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THE GETTING READY FOR SQUIRM NIGHT ISSUE

Council looks to boost BBB revenue stream

McKeown wants developers to cover residents' bus passes

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL With the Big Blue Bus fare increase that took effect in August, Santa Monica's transit system is projected to remain solvent through mid 2013; after that, new revenue is needed to prevent cuts to service, city officials said.

During a brainstorming session on the topic this week, the City Council considered a range of proposals, from increasing parking citation fees, to building "transit oriented development" on sites owned by the BBB, to tacking new fees onto development projects to lobbying the state government to allow the installation of digital advertising on the sides of buses.

Perhaps the most radical idea came from

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CASHING IN: **Pedestrians walk across Fourth Street as a Big Blue Bus goes east on Santa Monica Boulevard on Friday afternoon. The City Council is looking at ways to increase revenue for the bus company, including more advertisements like the one seen here.**

Police on the hunt for sexual assault suspect

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF



image courtesy *SMPD*

PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY The Santa Monica Police Department is seeking the public's assistance in identifying and locating a suspect involved in a sexual assault.

According to police, the attack happened Sept. 19 at approximately 6:45 a.m. when a female adult pedestrian was walking to Downtown Santa Monica. At the intersection of Lincoln Boulevard and

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Three sentenced in Brumfield murder

BY MELISSA LEU
Special to the Daily Press

DOWNTOWN LA Three Santa Monica men were sentenced to prison Friday for the murder of Preston Brumfield, 49, a resident who was beaten and left for dead in the Pico Neighborhood.

Gwindon Love Murphy, 65, Jason Anthony Hurtado, 26, and Jason Eddie Coleman, 27, were sentenced to 15 years-to-life by a Los Angeles Superior Court judge, with an additional two years for Hurtado due to prior convictions. All men will serve a minimum of 15 years before being eligible for parole.

Pleading not guilty, Gwindon Murphy was convicted on charges of second-degree murder, conspiracy and solicitation, while Hurtado and Coleman were convicted of second-degree murder and conspiracy with a gang enhancement.

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Calif. budget crisis spawns 3 ballot questions

CHRISTINA HOAG
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES Outside Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's office hangs a clock of sorts. But instead of telling time, it shows how many days the state has been without a budget and calculates a running tab of how much that's costing taxpayers.

"Legislature's failure to pass a budget," the sign reads.

California's Legislature is notorious for missing its budget deadline, but this year it surpassed itself with the longest fiscal impasse in the state's history.

Proposition 25 seeks to put an end to the stalemates by allowing the Legislature to pass a budget by a simple majority vote, instead of the current two-thirds threshold. The high bar has long been blamed as a key culprit for the budget holdups because it requires getting consent from some mem-

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Saturday, Oct. 2, 2010

My way or the highway
Highways Gallery
1651 18th St.
5:30 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.
Highways Gallery presents contemporary artists Linda Besemer, Diana DeAugustine, Sherin Guirguis and Olga Koumoundouros in their latest show.

Cycling safety
Lincoln Middle School
1501 California Ave., 1 p.m.
Do you want to bike more and become a more confident cyclists? Do you want to assist your children to cycle more safely? If so, check out this free bike skills workshop sponsored by the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District's PTSA Council and presented by Sustainable Streets, a local nonprofit offering bicycle education and encouragement services. It will be taught by League Certified Bicycle Instructors.

Kids with cameras
YMCA
1332 Sixth St., 11:30 a.m. — 3 p.m.
Santa Monica Bay Human Relations Council's "Kids With Cameras" photo exhibit and community conversation, "The Fruits of Our Labor: From Field to Feast."

Beer, art and music
18th Street Art Center
1 p.m. — 6 p.m.
18th Street Arts Center, in association with popular Santa Monica restaurant, Library Alehouse, is bringing the first Craft Beer Festival to the Westside of L.A. B.A.M. Fest, which stands for Beer, Art and Music Festival, is a celebration of locally produced art, music and the finest craft beers around. With 20-plus breweries, four bands, three galleries, open artist studios and gourmet organic food provided by the Green Truck, B.A.M. Fest 2010 is poised to draw a crowd and become Santa Monica's next hip annual event. Tickets are $35 and all proceeds help support the art center. For more information visit www.18thstreet.org.

Celebrate banned books
Main Library, MLK Auditorium
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 12 p.m. — 4 p.m.
Join book lovers as they celebrate the freedom to read with a four-hour program of readings of famous banned books by authors (including banned books authors Sonya Sones and Marilyn Reynolds), actors, community members, and surprise guests. Also enjoy a special Reader's Theatre performance by local teens, a closing concert by "Wizard Rock" favorites The Remus Lupins, plus activities, prizes and lots more!

Ballroom blast
Santa Monica Bay Woman's Club
1210 Fourth St., 7 p.m. —11 p.m.
One-upping TV's dance shows, the Diane Davisson Dancers turn a spotlight on their audience, as Angelenos are invited to waltz, cha-cha, disco, salsa and swing the night away on a 3,000 square-foot floor -- and on the heels of the tap troupe's musical revue. Admission is $10 per person, and refreshments may be purchased at the venue. Convenient public parking is available south of the building. For more information contact Margo Zinberg, (310) 312-0116; margo@margovo.com.

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TAKE IT FOR A SPIN

Brandon Wise *brandonw@smdp.com*

Drivers navigate the new all-electric Nissan LEAF through an obstacle course during the media day for the Fifth Annual Alternative Energy and Transportation Expo at the Civic Auditorium on Thursday. The Altcar Expo will be presenting the average consumer with the newest in 'green' transportation through Saturday.

Dogs can't talk but tag lets them trigger tweets

SUE MANNING
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES So your dog follows your every move around the house. Now, when you leave home, you can follow your dog.

Puppy Tweets is an electronic dog tag with a sensor that you attach to your dog's collar. It detects your pet's movements and sounds and sends a variety of tweets to a Twitter page you set up for your dog on a computer or smart phone. You can invite all your friends to be followers, too.

The new Mattel Inc. novelty is aimed at the pet-loving social network crowd, said spokeswoman Rachel Cooper.

There are 500 tweets programmed into the software that comes with the .05-ounce devices, available in blue and pink. The frequency of messages is directly related to the activity level of your dog, she said.

If a dog is very active, he could tweet: "Chasing everything that moves is definitely a full time job!" If he is sleeping, his inactivity might trigger the message: "Your comforter does just what its name says it does."

To guard against repetition, El Segundo-based Mattel was adding 200 free tweets this week to the message library, Cooper said.

Bethenny Frankel, the star of "Bethenny Getting Married?" and one of "The Real Housewives of New York," and her dog Cookie hosted the official launch of Puppy Tweets in New York Thursday night.

A limited number of the tags went on sale earlier this year. Some buyers on Amazon.com complained about software problems, which Cooper said the company was working on and had mostly resolved.

The tags won't work on small dogs or cats, she said. And you can retweet messages as they come in, but you can't reply — at least not yet, Cooper said.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

DOWNTOWN

CityTV launches election coverage

CityTV, the government access cable channel for Santa Monica, has launched its "Vote 2010" line-up of Santa Monica election programming for the Nov. 2 election. Coverage includes the City Council race, school board, Rent Control Board and two ballot measures.

CityTV has also launched www.smvote.org as a centralized resource for Santa Monica election information. The website provides candidate statements, videos, CityTV election program schedules, an election events calendar and useful election links.

All of the CityTV's election programming is produced in partnership with the League of Women Voters of Santa Monica Education Fund and the Center for Governmental Studies.

"We've worked hard to make it easy for voters to learn about the candidates and their stands on the issues in this election," said local League President Joanne Leavitt. "We have many ways for voters to access the information including on CityTV cable channel 16, 24/7 election programming on cable channel 77, www.smvote.org and Time Warner Video on Demand."

A rotation of election programs airs 24 hours per day, 7 days per week on cable channel 77.

"CityTV is well known for its quality election programming," said Tracy Westen, vice-chairman and CEO of the Center for Governmental Studies. "Our research has shown that they do the best programming in the country. Santa Monica voters are lucky to have such a great resource available to them 24/7 until Election Day."

For more information go to www.citytv.org.

CityTV is the government community cable channel for the city of Santa Monica and winner of several L.A.-area Emmy awards, and regularly chosen "Best Government Channel."

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Those who wish to vote by mail instead of heading to the polls on Nov. 2 can start requesting vote-by-mail ballots Monday, Oct. 4 through Oct. 26, officials with the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk's Office said.

Vote-by-mail applications were sent out with official sample ballot booklets to all registered voters. Voters who would like to automatically receive a Vote-By-Mail ballot for every election may request permanent Vote-by-Mail status. Simply, check the box marked "Permanent Vote by Mail Status" on the vote-by-mail application located on the back cover of the sample ballot.

"Voting by mail is an easy, convenient option to choose. You can never be too busy to vote by mail," said County Clerk Dean Logan.

There currently 689,307 permanent vote-by-mail voters eligible to vote in this election.

The election will decide the outcome of races in 435 active voting districts, with ballot contests ranging from federal and state offices, to local and special districts, including state and local ballot measures. Sample ballot mailings by the RR/CC began on Sept. 23 to the more than 4.3 million registered voters in the county, Logan said.

Voted ballots must be received by the county clerk no later than 8 p.m. on Election Day. Ballots received after 8 p.m., regardless of postmark, will not be accepted.

Voters may request a vote-by-mail ballot in one of the following ways:

- Complete the application on the back cover of the sample ballot; or
- Submit an electronic request by visiting the county clerk's website at www.lavote.net and click on the button located in the Quick Links box of the main page; or
- Send a letter addressed to the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk, Vote by Mail Section, P.O. Box 30450, Los Angeles, CA 90030-0450; or
- Apply in person at the county clerk's headquarters, 12400 Imperial Hwy., 3rd Floor, Room 3002, Norwalk, CA 90650.

