITEM DURING MEETINGS?

Yes. There is too much pointless rambling. Council members would be required to show respect to people making public comments, not insult them.

• WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME YOU RODE A BIKE OR TOOK BIG BLUE BUS?

Today.

• DOES THE HOUSING-FIRST MODEL WORK FOR ADDRESSING THE HOMELESS ISSUE OR SHOULD WE FOCUS ON BUILDING MORE EMERGENCY SHELTERS TO GET PEOPLE OFF THE STREETS IMMEDIATELY?

Both are proven to be equally essential.

• FREE FORM: WHAT'S PUTTING A BURR UNDER YOUR SADDLE?

Pointless wars. Every Sunday when I volunteer at Arlington West I am appalled at the number of our military killed in Iraq and Afghanistan, how young they are, how much potential they had, and how many loved ones mourn them. I am appalled at the number of Iraq and Afghanistan civilians killed. I am appalled at the money being spent on destruction when it could be used here in America for our schools, infrastructure, and people.

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sional challenge that defies simple solutions. Santa Monica is having great success with the housing-first model. Nevertheless, at some times (such as the winter months) or in some situations (where there may be the prospect of a quick reunion with family), emergency shelters may be a more appropriate short-term solution. Santa Monica should be proud of the fact that, over the last two years, it has significantly reduced the number of homeless persons on its streets. By supporting a range of services, Santa Monica should be able to continue this pattern.

• FREE FORM: WHAT'S PUTTING A BURR UNDER YOUR SADDLE?

I want to make sure that local programs that serve seniors and youth do not fall victim to the budget challenges facing the city. City Hall should use a balanced combination of cost cutting and revenue enhancement to make sure that it is able to continue to support such vital programs as Meals on Wheels and youth violence prevention.





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tors overwhelmingly supported the idea at a meeting last week, recommending the council adopt a ban at least until additional restrictions on the mobile vendors can be put in place.

Just two board members, Patricia Hoffman and Rob Rader, dissented after arguing a study on the vendors' impacts should be conducted before any action is taken.

As the body that oversees Downtown Santa Monica, Bayside's move is a clear sign that merchants — and especially restaurateurs — in the city's commercial core view the trucks as a serious competitive threat. Bayside's recommendation was to ban the trucks within the area bounded to the west by Ocean Avenue, to the east by Fifth Street, to the south by Colorado Avenue and to the north by Wilshire Boulevard.

Reducing the trucks' access to Santa Monica's busy Downtown streets, though, could be tricky to accomplish.

City Attorney Marsha Moutrie said any ban on the trucks would have to be enacted for a public safety reason, not simply to prevent the trucks from competing with restaurants.

"We would be unable to impose an outright ban unless we could show that there were safety risks associated with food trucks' use of the Downtown streets," she said. "Perhaps we could show that, but that [proof] would be required."

So far, Bayside members have mostly complained about what they see as the trucks' unfair competition with restaurants, their use of scarce public parking spaces and emissions generated by their engines rather than their impact on public safety.

Matthew Geller, the president of the Southern California Mobile Food Vendors Association, said he didn't see a way to successfully ban the trucks from public streets.

"As far as the legal basis, there isn't any," he said.

Instead, Geller said merchants and food truck owners should work together to come to an agreement about how to successfully coexist.

> **"AS FAR AS THE LEGAL BASIS [FOR A FOOD TRUCK BAN], THERE ISN'T ANY."**
>
> **Matthew Geller,**
> President of the Southern California Mobile Food Vendors Association

"If there is an issue with food trucks and Downtown merchants don't want them there, I would love it if they reached out to me," he said.

Meanwhile, the City Attorney's Office is continuing to study options for further regulating food trucks.

The City Council has not yet said whether it will consider Bayside's recommended ban.

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called the proposal a significant step.

"For the first time, city employees, including councilmembers, will be paying out of pocket part of the cost of health care. It's a reflection of both rising premiums and an acknowledgment from the city work force that we all have to share in cutting the city budget," he said.

The proposed memorandum of understanding is included on the council's consent agenda for its meeting tonight and is expected to receive the panel's approval.

COUNCIL TALKS ICE SKATING

While the weather in the past couple of days has made it seem like summer has finally arrived, City Hall is looking toward winter with a proposal to again allow the Bayside District Corp. to use a vacant lot Downtown for its seasonal ice skating rink.

