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FALL COLORS

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Local salesman Kirk Erickson makes his way through a patch of orange and yellow leaves on 11th Street in the rain on Monday. The National Weather Service is predicting more rain today, lasting though Wednesday. Temperatures are expected to be in the mid 60s.

LEAD group wants change on ed board

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN Education activists organized as the group LEAD is pushing for a new direction on the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District board, endorsing two challengers in November's election and declining to support incumbents Oscar de la Torre and Ralph Mechur.

LEAD, which stands for Leadership, Effectiveness, Accountability and Direction for SMMUSD, has announced it will back just three candidates for the four school board seats available in November: challengers Patrick Cady and Laurie Lieberman, and incumbent Barry Snell, the current board president.

The move by LEAD contrasts with the endorsement selections announced last week by another prominent school group, Community for Excellent Public Schools (CEPS), which is backing all three incumbents in addition to challenger Laurie Lieberman.

Debbie Mulvaney, LEAD's chair, said the group's 19-member steering committee made the selections after evaluating candidates based on their responses to a written LEAD questionnaire and their performance at last week's LEAD- and CEPS-sponsored candidate forum.

"Among all the candidates, Cady, Lieberman and Snell impressed us as best embodying the qualities that LEAD sees as critical to excellent school board functioning," Mulvaney said. "Each of them shows a commitment to equity and inclusion, has demonstrated effective leadership on education issues, and has shown a willingness to tackle difficult issues in a collaborative manner."

Sixty percent of steering committee members present had to support a candidate in order to award a LEAD endorsement.

"Only three people rose to the level that we felt was what we were looking for," Mulvaney said.

The group backed Cady, a teacher and coach for 35 years in the Santa Monica-Malibu school system, in part because members felt it was important to have the per-

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HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS ROUNDUP

Samohi hires Moreno as new softball coach

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

SAMOHI For the second time in the past month, Santa Monica High School has announced a new head softball coach.

The search to replace Debbie Skaggs, who retired after leading the Vikings for 24 seasons, appeared to be over last month when Samohi announced that Natalie Adame would take over as head coach. But, Samohi Athletic Director Daniel Escalera said that the two parties couldn't come to terms and continued to review applicants.

Escalera decided to offer the position to

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Seafood company donates to UAF for crab research

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FAIRBANKS, Alaska A Santa Monica seafood retailer has donated $10,000 to the University of Alaska Fairbanks for king crab research.

Santa Monica Seafood, based in the city of the same name, donated the money to Alaska Sea Grant.

The donation amount was revealed after a Freedom of Information Act request by The Associated Press. The company had requested the amount be kept private.

The university is a partner in the Alaska King Crab Research, Rehabilitation and Biology Program, formed in 2005 to determine whether hatcheries can help rebuild collapsed king crab stocks.

Kodiak Island has not seen red king crab commercial fishery in nearly three decades.

The program is conducting similar research with blue king crab in the hopes of rebuilding depleted blue king crab stocks off the Pribilof Islands.