Voters who request a vote- by-mail ballot can check on the status of their request using the online look-up. Visit www.lavote.net and click on the vote-by-mail button in the Quick Links box located on the main page. Voters may also call (562) 466-1323.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Kids must learn how to deal with emotions

Editor:

I think it's so important that we teach our children and teenagers not to bully and harass others when they have a problem with something, whether it's looking fashionable, overeating, being gay, being different or a member of a minority group.

Learning how to process feelings with integrity and compassion towards other people serves us all later in life – in marriages, in workplaces, in the ways in which we participate in politics. Please do not neglect this important area of learning.

Debra Michels
Marina Del Rey

Same rules apply

Editor:

As a Santa Monica resident since 1971 I'm continually amazed at the disregard for basic rules of the road shown by Santa Monica bicyclists. More often than not they run stop signs and fail to yield right of way. Hopefully this report will be a wake-up call for Santa Monica police to enforce these laws as aggressively with cyclists as with motorists.

Jim Abrahams
Santa Monica

Save the children

Editor:

Our children are suffering at the hands of the economy. They are the ones being victimized by the economic downturn. They are being bullied by the snobbery and day-to-day shallowness that they think they are supposed to portray. And now since they are getting the message of scarcity, they are attacking each other. Any form of weakness is a point of entry for their anger and frustration. In essence they are "pre-youthanizing" each other through social networks and schoolyards.

They are getting the message that there is not enough room, food, jobs, for all of us. This situation can only grow worse as parents are stressed to the max worrying about survival. I was one of those parents, laid off in a moment's notice, on my third round of unemployment extensions, nearly on the streets, and my daughter was one of those children bullied just because the kids sensed her weakness.

She was attacked at a public school, beaten up in front of the teacher, who stood by and did nothing. My child was at her weakest moment, seriously in need of friends as I had just been hospitalized from stress, and instead of showing her compassion and acceptance, they threw nails at her head and punched the air out of her in class.

Our children have to be brought back to the garden. If we're all going to be poor, starving Americans, then we have to stick together. We as the struggling middle class have to turn to each other and support. Stop the shallow broadcasting on our children, the "reality" shows, the overcrowding on social networks, the throngs of plastic women and worship of corruption. We need to stand together and nurture all of their creativity and dreams. This is a critical time for American children. Since none of us have any money, the only way we can fight back is by sending messages of love to the young ones. This is our only choice, we have to stick together. We have to start by standing together in solidarity for the protection of our children in their most fundamental institute, school. God bless America, and God bless our children.

Monica Clemens
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Reading sucks man

GRILLING HOT DOGS, HOMEMADE ICE cream sandwiches and the snap-crackling sounds of barbecuing corn on the cob. The organizers of the 2010 Abbott Kinney Festival were ignited this past weekend as the mercury rose enough to finally deliver Santa Monica its first summer day of 2010. Little did I know, however, that a snarky comment from a 12 year-old kid could bring a dark cloud of uncertainty for our future.

I asked the boy, who was texting on his phone, "Do you like to read?" He shrugged his shoulder my way to reply, "Reading sucks, man."

Now, I am never one to be at a loss for words, but at that moment, that moment of sadness upon hearing a child utter those now famous words, rendered me a speechless man.

As if hurled into a slow-motion scene of a stylized movie, my eyes blinked to register the moment before me. Looking for answers, my gaze found the boys father who was identically dressed in board shorts, a flat-billed baseball hat and leather flip-flops. Normally, I would expect the parent to quickly reel in the tweenager for his smart-alecky retort, but the father flashed a wry smile as if to say, "I guess he told you."

I felt more alone than a man locked in solitary confinement. My heart sank into my sneakers.

There I was, living a new life away from six seasons of murder and mayhem on "Law & Order," now dedicating my career to helping children and I hear this? The dark cloud of uncertainty arrived and I began to question my place in life. Did I make a mistake with a desire to reach and teach children? Have I bitten off more than I can chew when a child could utter such a retort and the parent was OK with it? Is our society so out of balance that we think reading sucks?

Knowing that one bad apple won't spoil the whole wide world, I continued on, rethinking my approach. Diverting past opinion and the tragically hip father and son duo, I would now focus my inquiring based on facts by asking, "Do you read?"

For the next 30 minutes or so, I met some wonderful parents and children alike. To watch the eyes of an enthusiastic reader, grateful for a free bookmark with amazing illustrations, renewed my hope as a children's book author.

While the "reading sucks" comment turned out to be a one-time experience on the first day of summer in Santa Monica, my education of the absentee parent was not over by a long shot. I encountered three tweens who replied to my question with an honest answer of "no."

I appreciated the honest response, because I knew I was in the right place at the right time to change the direction of a child's life, but the profound moment was the reply of the parent. "No, but he needs to. "Finally, I thought to myself, a parent who is concerned about their child's reading habits. When I asked the parent, "Do you read?" however, the parent replied with a embarrassed, "no."

How can we expect our children to read if we are not reading ourselves? For decades, we have adopted a system that allows educational cuts so deep that our children are no longer offered classes or competent teachers in creative arts. Isn't reading a creative art form? Filled with imagination and dreams? Does reading really suck? Are we OK with the status quo of complaining about our society but willing to turn our backs on fixing education and our children's futures?

Finally, we are seeing people like Bill Gates and Oprah Winfrey stepping up to say enough is enough, but it cannot stop with the billionaires of our society. It starts with the individual. It starts at home and most importantly the parent.

If you want your child to read, pick up a book and set an example. Turn off the TV and open a book, not a magazine that trumpets the exploits of train wreck darlings like Lindsey Lohan and Paris Hilton, but a page-filled book. Kindles and iPads are great, but children should not overlook the intimacy the printed word carries. When a child is captivated by a story, the book is carried everywhere and self-discovery is at hand.

We need to become accountable for the ideals we are teaching our children. We need to attend PTA meetings. We need to write our City Council and let it be known that education is our priority. We need to vote for education and be heard. United we stand, divided we fall. Sadly, we have been falling for decades, but change is afoot.

By standing for education, we can be the tipping point for educational change. Literacy is at a 15-year low for boys and this is not acceptable. Imagine a world if each and every one of us stood for education and not simply a desire to drive a new BMW or Benz? Have we become so obsessed with "getting mine" that it's OK for our children to think reading sucks? I don't think so, and I know I am not alone. You say I am a dreamer, but I'm not the only one.

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On the Beat

NRO Mike Boyd

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Where there's smoke

Q. I FREQUENTLY SEE PEOPLE SMOKING while walking along the bike path at the beach. Isn't it illegal to smoke on the beach in Santa Monica?

A. It is a violation to smoke on any public beach in Santa Monica. However, the parking lots, bike path, and pedestrian pathways are not considered part of the beach. The beach is considered to be the area of accumulated sand, stone, or gravel deposited along a shore by the action of waves and tides. If someone is smoking while riding a bike on the bike path or smoking while taking a walk on the pedestrian path (commonly known as the Boardwalk), they are not in violation of the smoking ordinance. Once they step onto the beach with a lit cigarette or other smoking device, they become a potential recipient of a citation. Typically a police officer must observe the violation in order to issue a citation. There are signs posted along the beach in Santa Monica which inform beach patrons of the rules and regulations of the Santa Monica State Beach.

I must say those signs do work and they do have an impact on those that come to enjoy our beach. Recently, I was assigned to a bike patrol detail during the 2010 Glow event. While on routine patrol, I was stopped several times by pedestrians who wanted clarification of the law as it pertains to smoking on the beach in Santa Monica. After clearing things up for them, several of the pedestrians replied, "I'm glad I talked to you officer. I don't need a citation right now, especially during these economic times."

Q. My teenage daughter has been diagnosed with moderate to severe hearing loss. She is currently wearing hearing aids and has shown remarkable progress in hearing audible sounds. With the assistance of hearing aids, will she be able to obtain a California driver's license?

A. Yes. Although hearing is important, having hearing impairment is not an absolute disqualifier for obtaining or maintaining a California driver's license. The California Department of Motor Vehicles Driver's (DMV) handbook states in part, "Drivers who know they are deaf or hearing impaired can adjust. They can learn to rely more on their seeing habits." Individuals with hearing impairment should have good vision in order to drive in California. Even though there are laws that prohibit drivers from wearing headsets or earplugs which cover both ears, the California Vehicle Code makes exemptions for hearing-impaired drivers.

I think your teenager would greatly benefit from obtaining a California driver's license. The accomplishment of obtaining a driver's license can be a great self-esteem booster to any teenager. Your teenager must also know that responsibility comes with that great accomplishment. Be sure to talk with your teenager and make them aware of the hazards that are so common with driving. A hearing-impaired driver will have to pay extra attention to their surroundings and constantly assess traffic conditions.

Let's use the following scenario for an example:

A hearing-impaired driver is heading west on Wilshire Boulevard approaching Fourth Street. The driver has a green light to continue through the intersection. Suddenly, an ambulance with its lights and siren activated approaches Wilshire from Fourth and the ambulance driver has a red light. By law, all drivers must yield to the right when emergency vehicles with activated lights and sirens approach (Remember: red light move right). The hearing-impaired driver may not be able to hear the ambulance approaching, so this driver will have to rely on their vision and look ahead to see what other vehicles are doing. Are they stopping at a green light? Are vehicles moving over to the right? The hearing-impaired driver must be able to constantly assess traffic conditions from all directions in order to make the right decisions while driving. Once the hearing-impaired driver sees traffic yielding to the right, that driver can immediately yield to the right as well. The ambulance will be able to continue on to its destination.