Set to open Nov. 5 on a portion of a City Hall-owned lot at Fifth Street and Arizona Avenue, the ice rink is expected to cost $32,500 in lost income that could be raised by opening the site to parking instead. (The lot is set to become available as a parking location sometime after the rink vacates the space by Feb. 28.)

The ice rink agreement, which runs through the 2013 holiday season, is included on the council's consent agenda along with $742,000 in spending.

TRUCKS ON ORDER

The council is also expected to approve $515,000 for two new front load refuse packer vehicles to be used in resource recovery and recycling operations. The proposed contract is with Boerner Truck Center.

CLEANER WATER

Also on the agenda is $227,000 for chemicals the Water Resources Division says are necessary to decontaminate the groundwater at the Charnock Well Field Restoration Project.

The proposed contracts are with four companies: Olin Chlor Alkali Products, Basic Chemical Solutions, Brenntag and Univar.

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Record high temps bake SoCal

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES California's blistering fall heat wave sent temperatures to an all-time record high of 113 degrees in downtown Los Angeles on Monday, and many sought refuge at the beach.

Downtown hit 113 degrees for a few minutes at about 12:15 p.m., breaking the old all-time record of 112 degrees set on June 26, 1990, said Stuart Seto, a weather specialist at the National Weather Service office in Oxnard. Temperature records for downtown date to 1877.

Electrical demand was much higher than normal for this time of year but no problems or shortages were expected on the state grid, said Gregg Fishman, spokesman for the California Independent System Operator, which controls about 80 percent of the grid.

"It's manageable. We've got the resources available," he said.

Demand was expected to reach 46,000 megawatts, compared to 38,300 megawatts a year earlier, he said.

As Mother Nature served up California in a roasting pan, some people were able to seek relief at the beaches — though not in the hundreds of thousands who turned out over the weekend as the heat wave built.

"Because it's Monday and it's a school day, the crowd is a lot smaller, (but) it appears a lot of people aren't going to work or school," said Los Angeles County lifeguard Capt. Angus Alexander.

Angus said Monday was one of the best beach days of the year, with clear visibility all the way to Santa Catalina Island, the popular tourist destination about 20 miles off the mainland coast.

The city of Los Angeles urged people to use Parks and Recreation facilities, senior centers and libraries as cooling centers. A half-dozen senior sites were to remain open until 9 p.m., the Emergency Management Department said.

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NICU

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tutus and little headbands made for dolls. That's when she knew it would be all right.

"It's impossible to explain what it's like going to sleep at night not knowing if they're going to live," Tillman said. "I just knew they were going to be OK, no one could say … but it was that moment that I felt like we're going to get through this."

Now, her daughters are 5 years old and about to start kindergarten. Tillman still keeps in touch with Cathleen Dickinson, the nurse who dressed her daughters the day they came off their respirators, and has been back to visit the family she developed at Saint John's at least 10 times.

"We dress (the babies) so (the parents) can see past the wires. It's great to see them grown and thriving," Dickinson said, adding that the nurses work as a team to raise parent morale.

More than 300 nurses, parents and NICU graduates were reunited at the hospital's first reunion in nearly 10 years Sunday afternoon. Healthy and now-grown babies adorned with face paint roamed the dining area while nurses reunited with the parents they spent so many weeks, sometimes months, reassuring.

"A lot of the staff is close like family, it was the toughest thing we've ever been through," said Ronnie Coleman, whose son Dylan spent three months in NICU.

She and her partner of five years, Reta Sula, stayed at the hotel across the street from the hospital rather than commuting from their home in Long Beach, which forced Coleman to sell her motorcycle to pay the bill.

"The amazing thing is without this staff, he wouldn't have made it," Coleman said, adding that she created a PowerPoint with photos of her son to illustrate the stages of recovery for other parents going through the same struggle. "They were so honest and answered every question we had, even if we didn't want to hear the answer."

The NICU opened in January after it was moved to the newly constructed Chan Soon-Shiong Center, part of the new Saint John's hospital built after the old structure was damaged in the 1994 Northridge earthquake.



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REUNITED: **Coordinator Elsa Ruedas (left) takes the Parker family (left) on a tour through the new Woman's Health Floor at the Saint John's Health Center on Sunday afternoon.**

The unit is on a self-contained women's health floor, with 12 beds in the intensive care unit — twice the space from the old center. Babies in intensive care are typically born premature or have an infection that prevents them from being released right away.

Saint John's has a "baby-friendly" philosophy that emphasizes constant contact between mother and child, said Elsa Ruedas, a lactation educator and community liaison. The women's health floor is designed so families can easily stay together without being moved from room to room throughout the birth and recovery process, she said.