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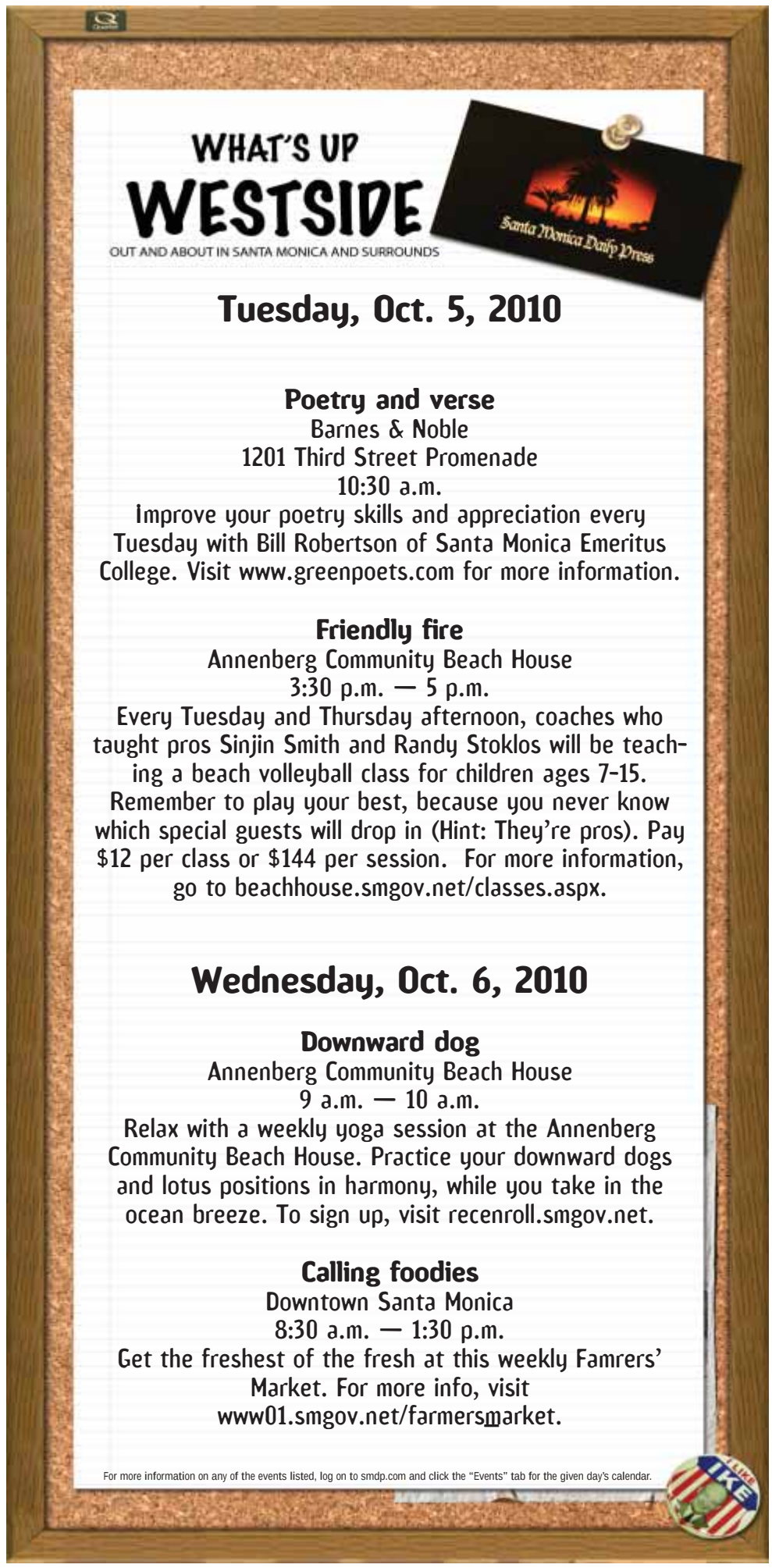


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SM BAY

Heal the Bay issues pollution advisory

Heal the Bay warned Los Angeles County residents Monday to stay out of the water for at least 72 hours, due to pollution flowing directly into the ocean after the area's first significant rainfall of the season.

Storm drains move rainwater to the Santa Monica and San Pedro bays to prevent flooding, but, along the way, the rainwater also picks up manmade debris, animal waste, pesticides, automotive fluids and human-gastrointestinal viruses.

The pollution poses human health risks and causes illness such as stomach flu. It also harms marine life and litters shorelines.

Even during the dry season, Heal the Bay and county health officials urge swimmers to stay 100 yards from flowing storm drains.

To reduce pressure from storm drains, Heal the Bay encourages residents to:

- Keep trash out of gutters and storm drains.
- Dispose of cigarette butts, animal waste and automotive fluids properly.
- Avoid overwatering lawns and plants.

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CITYWIDE

Employers promote ride sharing

Being stuck in rush hour traffic alone is never any fun.

This week, Santa Monica employers are helping their employees make friends by encouraging commuters to ride together to help beat the traffic. In celebration of the annual Rideshare Week, a statewide campaign promoting green commuting, employers are encouraging their workers to carpool, bus, bike and walk to the office.

According to a Caltrans study, 60 percent of commuters who participate in Rideshare Week continue to rideshare at least occasionally afterwards.

Under Ordinance 1604, Santa Monica's City Hall states that employers with more than 10 employees in the city must provide them with information about ridesharing and other alternative methods of getting to work.

Employers with 50 or more employees must encourage workers to reduce solo commuting by providing incentives and commuting tips, such as the mandatory Parking Cash Out Program, which gives employees the opportunity to trade their parking space in for money.

Larger companies must also strive to meet a goal of 1.5 persons per vehicle, using a yearly survey to track its progress.

Since 1996, the average AVR has increased from 1.27 to 1.64.

Google, with more than 300 employees in the city, scores an AVR of 1.62. A community bike program, which offers employees access to 35 bicycles, on-site meal service and participation in the Parking Cash Out program, helps reduce traffic during peak hours.

In addition to offering rideshare incentives for its workers, Santa Monica College, which employs more than 2,000 people, also aims to encourage green commuting with its students. Partnering with Big Blue Bus, SMC offers the "Any Line Any Time" bus pass, which allows staff and students to ride for free.

City Hall has achieved an AVR of 1.8 by offering a vanpool program, Bike@Work pool bikes and a 9/80 work schedule, which allows staff to work 80 hours over nine days. It coordinates with about 700 employers, covering more than 40,000 employees.