With a little hard work and the proper training behind the wheel, your teenager can become one of safest drivers on the road. It is often said that when one of your senses is diminished (sight, smell, hearing), your other senses are increased or heightened. Personally, I find some truth in that claim. My daughter has hearing loss and also wears hearing aids. I've observed her other senses help make up the difference with the hearing impairment. You can find out more information regarding driving with hearing impairment from the California DMV's website at www.dmv.ca.gov.

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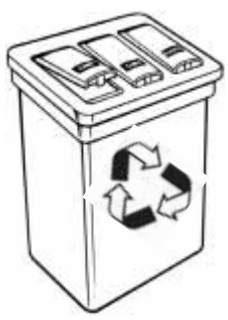
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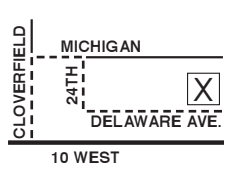
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SUSPECT
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Michigan Avenue, she accepted a ride from the suspect, who drove her into Downtown and pulled into Parking Structure 2, located at 1235 Second St. According to police he then produced a handgun and sexually assaulted the victim.

The suspect, described as a Latino male, 40 years old, 5 feet, 5 inches tall with a heavy build, fled the parking structure northbound through the alley, turning westbound on Wilshire Boulevard. Police believe he was driving a late model gray Saturn Vue SUV or similar vehicle with a roof rack.

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BUDGET
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bers of the minority Republican Party, who will not approve a budget unless they can extract a long list of concessions from majority Democrats.

The measure is one of three spawned by the state's fiscal crisis on this November's ballot. Propositions 22 and 26 would change ways state and local governments obtain revenue.

Proposition 25, however, is the broadest reaching of the three.

Backed by state teachers, nurses and firefighters and other public employee unions, the measure would bring California in line with most other states' budget policies. Only two other states — Rhode Island and Arkansas — require large supermajorities to adopt spending plans.

"This will break the logjam and pass an earlier budget," said Marty Hittelman, president of the California Teachers Federation, which authored the proposition.

The proposition would keep California's two-thirds threshold for constitutional amendments and tax increases. It also would hold lawmakers accountable for delays by docking their pay and daily living allowance for each day the budget is not passed after June 15. The state's fiscal year starts July 1.

Detractors say the proposition gives too much power to the majority party.

"Proposition 25 does nothing to guarantee that a budget will be passed on time," said Matt Klink, spokesman for the Stop Hidden Taxes-No 25 Yes 26 campaign, which is being backed largely by the California Chamber of Commerce and oil and alcohol companies. "A 50 percent budget vote is by no means going to solve California's budget problems."

He said it's no accident that public employees are backing Proposition 25.

"They need to keep the money spigot open in Sacramento to fund their lucrative pensions," Klink said.

Supporters say lowering the vote threshold is only one element of comprehensive budget reform, but a needed one. Each year, Republican lawmakers hold up the budget so they can horse-trade to obtain concessions, giving them disproportionate power and allowing them to railroad through pet projects, Hittelman said.

"Our country was founded on majority rule," he said.

A Field Poll released in July show that voters across partisan lines overwhemingly like the idea of a lower budget-vote threshold by a 3-to-1 margin.

Both propositions 22 and 26 would make it harder for governments to generate revenue by prohibiting actions officials have resorted to in recent years to solve gaping deficits.

Proponents of Proposition 22, including the League of California Cities, and the state police and fire chiefs and library associations, say the measure would close loopholes that last year allowed Sacramento to "raid" local coffers for $5 billion, forcing municipalities to cut public safety, road repairs and libraries.

"The state is balancing the budget on the backs of the cities," said Doug Fry, chief of the Belmont-San Carlos Fire Department in the San Francisco Bay area. "A number of agencies are closing fire stations and companies. It's impacting response times. We just want to be able to keep our own money."

Opponents, including the state teachers and nurses associations, and the California Professional Firefighters, note that besides protecting local public safety and transportation budgets, the initiative also would protect redevelopment money.

By locking in that money, pressure to raise taxes would increase and public education and health care would be slashed because the state would not have access to funding in a crisis, they argue.

Proposition 26, which is being pushed by the California Chamber of Commerce and businesses, would make it harder for state and local governments to levy fees.

Seeking to close loopholes allowing governments to disguise taxes as fees, supporters want to make fees subject to the same rules as taxes: two-thirds approval by the Legislature for state fees and voter approval for local fees.

That would eliminate "hidden taxes" such as Los Angeles' trash-collection fee, which pays for public safety, said Klink of the Stop Hidden Taxes-No on 25 Yes on 26 campaign.

"It has no relation for the service provided," Klink said. "These hidden taxes make it impossible for local businesses to plan."

Detractors say businesses simply want to avoid paying levies for the impacts they cause. Fees for traffic effects, oil pipelines and oil spill protection and response assistance would be affected, they say.

"This isn't about taxes," said Janis Hirohama, president of the League of Women Voters of California. "This is about protecting the bottom line and passing costs on to the consumer."

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The Q Line

Still glowing?

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

This past week, Q-line asked:
Did you attend Glow? If so, what worked and what didn't?
Here are your responses:

"I WOULDN'T EVEN CONSIDER ATTENDING this show, nor did I attend the first one. Frankly, in this failing economy it was a waste of precious dollars, especially when there is so much that needs attention in this deteriorating city. Of course the drug dealers make out like bandits in this open-city atmosphere. I guess they call this nonsense class. I don't."

"I THOUGHT GLOW WAS VERY GOOD. I enjoyed it. I thought the art exhibits could have been closer on the beach, obviously not on top of each other, but closer together because that would have given people a little more access. Some of them were quite far apart. However, I did enjoy them and the festivities and the fact that so many people were there and could get along. There didn't seem to be any negative incidents at all. Everyone was having a great time. I also liked that the paraphernalia that was for sell up on Ocean Avenue and Palisades Park was very inexpensive and it was nice to see people not getting ripped off for a change. The maps I thought were excellent. The music was great, unfortunately they had the DJ by the pier and Ocean Avenue turn the music down. I didn't think that made much sense since it wasn't loud in the first place. I thought the whole idea was a big party. Also the problem with the buses. I thought they could have continued on their regular route, especially the number 3 bus. There was traffic north and south on Fourth Street. The signs directed people to go to very distant bus stops and some of them were not clear, so I thought that was a problem. I heard a lot of people complaining. Fortunately I was on my bike, which was the best way to go. Then I connected with the bus. Had I not had the bicycle, I think I would have been just as unhappy as those I encountered on the bus. In all I think the city should continue to have these events. It's a great combination of art and the beach... . I was really happy."

"I WENT IN 2008. IT WAS UNEXPECTED, IT was bohemian, it was awesome, it was fun. It will go down as a milestone time in my life in 2008. Imagine my surprise when I planned a cocktail party with friends ahead of time and thought this was going to be better. It was not. What a shame and a waste of money. The biggest disappointment was that the Blue Bus did not run until 3 a.m. as it was described. We had to end up taking taxis back, which was much more costly. Secondly, there was no art on the pier. Everything was set up great distances from the pier. It should have been said up front that there would be more walking this time. Most of the exhibits were not interesting and there was less music. I wish I could say something positive. The only thing I can say that was positive was the lighted balls above each exhibit. I wish I had something more positive to say. Don't try it again Santa Monica."

"WHAT A HUGE BEACH PARTY OUR SANTA Monicans for Renters' Rights council staged. It employed most of our city workers for days and must have cost us a trillion dollars. It's great to see our city is so rich that we don't need to raise property taxes and sales taxes to save our children like they've been crying about."

"NO I DID NOT ATTEND GLOW AND YOU want to know why? The buses were diverted at 11th Street. First they want to say everything is green and beautiful in Santa Monica and we encourage you to use alternative forms of transportation to come to our city Glow event. Then they tell you two days beforehand in the paper, oh by the way we are not letting you get there by bus. So, you know, screw 'em. Two reasons not to go to an event like Glow. Number one, how in the hell are you supposed to get there if you are dropped off at 11th Street and are expected to stumble up to 11th Street in the dark to catch a bus when it's over? Not everyone can walk a lot. Some are handicapped and it's not so safe to walk on our streets with broken sidewalks and tripping hazards. And the second reason is that anything that attracts over 10,000 people or more, I am not there. I am not going. You want to swarm with all these stinky people crowding the sidewalks, and more than half are drunk. It's a stupid idea, stupid execution on the first year and I'm sure it was boring this year as well. The biggest complaint was the Big Blue Buses … . Lousy. Lousy, lousy, lousy."

"I DID NOT GO TO THE FIRST GLOW IN 2008 and I went to the second one and I expected a lot more. I was disappointed in most of the installations. I felt there should have been shuttle buses to connect the various attractions and also shuttles for the parking. I just thought it was a terrible waste of money. It could have been better spent elsewhere."

"GLOW IS A GREAT CONCEPT IF EXECUTED properly and that was not the case here."

"I ATTENDED GLOW AND THOUGHT IT was a fantastic evening. The full moon enhanced the entire experience. … In all I was highly impressed and had an excellent time."

"THE GLOW EVENT WAS A BETTER EVENT than the first time but it was disappointing, although not surprising that City Hall gave priority to cars and not buses, bikes and pedestrians and that's unfortunate because it continues to seem like the city promotes a sustainable, carbon-neutral agenda but then it's just lip service."

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MURDER
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Sammy Murphy, who has also been charged with the murder, is awaiting a retrial set for April 4, 2011.

Gwindon Murphy orchestrated a plan in May 2008 with his brother Sammy Murphy, 50, to assault Brumfield because of personal disagreements, prosecutors said. The Murphy brothers were alleged to have asked Hurtado and Coleman to carry out the deadly deed, SMPD Detective Maury Sumlin said.

Brumfield was found late evening on May 11, 2008, severely beaten and laying in a pool of blood on the sidewalk in front of 1948 20th St.

Sandra Thompson, Coleman's grandaunt, who lived in the building near where the murder occurred, called emergency services, she said.