Ruedas said Saint John's delivers anywhere from 140 to 160 babies a month, about eight to 10 of which end up needing intensive care.

"Sometimes you're worked off your feet, but the sick babies get better and it's nice to see them healthy," said Lynn Sharp, a respiratory therapist in the NICU.

The reunion featured performances by students at Tillman's Fancy Feet Dance Studio in the Pacific Palisades, as well as a magician, arts and crafts for children and family photo opportunities.

"Most keep in touch with Christmas cards. (Seeing them) shows us we're really doing a good job taking care of the little ones," said Susie Chang, who has been a nurse for 34 years. "They always get better."

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CLEANUP

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City crews, families, local businesses, faith-based organizations, schools and youth sports teams worked in tandem to gather and remove 103,524 pounds of debris.

Urban runoff from more than 200 storm drains flowing out to Santa Monica and San Pedro bays causes the vast majority of local ocean pollution. By removing tons of trash from beaches and inland neighborhoods, cleanup participants enhance quality of life, protect marine animals and bolster the regional economy, Heal the Bay officials said.

"Code Red" locations in need of special attention this year included Dominguez Channel, Ken Malloy Harbor Regional Park, the Los Angeles River and Encino's Haskell Creek. These urban sites drain runoff from huge swaths of Los Angeles County and are overwhelmed by such litter as plastic bags and fast-food packaging.

Heal the Bay's campaigns have captured a cumulative 1.57 million pounds of trash since 1990. Cigarette butts, plastic bottle caps and Styrofoam fragments are the most frequently found items at cleanups, said Matthew King, spokesman for Heal the Bay.

Sites covered the entire county this year, from Tujunga to Long Beach, Compton to Malibu. SCUBA dive teams canvassed under the Santa Monica and Redondo Beach piers, while a flotilla of kayakers removed trash from Marina del Rey.

Among the unusual items found this year: three bowling balls cut in half at Coyote Creek Trail (Cerritos); a vibrator discovered in Lake Machado (Ken Malloy Regional Park); goatskin hide and mummified cat (Tujunga Wash); a submerged gas-burning stove (Redondo Pier dive site); several crack pipes (Santa Monica, Venice and Malibu); and a floating bag of marshmallows (Marina del Rey kayak site).

"Coastal Cleanup Day 2010 was a record-breaking day of action that made an immediate impact on our oceans," said Eveline Bravo, Heal the Bay's beach programs manager. "But its lasting impact is teaching people what they can do in their daily lives throughout the year to combat neighborhood blight and beach pollution."

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Congress considers study of urological war wounds

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CONCORD, N.H. Before he passed out in the medical tent in Iraq, 19-year-old Lance Cpl. James Crosby wanted to know two things: would he survive the rocket attack that sent shrapnel through his side and spine, and was he all in one piece?

"I wanted to know not just if my arms and legs were there — I wanted to know if everything else was there," he said. "You're a man, you just got blown up. What do you see when things explode? You see little pieces flying everywhere."

Crosby, now 26, joined the Marines right out of high school and had been in Iraq for 30 days when the truck he was riding was hit by a series of rockets in March 2004. Shrapnel tore up his intestines and severed a ureter, one of the tubes that carry urine from the kidney to the bladder. Left a partial paraplegic, he suffered years of painful urinary tract infections that set off excruciating nerve pain in his legs.

"They were just able to finally treat me successfully for those, not even four months ago," said Crosby, who lives in Winthrop, Mass. "I was dealing with that constantly, and the quality of life is just horrible."

Post-traumatic stress disorder and brain injuries are the signature wounds of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, some soldiers are also surviving with serious, debilitating injuries to the genitals or urinary system, according to the American Urological Association. The group is concerned that medical personnel may not be properly trained to handle such injuries — known collectively as urotrauma. It wants a national commission to investigate the injuries, find better treatments and design better body armor to protect against roadside bombs.

Though urotrauma isn't as readily apparent as the loss of a limb, it has far-reaching effects, including impaired sexual function, difficulty conceiving children and psychological problems. But there's insufficient data on such injuries, said Beth Kosiak, director of health policy for the urological association. Reviews of Army trauma data from the 1960s to the present did not reveal substantial information on urotrauma, she said.

New Hampshire Rep. Carol Shea-Porter has introduced a bill in Congress to create a commission, along with fellow Democrat Zach Space of Ohio and Republican Christopher Lee of New York.

"This obviously is a huge problem," Shea-Porter said. "Physically it's a problem, and emotionally it's a problem for these soldiers. So we have to work harder, and we have to pay attention to these issues. It's not one of these issues that people like to talk about, but it's very real."

Like Crosby, Former Army Maj. Anthony Smith is on constant alert for urinary tract infections. He lost a kidney, and parts of his skull, an arm and leg when he was hit by a rocket-propelled grenade in Iraq in 2004.

Though grateful for the medical care he received for his most serious injuries, he believes more attention should have been paid earlier to his urological problems.

"Because of my head injury and amputation, they didn't see the other parts," said Smith, 44, of Amorel, Ark. "I think it gets overlooked, especially if you've got other injuries."

Thanks to body armor and better care, more soldiers are surviving injuries that would have once killed them, including urological wounds. But there's little research for urologists to draw upon in diagnosing and treating complex cases.

In a study published in The Journal of Urology in 2007, researchers at the Womack Army Medical Center in North Carolina reviewed military trauma data on 2,712 trauma admissions to a U.S. Army hospital in Baghdad, Iraq, from April 2005 to February 2006. About 3 percent of patients, 76 of them, had one or more genital or urinary injuries, with explosive devices causing half the injuries. The overall urotrauma rate was similar to that of other conflicts, including Vietnam and World War II, he said.

Those wearing body armor — a Kevlar vest with ceramic plates that primarily cover the neck and upper abdomen — had a slightly lower rate of injury, researchers said. The armor includes detachable Kevlar groin protectors that hang down from the vest, giving some groin protection but it "would be of no benefit for high-velocity missiles."

The Veterans Affairs Office of Public Health tracks veterans who have left active duty in Iraq and Afghanistan and have sought medical treatment in the VA system. From July 2002 through June 2009, 12.5 percent of the 508,000 veterans who sought treatment were diagnosed with diseases or disorders of the genitourinary system, but the report doesn't specify how many of those diagnoses are related to combat injuries.

Dr. David Green, a urologist at Concord Hospital, said the few urotrauma cases he's seen involves motorcycle accidents, not bombs.

"The challenge is that in the civilian world, there is not a high incidence of these kinds of injuries. So we have a lot of young men and women now being afflicted with injuries that frankly, though we've been treating them for years, the volume hasn't been such that we know how to best treat them," he said.

He hopes the bill will lead to a better understanding of the impact of such injuries, not just in a medical or surgical sense, but in a psychological context as well.

"It's not easy to raise awareness or talk in the press about injuries to organs or areas of the body that many in the public may be uncomfortable with," he said. "It's obviously going to be pretty tough for the person who's injured. It's not something that's easy to talk about, yet for a 19- or 20-year-old to have an injury to the penis or scrotum or the vagina can be pretty darn devastating."

Smith said medication has helped him regain sexual function but his struggles along the way contributed to his divorce. Just after the blast, he heard someone looking at his injuries say "pull it off," and was terrified he'd wake up without a penis.

"When I came out, my arm was missing, my leg was missing — but that was the first thing I checked," said Smith. He has since remarried and fathered another son, his sixth child.

Though the injuries caused by roadside bombs in Iraq and Afghanistan were the main impetus for the legislation, the commission would investigate all urotrauma among active duty military and veterans resulting from a range of causes, including chemical exposure.

That's welcome news to Michael Sasser of Fayetteville, Ark., who believes chemicals he was exposed to aboard a Navy aircraft carrier in 1968 caused the "nonspecific urethritis" he battled off and on for more than a decade after leaving the service.









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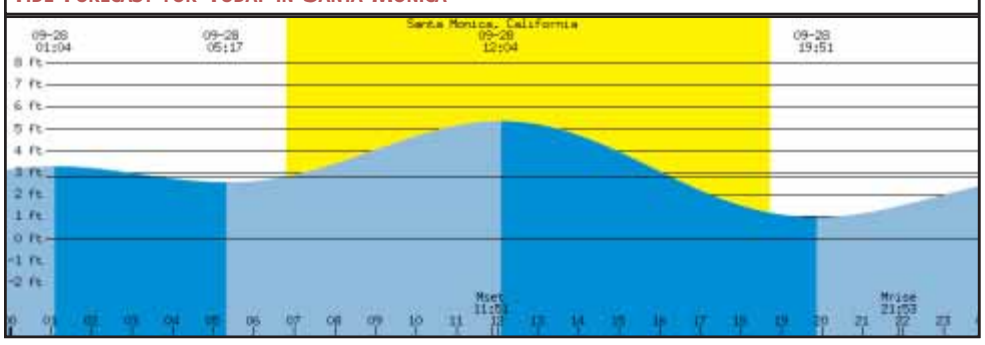
Swell Forecast

The Aleutian NW is expected to peak with chest to head high sets...although chest high should be the norm, with head high being infrequent at most west facing breaks...standouts doing best.