"I'll never dial 911 again," said Thompson, who believes her grandnephew was convicted based off of unreliable testimony from witnesses.

Brumfield was transported to Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center where he died four days later from bludgeoning to the head, which was compounded by a metal plate installed in his skull from a previous injury, police said.

Witness testimony placed Hurtado and Coleman at a local neighborhood liquor store 10 minutes after the beating, where they spoke in low voices about the violent incident.

Coleman's defense attorney Alan Kessler said the testimony might have been motivated by pressure from detectives and said the witnesses were unreliable.

"They were reliable enough to convince the jury," said District Attorney Alva Lin. "There were witnesses who did have prior convictions, but then there were witnesses where no evidence came out to any convictions."

Police arrested the four men in October of last year for the murder after court-authorized wiretap evidence from an SMPD investigation — dubbed "Operation Tombstone" — into gang-related rock cocaine sales revealed evidence indicating their involvement.

The wiretaps were not used as court evidence in the case.

During the sentencing, Hurtado, who's lawyer was late to the proceedings and requested an extension for time to do more research, told the judge, "[My lawyer] is being ineffective. I believe he is not working for me."

Murphy's family members said they could not believe the sentence, and also cited their lawyer's lack of due diligence.

"Gwindon Murphy had a particular dislike of the victim, and the evidence was that he wanted to have the victim beat up and that was what was intended… instead [Brumfield] passed away," Lin said. "It was a senseless pointless murder. It didn't have to happen."

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BBB
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Councilman Kevin McKeown.

Seeing an opportunity in the funding crisis, McKeown proposed requiring developers to pay for bus passes for each and every Santa Monica resident.

The move would have one distinct advantage over requiring cash payments from developers, McKeown said: By mandating payments in the form of transit passes, the money would be counted as "fare box revenue," which is eligible to receive a matching contribution from the federal government, in effect leveraging its impact on local transit operations.

The idea got mixed reviews on the dais, but garnered enough support to make it into the council's official recommendation to staff for further consideration.

Councilman Richard Bloom questioned whether it makes sense to use City Hall resources to provide bus passes to residents, most of whom can easily afford to pay their own bus fares.

McKeown countered that the free passes could reduce traffic congestion, often cited as Santa Monica's most intractable problem.

"This isn't about saving residents money, it's about encouraging residents to use the bus instead of drive," he said.

Another proposal that won the council's praise was a plan to further explore adding digital billboards to the sides of some buses.

The idea would require a change to California's vehicle code but has the potential to bring in an additional $4 to $6 million per year, according BBB Director Stephanie Negriff.

The proposal is to place the digital ads on 25 buses, about one eighth of the total fleet.

Negriff also recommended further studying whether to charge developers additional fees that could be directed to cover BBB operations.

With the expected arrival of light rail in Santa Monica by 2015, she said fewer parking spaces will be required at future commercial developments.

THIS ISN'T ABOUT SAVING RESIDENTS MONEY, IT'S ABOUT ENCOURAGING RESIDENTS TO USE THE BUS INSTEAD OF DRIVE."

Kevin McKeown,
City Councilman

"Developers could be required to pay a congestion mitigation fee equivalent to the amount that they would have had to pay to build and maintain the number of parking spaces that would no longer be required," a City Hall report stated.

The council also voiced its support for looking into options to develop several sites owned by the BBB that are located close to future light rail stops. Potential sites that could be offered as locations for "transit oriented development" include a portion of the BBB's headquarters on Colorado Avenue between Sixth and Seventh streets, land attached to the future site of the Expo Bergamot Station and a possible site attached to the Expo line's terminus at Fourth Street and Colorado.

Though it could raise an additional $1.6 million a year for the BBB, staff urged the council not to increase parking citations 10 percent.

"The general purpose of citation fines is not to raise revenue, but rather to influence driver behavior to ensure that adequate parking is available," a City Hall report noted.

The majority on the council seemed to agree, though Councilman Terry O'Day argued more expensive parking citations would be the fastest way to bring in new revenue for public transit.

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Mitsubishi's Outlander crossover a fun, affordable and capable ride



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2010 MITSUBISHI OUTLANDER CROSSOVER

IT'S COOL WHEN A CAR-MAKER CONSISTENTLY RIDES the big ones, surfing the next wave upon wave of technology while still trying to keep some of their corporate heritage in the mix.

It takes planning and super engineering skills. Those of you who read me regularly (and thanks, by the way!) might know I feel there are three true engineering companies mixed-in among the Asian car-makers. Those would be Honda, Mazda … and Mitsubishi.

And Mitsubishi has done it again with their Outlander crossover, appearing first in Japan in 2001 and now in its second-generation of manufacture.

Outlander SE looks great, has one of the best interiors Mitsu has ever brought to these shores and weighs in at just a tick over 3,500 pounds, relatively light for this class (3,600 with the available third row of seats).

This was a test car which cost well under $30,000 with most optional equipment included in the bottom-line price, and EPA estimates of between 21 and 25 mpg.

I never came close to that kind of mileage, and the reason was typical for this segment: Our Outlander was desperately underpowered (an inline-4 and V6 are available). Using the magnesium shift paddles or the gate shifter for maximum launch (and even keeping up with long uphills at freeway speeds) was more than just exciting and fun; too often, it was a necessity.

Speaking of real off-roading, one of the best Outlander features is a locking four-wheel drive system which gets the same amount of torque and horsepower to all four wheels. This gives the vehicle (and driver and family) the best chance of making it through the deepest, sloppiest stuff on Earth and headed towards the freeway and home.

And there's plenty of interior room. All Outlander models have the same 72.6 cubic feet of stowage space, measuring the area behind the front seats.

The suspension is nicely engineered for both on- and off-road travel and Mitsu has tried to keep the horsepower/torque numbers in usable ranges. But when you start out underpowered to begin with, it's hard to make up that deficit no matter how nice and hip the inside and outside might look.

And the interior, by crossover and especially Mitsu standards, is excellent. Colors and comfort feel good inside Outlander; there's more leather stitched-in than ever before, the seating is much better than in the past and you can take long off-road excursions, and get out of the car without feeling like those ol' kidney stones have come back. And the available third row of seating is as comfortable as it would be in any vehicle this size (which means: not much, anyway).

When I was an editor at Petersen's Four Wheel Off-Road magazine, way back in 1980, one of the perennial favorite trucks around the office was the Mitsubishi Montero, perhaps the closest thing to a real Jeep ever made by any Asian car company (well, if you don't count Toyota's blatant rip-off of the Land Rover/Range Rover, which the Toyota boys called the Land Cruiser).

In fact, one of my first solo four-wheel lock excursions was taking a Montero through a dry riverbed which ran through Joshua Tree (Google it) for about 20 miles or so and provided just about every off-road challenge and escapade possible for dirt rookies and veterans alike. I was a little tired and shaken when it was all over, but avoided any flat tires, damaged sheet metal (except for a few scratches from creosote bushes and the like) but man, was I ever impressed! It's those kinds of experiences which make driving so damn rewarding and unforgettable (in case any of you were wondering why some of us like driving so much).

By the way, in those days, locking the front hubs meant literally stopping the truck, getting out and manually twisting the wheel hubs and physically locking them into position. No automatic push-button controls in those days, my friends. As James Brown would have said then: This is a man's world!

Outlander, while not as tough as the real-truck Montero, has a lot of the spirit and features of that original truck which established Mitsubishi as an off-road power. (Montero, aka Pajero in some markets, is still the winningest truck ever in the history of the Paris/Dakar Rally, the event the Pope himself decried as murderous and uncivilized … but, apart from Ferrari and F1, just what does he know about motor racing?)

Montero was so popular (it saw four generations of new models) that Dodge took a chance on a two-door version, selling it domestically as the Dodge Raider.

Outlander compares well with the competition … and at a more than reasonable price.

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In need of improvement

I WAS INVITED TO CHECK OUT A LIVE music/dining venue in Santa Monica last week, and given that I am a live music fan, I decided to check it out. Angel's Piano Bar and Supper Club on Wilshire Boulevard and 24th Street is an old establishment that has had a recent face lift and the owners are hoping to bring in an adult crowd that would enjoy eating in cozy booths while listening to a wide variety of live music.

My husband and I joined three other music fans and went on a Wednesday night where the band, The Mad Alsacians, were in the house offering up sounds from the days of the 1930s and '40s; they play a combination of jazz and Latin that includes an accordion of all things.

We walked into an intimate, dark nightclub with a romantic atmosphere. The room was small with a full bar on one side and about 20 tables on the other. The stage is right next to the front tables and is very tiny, just enough for a four-piece band. This is a cool atmosphere to hear live music in as it is reminiscent of the older clubs that are found in New York and Chicago.

We were seated at a booth which was a bit tight for the five of us and after about an hour became quite uncomfortable. The waitress, named Angela, was charming, friendly and professional. She really knew her stuff and had a warm attitude that went a long way in making the evening pleasant. We had cocktails and ordered a few appetizers; pizza with truffle oil and wild mushrooms and an item named Spicy Crunchy Chick Peas. They have a fusion of Latin/Moroccan/Italian items on the menu which is a typical experience in dining these days resulting in a jumble of flavors with various influences from all over the world. The surprise hit were the chick peas that came out warm and slightly fried with Moroccan spices — very tasty and quite addictive.

The pizza was nothing special as the crust was doughy and there weren't enough mushrooms or cheese on top, a definite miss next time. We then had time to order before the music began, which is about 8:30 nightly. We had steaks that were billed as Grilled Citrus Chile Skirt Steak with Charred Tomatillo Salsa, Yuca with Garlic Sauce and Grilled Chayote Squash. Now say that five times fast! Well, the steaks came out just as the band started and we split an entrée between each couple. The meat was well marinated and had a great flavor although a bit chewy. But the yucca was very bland — not much garlic to be found and the chayote was nothing but thick slices of zucchini that were practically raw, most definitely not chayote and obviously not grilled.