Long Range Synopsis

More along the lines of head high with slightly overhead pluses at standout 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 22, 2010**

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QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)

- Number of sewage spills - 0
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 0
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather - 45 / ns
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 2 / ns

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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Los Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lachusa and Las Alisos creeks.	A+	ns
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	ns
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	A	ns
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A+	ns
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Solstice Canyon at Dan Blocker County Beach.	A+	ns
Pearce State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Pearce Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	A	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	ns
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	A	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	F	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	ns
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A+	ns
Puna Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon.	ns	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	ns
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	D	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	A	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A+	ns
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	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.	A	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 D&W jetty).	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	A+	ns
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant.	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	A+	ns

LEGEND

DRY -- each location is graded on an A - F scale based on bacterial pollution levels present in the surf zone
WET -- grades for days of recorded rainfall and the following 3 days
ns -- no sample taken

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LEGAL NEWS

Dodger CFO testifies Jamie McCourt didn't call herself owner during talks

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LOS ANGELES Jamie McCourt didn't refer to herself as owner of the Los Angeles Dodgers and told her estranged husband that he shouldn't pursue the team 6 years ago because the deal was too risky, the team's chief financial officer testified Monday at the couple's divorce trial.

Peter Wilhelm recounted conversations he had with Frank and Jamie McCourt in the months leading to the $430 million acquisition of one of baseball's most storied franchises in 2004.

After conducting a financial analysis that showed the Dodgers were bleeding money under the previous owner, Fox Corp., Jamie McCourt questioned whether the deal was appropriate, wilhelm said.

"It was all about the riskiness of the deal and if we could contain it," Wilhelm said. "Jamie was making it readily clear that she thought Frank was being too aggressive."

The couple are embroiled in a nasty and costly divorce case that centers on the validity of a postnuptial marital agreement they both signed shortly after buying the Dodgers that gave Frank McCourt the team, the stadium and the surrounding land, worth hundreds of millions of dollars, and provided Jamie McCourt a half-dozen luxurious homes.

Jamie McCourt wants Superior Court Judge Scott Gordon to throw out the agreement, arguing no one told her she was giving up her purported stake in the team. There are also two versions of the agreement, one that gives the Dodgers solely to Frank McCourt, and one that doesn't.

Gordon could order the sale of the team.

Wilhelm's testimony contradicts what Jamie McCourt told Gordon last week when she said she didn't view the Dodgers transaction as risky. However, the deal was mostly funded by loans that needed to be paid in two years.

The Dodgers were in sad financial shape prior to the McCourt ownership. Court documents show the team lost nearly $200 million between 2000 and 2003.

Wilhelm also testified that Fox executives told him that the new owner would have to field a payroll of $115 million.

"A turnaround was possible with a lot of hard work," he said.

Wilhelm was part of a management team that came up with a business plan that was eventually submitted to Major League Baseball. The proposal called for cutting payroll by 11 percent and 21 percent in 2005 and 2006, respectively, with an operating budget of roughly $85 million. The document was shown earlier in the trial.

Other testimony came from three witnesses who said they understood the couple held their assets separately because Jamie McCourt didn't want to expose the homes to business creditors.

Financial consultant Robert Leib said he worked with the McCourts on bids to buy the Boston Red Sox, Los Angeles Angels, NHL's Anaheim Ducks and Dodgers. Leib recalled Jamie McCourt saying the couple had problems with her husband's creditors before and didn't want that to happen again, adding the pair didn't "have two nickels to rub together."

Baseball consultant James Corey Busch said he was taken aback when Jamie McCourt suddenly made a comment at a meeting prior to the purchase of the Dodgers about the way the couple divided their assets. Busch said she "wanted to be separate from the (Dodgers) deal."

One claim noticeably absent from the trial has been the allegation made by Frank McCourt in court documents that his wife was having an affair with her driver-bodyguard.

Busch broached the subject when asked by one of her attorneys why he sent Frank McCourt an e-mail last November pledging support to him but didn't make the same offer to Jamie McCourt.


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Animal Kingdom (R) 1hr 52min
4:10pm, 9:45pm

Heartbreaker (L'arnacoeur) (NR) 1hr 45min
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Before Breakfast (NR) 14min
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Quality time, Scorpio

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★★ A discussion reveals your level of commitment to a key project. You need to honor another's needs and the ability to change and transform. What might have worked originally might not any longer. Tonight: Hang out with a pal.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ You could be awestruck by what can be completed and handled. Finances flutter up and down, personally or professionally. Finally, you see the opening through which you will be able to walk and feel good about the choice. Tonight: Do for a loved one.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ After feeling so tired and pressured, you bloom and resonate with whatever calls your name. A partner has attempted to make adjustment after adjustment. Stop and take a complete, caring and empathetic look at this person. He or she needs your time. Tonight: Whatever feels right.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ Keep your thoughts and feelings out of the mix with people right now. You are moody, and what irked you one day might not even be a blip on your radar the next. Tonight: Just for you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ Bring people together in a meeting. The power of a group cannot be denied in succeeding on a project. Though you need to make several adjustments to keep the troops together, it is worth it. Screen your calls; a friend might be very needy. Tonight: Where the action is.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Take a stand and move forward toward a better idea through a brainstorming session. No one can have all the ideas all the time. Your willingness to encourage other views helps make friends and associates feel valued. Tonight: A must appearance.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Reach out for more information. Perhaps you have given some time and thought to taking a workshop or expanding your knowledge in your chosen field. If you are questioning information, do your own research or find an expert. Tonight: Choose a different type of happening.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ Your directness will be appreciated by those you speak to. Be aware that several people in your life might need a touch of diplomacy. Listen to a totally different viewpoint. Tonight: Finally, some quality time!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ Sometimes you get so wound up you cannot see past the immediate. If you find yourself in a self-propelled whirlwind, stop. Defer to others. Listen to their ideas. Give up being a force for at least one day. Meanwhile, try to center yourself. Tonight: The only answer is "yes."

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ Keep focusing, despite the chaotic activity that surrounds you. Your attitude finally wears off on others. Clear out a task that has felt like a burden. Be open to a new path, thought or approach. Tonight: Remember to get some exercise. Walk the dog after dinner.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ Your mind might be overactive. Cut the judgments and overthinking. Creativity can flow once you allow the spice to turn on. Sometimes you interfere with yourself! Note how flirtatious a key person might be. Are you going to respond? Tonight: Think less about work and more about fun.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ You could be dragging from the moment you wake up. If you can, take some time off and indulge yourself. Recharging your batteries is a wise choice. You cannot be effective without paying a little more attention to your well-being. Tonight: Close to home.

Happy birthday

This year, tap into your mind more often than your feelings, unless you have been successful at blending both. Your first idea, your knee-jerk reaction, will be right-on most of the time. Don't minimize the importance of following through. If you are attached, your partner seems to be transforming right in front of you. Don't push or demand. Where you have manipulated will backfire sooner rather than later. If you are single, you intensely want a relationship. Go for the person who is very different from your past choices. GEMINI provokes thought.