At that point it got very hard to talk in the room so sending anything back or commenting on the food was not worth the effort. We all felt a bit like something more so ordered their Hand-cut Garlic Parsley Fries. These took unusually long to arrive. We almost thought they forgot about us when, violá, a huge plate of well-salted fries showed up with plenty of garlic. Whatever garlic didn't go on the yucca went on these fries and they were delicious! I would go back just for the chick peas and the fries if I were in the neighborhood.

We had plenty of friendly helpful service from Angela who knew about the wines and the music and seemed very happy in her job there.

At the end of the evening after an interminable two hours of oldies but goodies by the Mad Alsacians we received a complimentary dessert by the manager, Dan.

The Sticky Fig Cake with Toffee Sauce and Cardamom Cream arrived warm and was presented in a large bowl with five spoons, very delicious and satisfying but plenty rich; definitely something to share with at least four people. Dan also offered us a couple of dessert wines — a nice gesture although at that point we were all done.

The issue with Angel's is the acoustics and the uncomfortable seating. It's a great space and lovely if you want to focus on the music and enjoy a couple of drinks and maybe a burger. But to carry on a conversation is difficult at best and most of the tables are big enough for four people, which means you can't hear anyone talk. I do think if this is your neighborhood it's a fun place to hang with a date or your spouse and enjoy simple bistro food and a couple of drinks. But to go out of your way to visit, Angel's might be a bit of a disappointment.

One thing they could easily improve is the food. The simplest adjustments would have made the meal enjoyable and something to return for. A better quality pizza with more cheese would be a good start.

I make pizza all the time and it is really about the dough and making sure you have a seriously hot oven to crisp it up. We use a pizza screen to bake the dough on which is foolproof and produced great results. Here is the recipe for those of you who want try it at home.

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Tomato basil pizza

Makes two pizzas

Ingredients

1 packet dry yeast
1 1/2 tsp. Kosher salt
2 cups very warm water: 110 degrees
3 Tbs. olive oil
4 cups all purpose flour
2 cups shredded fontina or mozzarella cheese or a combination of both
2 large ripe tomatoes or 1 1/2 cups homemade tomato sauce
1/4 cup fresh basil leaves, torn
Freshly ground pepper

Procedure

Heat the oven to 450. Combine the yeast and 1 tsp. salt in a medium bowl. Stir in the water and olive oil. Let the yeast activate and become bubbly, about 10 minutes. Stir in the flour to make a smooth dough. Turn onto a lightly floured surface. Knead until smooth and elastic, about 7 minutes. Divide the dough in half and wrap half in plastic and refrigerate or freeze. Transfer the other half to a lightly oiled bowl and turn once so the top is covered with oil. Cover with a damp kitchen towel and set in a warm place for 45 to 60 minutes to rise. Punch down the dough and if you have time let it rise again for a crispier crust.

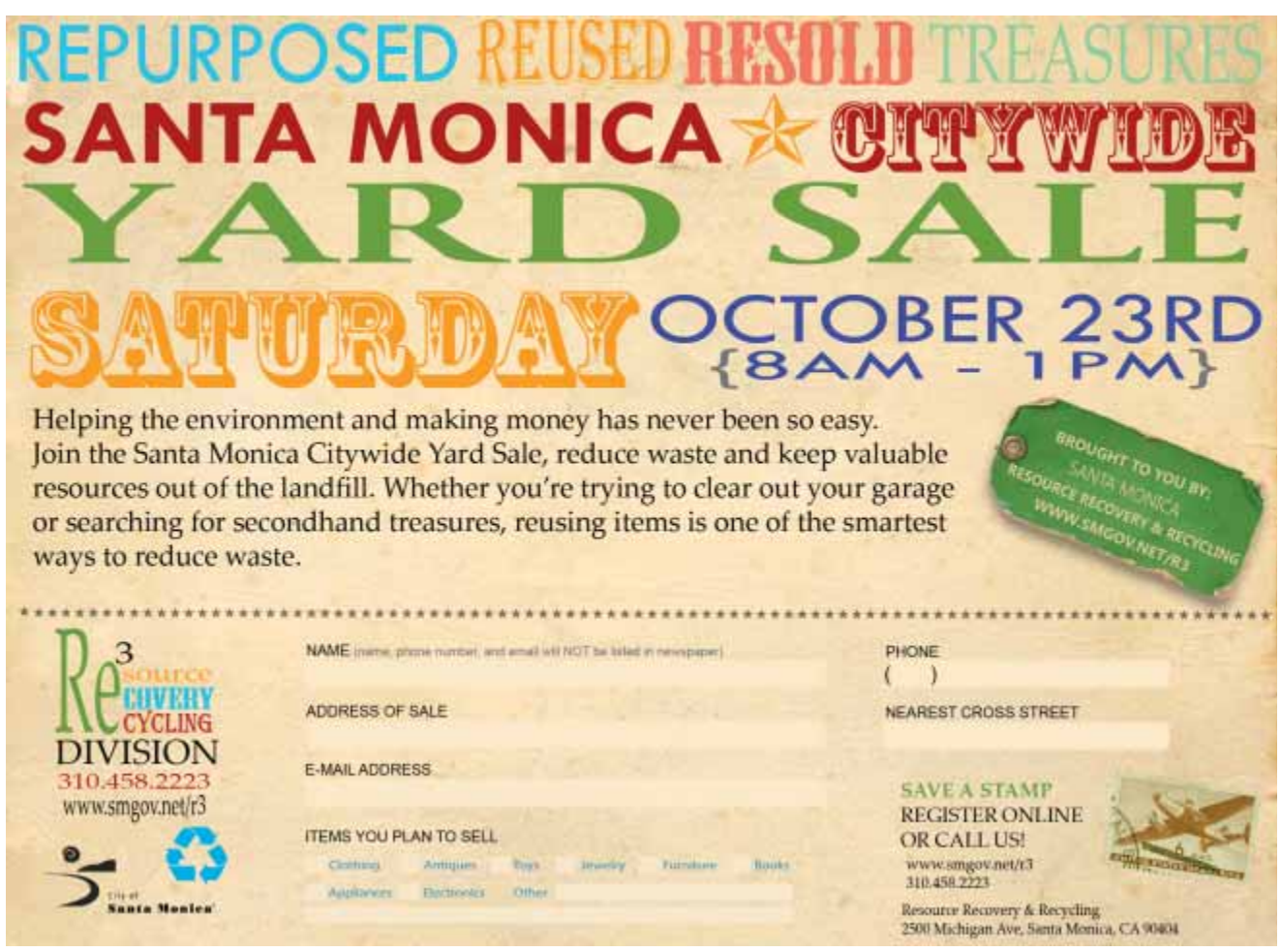
Roll the dough out on a lightly floured surface and stretch to fit the pizza screen leaving a 1/4-inch rim at the edge. Layer the tomatoes or spoon the sauce over the top. Finish with the cheese and basil, fresh pepper and remaining salt. Bake for 15 minutes until the pizza is golden and bubbly.

*Other toppings can be sliced pepperoni, cooked sausage, sautéed mushrooms and pitted chopped Kalamata olives, caramelized onions, chevre, chopped prosciutto, homemade tomato sauce, and arugula.









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Pot possession in California now like a speeding ticket

MARCUS WOHLSEN
Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO A new law makes possessing up to an ounce of marijuana in California no more serious than getting a speeding ticket — a development both sides battling over a marijuana legalization ballot measure hope to exploit with the vote just a month away.

The law signed late Thursday by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger reduces possession of an ounce or less of pot from a misdemeanor to an infraction with a maximum punishment of a $100 fine.

Even as a misdemeanor, possession of up to an ounce was still punishable only by a $100 fine and no jail time. But offenders also faced arrest, a possible court appearance and a criminal record.

Schwarzenegger reiterated his opposition to the ballot measure known as Proposition 19 when he signed Senate Bill 1449 but said the new law would save the state courts money.

"In this time of drastic budget cuts, prosecutors, defense attorneys, law enforcement and the courts cannot afford to expend limited resources prosecuting a crime that carries the same punishment as a traffic ticket," the governor said in a statement.

Other opponents of Proposition 19 said the new law helped their cause by negating the argument that legalizing pot would let police focus on more dangerous crimes, said Roger Salazar, a spokesman for the No on Prop 19 group.

"From our perspective it takes away the last reason anyone would have to vote for Proposition 19," Salazar said.

Meanwhile, backers of Prop 19 called the new law a step in the right direction but said the ballot measure was still needed.

"So long as there are any penalties on marijuana users, and so long as the production and sale of cannabis are illegal, we can't rest," Jeff Jones, a spokesman for the Yes on 19 campaign, said in an e-mail to supporters.

Proposition 19 would more or less make the new law irrelevant by legalizing possession of up to an ounce for personal use for adults 21 and older.

The ballot measure also would allow small marijuana gardens on private property and let local governments set rules for taxing and selling the drug.

The bill making possession an infraction was authored by San Francisco Democratic Sen. Mark Leno and supported by the Judicial Council of California — the official policymaking body of the court system — and by the California District Attorneys Association.

California's major police associations all opposed the legislation. Those groups said reducing possession to an infraction would discourage people cited for the offense from seeking state-funded drug treatment as provided for drug offenders under a ballot measure passed in 2000.

Other marijuana advocates praised the change made by the law as they pointed to the spike in misdemeanor marijuana arrests in the state in recent years.

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Washington wealthy clash over income tax on rich

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OLYMPIA, Wash. The state that produced America's richest man has never taken a cut of its residents' income. Microsoft co-founder Bill Gates and his father would like to change that.

They are among the wealthy Washingtonians who have joined labor unions and other traditional Democratic allies to support a tax-the-rich ballot measure that is dividing the state's business leaders. Executives at Microsoft Corp., Amazon.com Inc. and other technology companies have come out against it.