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The stars show the kind of day you'll have:
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★★★★ Positive ★ Difficult
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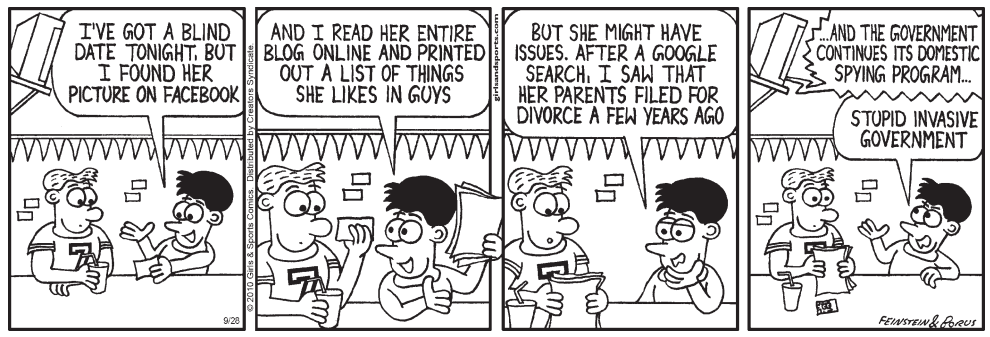
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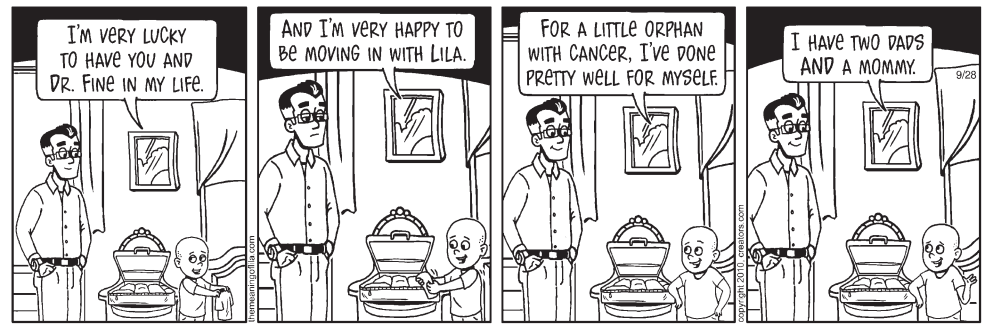
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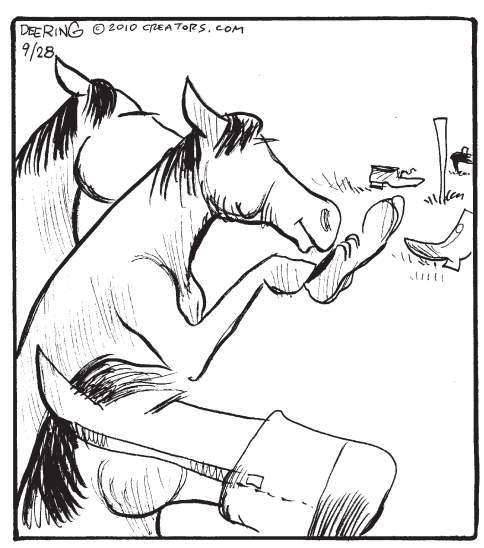
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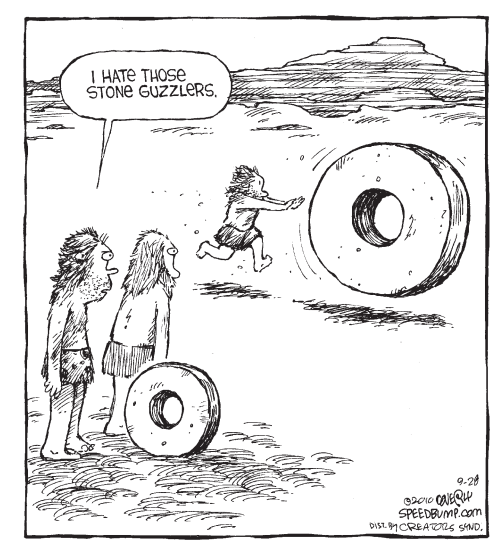
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Sudoku

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 ★★

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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

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



CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Pronto, in memos
5 Cooking herb
10 Indy auto
12 Sports setting
13 Some limas
15 Music's Yoko
16 Phone bill addition
17 Stadium cry
18 Expired
20 Singer Seeger
21 Cut off
22 Keats creations
23 Fake name
25 Fancy dance
28 Radiates
31 Metal sources
32 Settle by yeas and nays
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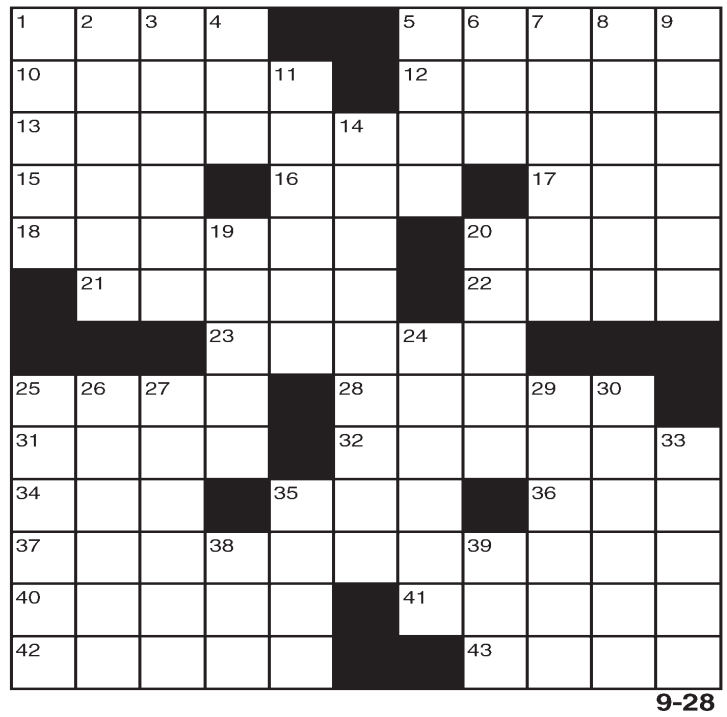
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2 Health-club rooms
3 Play opener
4 Sulky state
5 Paul Bunyan's ox
6 "You — Here"
7 Blackened
8 Deep-seated
9 Mascara targets
11 Fill up the tank
14 Hunting dog
19 Egg outlines
20 Suggest
24 One-celled organism
25 British East India Company base
26 Wake
27 Soup veggie
29 Opera's Stratas
30 Turned bad
33 Bird abodes
35 Wallet bills
38 Keg need
39 Sixth sense, briefly

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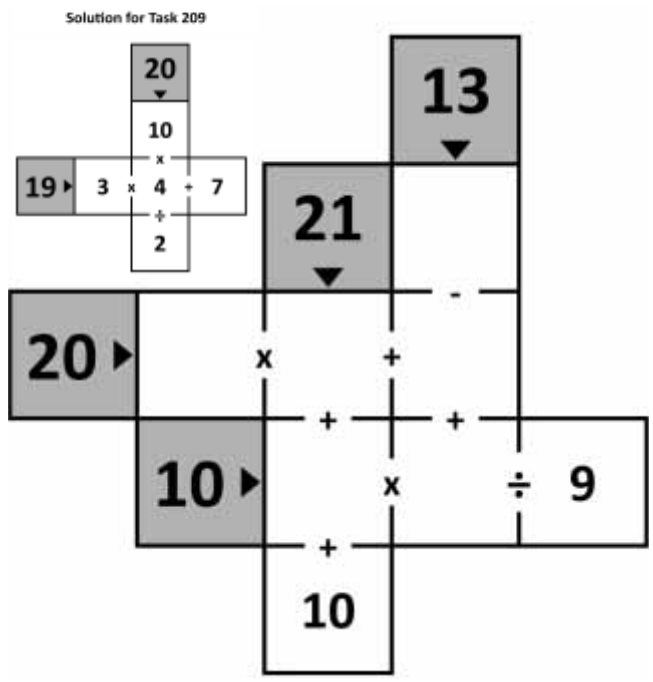
- Fill the grid with the set of given numbers (1 to 12) to satisfy the Equa demands (7 to 24) in the shaded boxes. The Equa demands represent the sum of the digits that you will insert into the empty squares.
- Each horizontal row has one Equa demand to satisfy; each vertical column also has one demand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

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

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Solution for Task 209



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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ **Shaking Up the Condom Market:** (1) The Swiss government announced in March that it would help bring to market "extra"-small condoms for boys as young as 12. (The decrease in circumference from a "standard" condom would be about 5/16th of an inch.) (2) The Washington Post reported in May that high school and college-age adults had complained that condoms given away by the District of Columbia's HIV-prevention program were of too-low quality and that the city should spring for deluxe Trojan Magnums (in gold-colored packaging, giving them, said a city official, "a little bit of the bling quality").

■ In July, the prominent BrewDog brewery in Aberdeenshire, Scotland, began producing the world's strongest (and most expensive) beer, called The End of History, which is 55 percent alcohol and sells for 500 pounds ($780) a bottle. As if to enrage both anti-alcohol and animal-welfare activists, BrewDog released the first 12 bottles taxidermally inserted inside the carcasses of roadkill (seven ermines, four squirrels and a rabbit). Said company founder James Watt, BrewDog aims to "elevate the status of beer in our culture."

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1958 France ratifies a new Constitution of France; the French Fifth Republic is then formed upon the formal adoption of the new constitution on October 4. Guinea rejects the new constitution, voting for independence instead.

1960 Mali and Senegal join the United Nations.

1961 A military coup in Damascus effectively ends the United Arab Republic, the union between Egypt and Syria.

1962 The Paddington tram depot fire destroys 65 trams in Brisbane, Australia.

1971 The Parliament of the United Kingdom passes the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 banning the medicinal use of cannabis.

1975 The Spaghetti House siege, in which nine people are taken hostage, takes place in London.

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