The initiative will test whether voters are willing to buck economic jitters and drain money from their rich neighbors at a time when national Democrats and Republicans have been waging an intense election-year battle over the merits of taxing the wealthy.

Washington's measure, known as Initiative 1098, would institute a new state tax on the top 1 percent of incomes to pay for education and health programs while trimming state property and business taxes. The campaign follows January's overwhelming decision by Oregon voters to increase taxes for corporations and wealthier households.

While his famous son's public support has so far been quiet, Bill Gates Sr., a prominent Seattle lawyer, helped to draft Washington's income tax initiative and is the public face of the campaign.

In recent TV ad, the elder Gates is knocked into a dunk tank by softball-tossing children — a playful approach to the idea that the measure will "soak the rich." Gates counters by highlighting the billions of dollars the income tax would generate for education and health care programs.

"It's really about doing something for the next generation," Gates says before taking the plunge.

The initiative sets out two tax brackets. The first rate is 5 percent on the portion of adjusted gross income higher than $400,000 for couples, or $200,000 for individuals.

For joint incomes above $1 million, the tax would be $30,000 plus 9 percent on earnings over the threshold. Single earners above $500,000 would pay $15,000 plus 9 percent of income above the threshold.

State officials say I-1098 would raise more than $2 billion annually from fewer than 40,000 households, or 1.2 percent of Washingtonians filing federal returns. At present, Washington is one of seven states without a personal income tax.

The $4.3 million "yes" campaign is bankrolled largely by labor unions, particularly those representing government employees — more than $1.7 million has come from various arms of the Service Employees International Union. Individual donors include Gates Sr., who has given $500,000, and venture capitalist Nick Hanauer, who has donated $250,000.

But plenty of big-name business leaders are unhappy with the idea.

Amazon.com founder Jeff Bezos and Microsoft CEO Steve Ballmer each have donated $100,000 to the $4 million opposition campaign, which also has drawn contributions from Russell Investments, Paccar Inc., software billionaire Charles Simonyi and members of the Nordstrom family.

Opponents stress that state lawmakers could lower the income thresholds with a simple majority vote two years after the initiative is enacted, and point out that state officials routinely raid "dedicated" spending accounts in lean years.

They also add that, in a time of terribly slow job growth, taking more money from entrepreneurs and businesspeople could seriously crimp the state's economic rebound.

The privacy of tax returns makes it impossible to say how much the state's marquee business names might pay under the initiative, but the tax would apply to personal earnings from partnerships, shares in small corporations, capital gains and other non-salary sources of income.

Right now, Washington's lack of income tax can be a major recruitment point for businesses and talent looking to relocate, said Joe Barer, president of management consulting firm Lake Partners.

US apologizes for '40s syphilis study in Guatemala

LAURAN NEERGAARD
AP Medical Writer

WASHINGTON American scientists deliberately infected prisoners and patients in a mental hospital in Guatemala with syphilis 60 years ago, a recently unearthed experiment that prompted U.S. officials to apologize Friday and declare outrage over "such reprehensible research."

The discovery dredges up past wrongs in the name of science — like the infamous Tuskegee syphilis study in this country that has long dampened minority participation in medical research — and could complicate ongoing studies overseas that depend on cooperation from some of the world's poorest countries to tackle tough-to-treat diseases.

Uncovering it gives "us all a chance to look at this and — even as we are appalled at what was done — to redouble our efforts to make sure something like this could never happen again," said Dr. Francis Collins, director of the National Institutes of Health.

The NIH-funded experiment, which ran from 1946 to 1948, was uncovered by a Wellesley College medical historian. It apparently was conducted to test if penicillin, then relatively new, could prevent some sexually transmitted infections. The study came up with no useful information and was hidden for decades.

"We are outraged that such reprehensible research could have occurred under the guise of public health," Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton and Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius said Friday.

President Barack Obama called Guatemala's president, Alvaro Colom, later Friday to apologize. Clinton had called to apologize the night before.

"Obviously this is shocking, it's tragic, it's reprehensible," said White House press secretary Robert Gibbs. "It's tragic and the U.S. by all means apologizes to all those who were impacted."

Guatemalan Embassy official Fernando de la Cerda said his country hadn't known anything about the experiment until Clinton called to apologize Thursday night.

"We appreciate this gesture from the USA, acknowledging the mistake and apologizing," he said. "This must not affect the bilateral relationship."

Strict regulations today make clear that it is unethical to experiment on people without their consent, and require special steps for any work with such vulnerable populations as prisoners. But such regulations didn't exist in the 1940s.

The U.S. government ordered two independent investigations to uncover exactly what happened in Guatemala and to make sure current bioethics rules are adequate. They will be led by the prestigious Institute of Medicine and the Presidential Commission for the Study of Bioethical Issues.

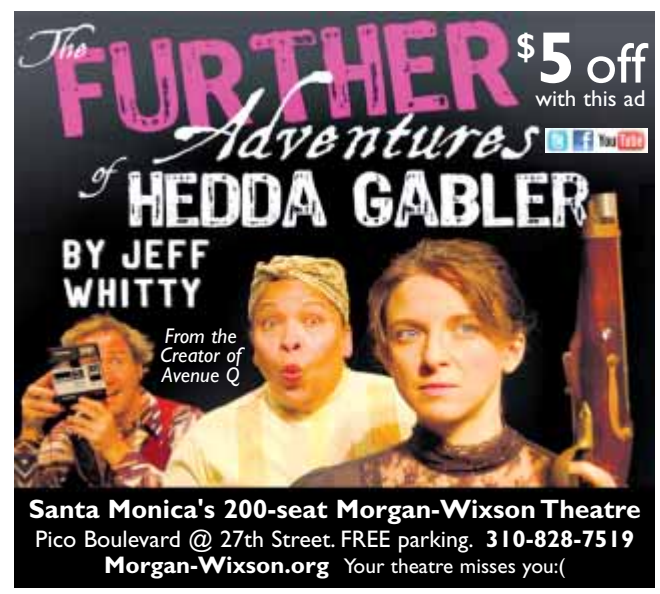
Wellesley College historian Susan Reverby made the discovery while combing the archived records of Dr. John Cutler, a government researcher involved in the Tuskegee study that from 1932 to 1972 tracked 600 black men in Alabama who had syphilis without ever offering them treatment.

She discovered that Cutler also led the Guatemala project that went a step further: A total of 696 men and women were exposed to syphilis or in some cases gonorrhea — through jail visits by prostitutes or, when that didn't infect enough people, by deliberately inoculating them. They were offered penicillin, but it wasn't clear how many were infected and how many were successfully treated.

She reported that the U.S. had gained permission from Guatemalan officials to conduct the study, but did not inform the experimental subjects.

While secretly trying to infect people with serious diseases is abhorrent today, the Guatemalan experiment isn't the only example from what Collins on Friday called "a dark chapter in the history of medicine." Forty similar deliberate-infection studies were conducted in the United States during that period, Collins said.







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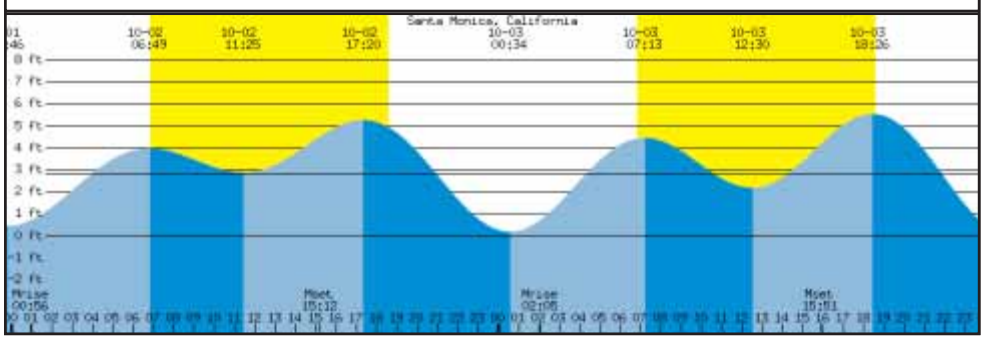
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Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica



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QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)

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- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 3 / ns

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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Los Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Seguit Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechasa 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 Don Blacker County Beach.	A+	ns
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	C	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	ns
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	A	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	F	ns
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Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	ns
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A+	ns
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon.	ns	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	ns
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	ns

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	D	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	A	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A+	ns
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	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
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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

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NFL

NFL teams look to vending machines as sales option

CLIFF BRUNT
AP Sports Writer

INDIANAPOLIS Minnesota Vikings president Mark Wilf figures if you can get a soda out of a vending machine, you might as well be able to get a team T-shirt or a set of trading cards, too.

Wilf took that concept to MainGate Inc., his team's apparel partner. When the Indianapolis-based company agreed that Wilf's idea had merit, MainGate installed a vending machine with Vikings merchandise at Mall of America in Bloomington, Minn., with hopes that it will be profitable and the idea will catch on with its six other NFL clients.

And MainGate's effort might just be the beginning. Reebok, the NFL's official outfitter, is considering putting some of its products in vending machines by the end of the season.

Leo Kane, the NFL's vice president of consumer products, said the league and Reebok have been discussing the possible use of vending machines for more than a year. A Reebok spokeswoman acknowledged the talks with the NFL but declined to give details.

The machine at the Mall of America was installed on Sept. 23.

"It's innovative, and something different to the consumer," MainGate CEO Dave Moroknek said. "Consumers have become used to self service. People use the self-service lines at Kroger and Marsh (grocery stores) all the time."

The machine includes shirts, footballs, trading cards, customized rubber bands, bobbleheads and more. Prices range from $5 for the rubber bands to $25 for a shirt or hat. No player jerseys, though — too big and expensive for a vending machine.

MainGate's NFL clients are the Vikings, Indianapolis Colts, Detroit Lions, Tennessee Titans, Washington Redskins, Kansas City Chiefs and St. Louis Rams. Minnesota ranked sixth among the league's 32 teams in merchandise sales on NFLShop.com from April 1 to Sept. 15 this season, making the Vikings an ideal partner to start with.

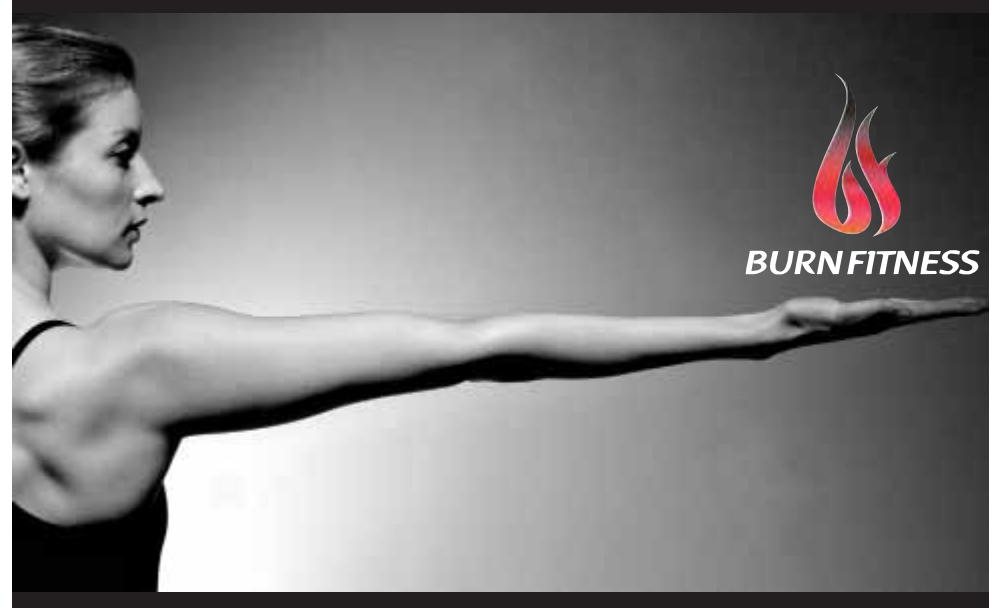
"We believe that this is a viable method of selling licensed products, and an economical way to increase the number of outlets we have to service the core fans," Moroknek said. "Growing merchandise sales and building the Vikings brand are our goals and we feel this program allows us to do both."

The Mall of America is one of the largest tourist attractions in the United States and has naming rights for the field at the Metrodome. MainGate already has a retail store inside the sprawling mall.

The NFL is excited about the unrelated if similar efforts from MainGate and Reebok.

"I think they are mutually exclusive, and are operating on parallel paths," Kane said. "We've approved Reebok, we've told Reebok what product we're comfortable with them putting in, it's product that we've already licensed and approved. We're very excited that the Vikings and MainGate also wanted to test this concept, and test it at a high-traffic area like the Mall of America with a very popular team like the Vikings."

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Legend of the Guardians 3D: The Owls of Ga'Hoole (NR) 1hr 30min
11:25am, 1:55pm, 4:25pm, 7:00pm, 9:35pm

Catfish (NR) 1hr 34min
12:00pm, 2:20pm, 4:45pm, 7:15pm, 9:45pm

Chain Letter (R)
12:05pm, 2:30pm, 5:00pm, 7:30pm, 10:00pm

Devil (NR)
5:45pm, 7:50pm, 10:05pm

Alpha and Omega (NR)
11:00am,1:15pm, 3:30pm

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Beauty and the Beast Sing-Along Event (NR) 2hrs
Noon

Legend of the Guardians 3D: The Owls of Ga'Hoole (NR) 1hr 30min
12:05pm, 2:35pm, 5:10pm, 7:40pm, 10:15pm

Let Me In (NR)
1:10pm, 4:05pm, 7:00pm, 9:55pm

Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps (PG-13) 2hrs 07min
1:00pm, 3:15pm, 4:15pm, 6:30pm, 7:30pm, 9:45pm, 10:45pm

You Again (PG)
11:30am, 2:15pm, 5:00pm,10:30pm

Social Network (NR)
11:00am, 12:00pm, 2:00pm, 3:00pm, 5:00pm, 6:00pm, 8:00pm, 9:00pm, 11:00pm

Secretariat (Digital Presentation) (PG) 1hr 56min
7:30pm

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Teza (NR) 2hrs 20min
1:40pm, 4:50pm, 8:00pm

Never Let Me Go (R)
1:50pm, 4:30pm, 7:20pm, 9:55pm

Jack Goes Boating (R) 1hr 29min
1:00pm, 3:20pm, 5:40pm, 8:00pm, 10:15pm

Waiting for Superman (PG) 1hr 42min
11:00am, 1:30pm, 4:20pm, 7:10pm, 10:00pm

Ahead Of Time (NR) 73 min)
11:00am

Lost Angels (NR) 76 min
11:30am

Automorphosis (NR) 76 min
11:00am

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Case 39 (R) 1hr 49min
11:15am, 2:00pm, 4:45pm, 7:30pm, 10:10pm

Inception (PG-13) 2hrs 28min
12:20pm, 3:40pm, 10:25pm

The Town (R) 2hr 5min
10:30am, 12:00pm, 1:35pm, 3:20pm, 4:35pm, 6:30 pm, 7:40pm, 9:40pm, 10:45pm

Social Network (NR)
10:00am, 1:00pm, 4:00pm, 7:00pm, 10:00pm

Easy A (NR)
10:05am, 12:30pm, 3:00pm, 5:30pm, 8:00pm, 10:30pm

Life As We Know It (PG-13) 1hr 52min
7:30pm

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Take it nice and easy, Pisces

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★★ Finally, you are enthusiastic and energized. How would you like to use this burst of energy? Clear out a money issue, or at least balance your checkbook. Clear out other errands. A friend has an exciting suggestion or two. Tonight: Let your imagination be a factor in deciding.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Return calls in the morning. A friend could be unpredictable. A discussion doesn't help stabilize the situation. Perhaps acceptance is the best way. Schedule time with family, perhaps at home. Tonight: Invite favorite people over.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Take a hint from Aries before you cruise into the afternoon. Accomplish what you must ASAP. Schedule a late lunch and perhaps a fun happening with a friend you rarely see. Tonight: Catch up on news.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Your high magnetism combines with your energy as you wake up. Be spontaneous, and you enjoy yourself no matter where you are or what you do. Stay connected to your limits, and curb a desire to go overboard. Tonight: Indulge a friend or loved one.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You might be slow to get started, as many issues come forward, but by the afternoon, you beam. Make plans with friends or a love one who you nearly always have a great time with. Be spontaneous about your actions. Tonight: Beam in what you want.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ Use the morning for what you deem important. By midafternoon, the instinct to cocoon takes over, dominating your plans. Don't allow others to dominate or ignore your needs. Tonight: Vanish if you can.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Get an early start on a project or a matter you feel you must complete. This afternoon, allow the weekend spirit to filter in and become more a part of your plans. Invite friends along to a flea market, movie or whatever knocks your socks off. Tonight: You are ringmaster.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Make long-distance calls in the morning. You are on top of your game and in touch with your feelings. Nevertheless, you might not have the freedom you need to act on them. Much is on your plate! Tonight: Spend time with an older friend or relative.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Spend time with your spouse or a close loved one this morning. Reconnect as you used to. Allowing for more frivolous time helps you bond closer. Cut away from your responsibilities just for a day. Take off if you want. Be spontaneous. Tonight: Allow the good times to rock and roll.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Allow others to determine plans, then act on them. You actually might enjoy kicking back. You do a lot; take a needed break. All you need to do is respond. A discussion late today could surprise you with its intensity. Tonight: Make someone feel special.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ If a project or a responsibility nags at you, go off and complete it. You will want to free yourself up in order to relax with friends. What you might think could be an easy, friendly happening could become rather wild. Just hang in there. Go for something fun. Tonight: Follow another's lead.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ How you feel in the morning is nothing like how you feel later in the day. Use the a.m. to the max, indulging a loved one and/or child. Allow spontaneity to play a greater role in your life. Tonight: A nice, easy pace.

Happy birthday

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

This year, you flip from being overly responsible and perhaps dominant to playful and gregarious. Underneath there is a seriousness that you might not be totally in contact with. You are processing on a deep level. If you are single, through a friend, you will meet someone who could light up your life. Friendship marks your relationship if you are attached. Don't lock each other into roles. Always be a friend as well as a loved one. You can count on LEO.



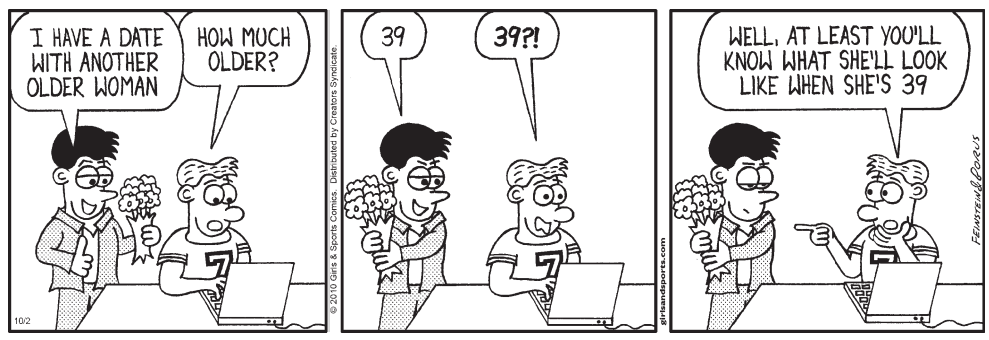
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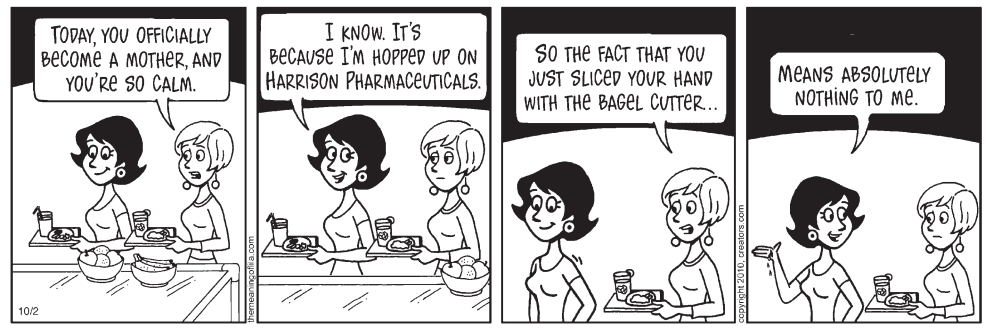
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Sudoku

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

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

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ACROSS

1 Worn out
6 Dogie catcher
11 Pedro's pal
12 Wagering every chip one has
13 Metallic element
14 Super Bowl XX champs
15 Handles
17 Tell tales
18 Jackson 5 hit
19 Misbehaves
22 Skin art, for short
23 Prepares veggies
24 Toasting word
25 Scales
27 Dems.' foes
30 Peter Benchley book
31 Afternoon hour
32 Campaigned
33 Copter parts
35 Bitter humor
38 Space circle
39 Concur
40 Brother's daughter
41 City of West Yorkshire
42 More angry

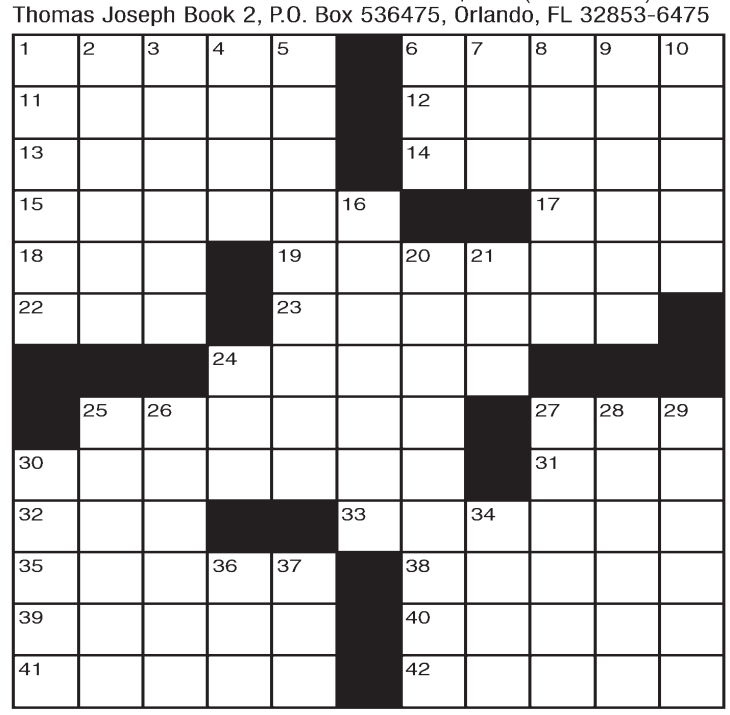
DOWN

1 Pokes
2 Microscope sight
3 Straight
4 They may clash
5 "I have no idea!"
6 Research site
7 Brew pub offering
8 Ski event
9 Brightest star
10 Dawn
16 Fall month
20 Recipe amounts
21 Mineo of movies
24 Funny Caesar
25 Use plastic
26 Poe girl
27 Peanut
28 How teriyaki is often served
29 Annoy
30 Ordeal
34 Jazz combo
36 Bush-ranger Kelly
37 Agreeable answer

B	O	R	O	N	■	A	V	A	I	L
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Yesterday's answer

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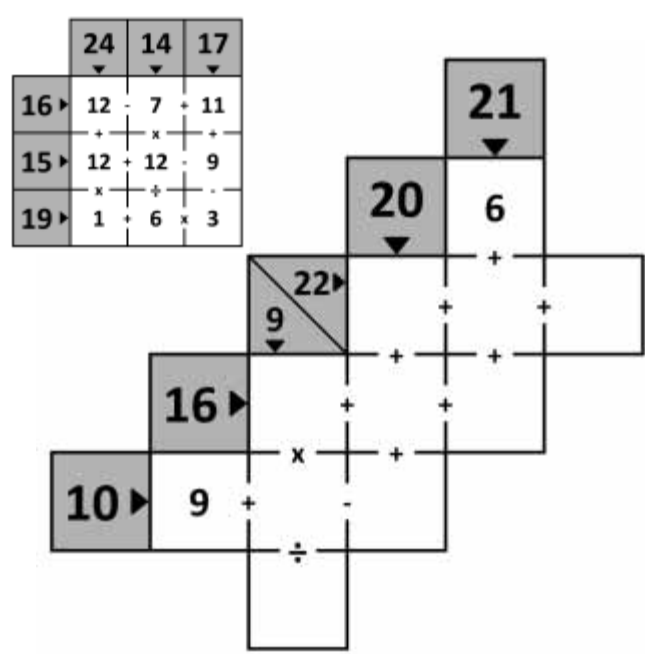
- Fill the grid with the set of given numbers (1 to 12) to satisfy the Equa demands (7 to 24) in the shaded boxes. The Equa demands represent the sum of the digits that you will insert into the empty squares.
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1, 1, 5, 8, 9, 10, 10, 10, 11

Solution for Task 1210



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Fantasy 5: 8 15 24 27 30

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Mississippi attorney general Jim Hood continues in the thrall of what forensic experts everywhere discredit as pseudo-science (everywhere except Mississippi, that is). Hence, death-row inmate Eddie Lee Howard's date with destiny approaches. Although only scant physical evidence was presented at his murder trial, the jury famously heard from local dentist Michael West, who, using fancy equipment, somehow identified scratches on the victim's body as "bite marks" unique to Howard's teeth. (In 2008, News of the Weird mentioned the DNA-inspired release of two accused Mississippi rapists who had served 12 years in prison -- having also been positively identified by West on the basis of bite marks. Between then and now, West's theories have been nationally, resoundingly rebuked, but the attorney general has chosen to defend Howard's original, West-based conviction rather than look anew at the case, and Howard remains marked for execution.)

■ Disrespecting Electricity: (1) New Hampshire teenager Kyle Dubois was critically injured in March when, during an electrical trades class, he and fellow students attached clamps to his nipples and plugged in an electrical cord. Dubois suffered permanent brain damage, and in August his parents sued the school district and the teacher. (2) As an alternative to the surgical scalpel, zapping a penis with electricity can produce a cleaner cut and with much less blood, according to a team of doctors from the Institute of Biomedical Engineering in Taiwan. Best of all, their July report noted, since the experiments were too risky for ordinary test volunteers, they performed all procedures on themselves.

■ In 2001, a woman filed a federal lawsuit in Minnesota (Engleson vs. Little Falls Area Chamber of Commerce), seeking to recover for injuries she suffered when she tripped over an orange traffic cone. The lawsuit was dismissed in November 2002 by Judge Donovan Frank, who said that since the very purpose of the bright orange traffic cone is to warn of imminent risk, citizens should not need to be warned that they are approaching bright orange traffic cones.

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624 Marguerita Avenue
4 Bed, 2 Full & 2 Half Bath
$2,900,000
North of Montana Ave.
Roosevelt School District
Please Call for Private Showing!



New Listing!

317 Marguerita Avenue
5 Bed, 3.75 Bath
For LEASE
$11,500 / Month
North of Montana Ave.
Roosevelt School District
Open Sunday, October 3rd
2:00pm - 5:00pm



New Listing!

516 San Vicente #102
2 Bed, 2 Bath
$724,999
Extensively Remodeled Single Level Condo!
Open Sunday, October 3rd
2:00 pm - 5:00pm



New Listing!
Open Sat. & Sun!

2454 4th Street # 6
2 Bed + Loft +2 Bath
$999,999
Gorgeous Tri-Level Townhouse with Ocean Views!
Open Sat. & Sun, October 2nd & 3rd
2:00pm - 5:00 pm



Price Reduction!

11687 Montana Avenue
#208
2 Bed, 1.75 Bath
$499,000
Huge Balcony!
Open Sunday, October 3rd
2:00pm - 5:00pm



Price Reduction!

1325 Washington Ave
Unit E
1 Bed, 1 Bath
$419,000
Top Floor Unit
North of Wilshire!
Open Sunday October 3rd
2:00 pm - 5:00pm



1425 Stanford Street #6
2 Bed, 2.5 Bath
$639,000
Updated Townhome
Great Location & Value!
Open Sunday, October 3rd
2:00pm - 5:00pm



Open Sat. & Sun!

934 2nd Street #3
2 Bed, 2.5 Bath
$939,000
Remodeled Townhouse w/ Ocean View !
Open Sat. & Sun. October 2nd & 3rd
2:00pm- 5:00 pm



New Listing!

1141 26th Street #B
1 Bed, 1 Bath
$395,000
Charming Unit!
Open Sunday October 3rd
2:00pm - 5:00 pm

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Santa Monica Canyon	$ 1,975,000	$ 1,69500
North of Montana	$ 3,074,500	$ 1,114,500
Between Wilshire & Montana	$ 1,730,000	$ 739,000
South of Wilshire	$ 799,000	$ 585,000
Sunset Park	$1,172,500	$ 589,000
Ocean Park	$ 1,365,000	$ 782,000

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