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The company tap-dances to 'Night and Day' during the Put On Your Dancing Shoes and Dance production by the Diane Davisson Dancers at the Santa Monica Bay Woman's Club on Fourth Street on Saturday night.

State high court upholds Schwarzenegger furloughs

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SACRAMENTO The California Supreme Court on Monday upheld Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's order to furlough state workers, providing a a major victory for part of the governor's budgeting plans.

In its unanimous ruling, the court concluded the state Legislature's 2009 budget bill "validated the governor's furlough program."

State employee unions have been challenging Schwarzenegger's order since he implemented two-day-a-month furloughs for more than 200,000 state workers in February 2009. He later expanded it to three days a month, which has translated to a pay cut of roughly 14 percent for government employees.

Schwarzenegger said the move was intended to save money as California faced a severe budget crisis, but his order prompted the filing of more than two dozen lawsuits.

"As governor, I have had to make very difficult decisions in response to the worldwide economic collapse, including furloughs for state workers and line-item vetoes to balance our budget," Schwarzenegger, a Republican, said in a statement after the court ruling. "These decisions were absolutely necessary to keep our state functioning."

The administration estimates furloughs saved the state's general fund $1.5 billion during the previous two fiscal years and an additional $80 million a month in the fiscal year that began July 1, said H.D. Palmer, spokesman for the governor's Department of Finance.

During a hearing in San Francisco last month, the governor's legal team said the administration was acting within its rights to deal with a budget crisis. Labor attorneys claim the order violates collective-bargaining law.

The high court said the governor or his Department of Personnel Administration cannot, on his own accord, cut the pay of covered workers. But it said the Legislature can grant the governor such authority, which occurred in this case.

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Bus pass idea a winner

Editor:

Councilman Kevin McKeown's suggestion that developers pay for bus passes for Santa Monica residents is a great one ("Council looks to boost BBB revenue," Oct. 2-3, page 1). The "great" part starts with "developers pay for." It's fairly common for Santa Monica to reach development agreements to bend the rules for developers, receiving in exchange some form of "public benefit." A no-cost-to-residents bus pass is a terrific public benefit, and I hope the rest of the City Council comes around and embraces the idea.

The reason we have a bus system is to provide transportation, and Councilman McKeown gets it. Think of the bigger picture, and the benefits associated with a bus system that is free for Santa Monicans to use:

1) It will almost certainly take some cars off the streets. That leads to decreased congestion on the streets, which leads to less time spent in traffic. Consider the cost to society of people wasting time stuck in traffic day after day after day. It's astronomical.

2) Reduced traffic leads to reduced air pollution. Consider the cost to society of the health issues associated with polluted air. We can reduce those costs by cleaning up the air. The savings are like found money.

3) Reduced traffic leads to faster response times for emergency vehicles. Ask someone who needs an ambulance or a fire truck whether he'd like them to get there more quickly. The public benefit there is enormous, one life at a time.

4) Having a bus pass encourages someone to make a shopping trip that he might not take. For example, I'm a little too far from the Third Street Promenade to walk there, and the traffic and parking situation Downtown is a giant frustration. My solution? Stay home. If I had a bus pass, I'd have another way to get Downtown, and though it's partly psychological, the fact that it's free to me would encourage me to make that trip – and spend my money Downtown. Ask our Downtown merchants whether they'd like more customers and I'm sure they'll all say yes.

Reduced congestion, improved health, faster emergency response times, more customers for Santa Monica businesses – what's not to like?

I suggest we try it for a year and see how it goes.

Christian Boyce
Santa Monica

Keep it up

Editor:

It is so refreshing to read an article so well written and enjoyable while at the same time, prompting me to action ("Reading sucks, man," Oct. 2-3, page 4, Your Column Here). I hope you won't mind that I am sharing a link to the article on my Facebook page and e-mailing a link to the staff at my high school in Las Vegas.

If we are to save the printed media, we need to motivate the young to read and become involved with their communities. Mr. DelaBarre's article brings attention to these issues.

Please encourage Mr. DelaBarre to write more frequently for your publication.

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Back to Nature

Reese Halter — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

The loathsome rat

RATS ARE NATURE'S MOBSTERS AND serial killers with phenomenal disease-carrying pandemic abilities; they are feared and for good reasons.

Rats, like people, have conquered all habitable continents. They feast on human garbage and survive in human effluvia.

Rattus norvegicus, Norway rat or brown rat is a rodent and there are about 400 kinds of rodents around the globe. They are large,16 inches from the tip of its nose to the end of its tail and they weigh about a pound.

Black rats or Rattus rattus once inhabited all North American cities until the brown rat pushed them out. In some southern West Coast cities like Los Angeles the two species still coexist. Black rats live in attics and palm trees.

Black rats are dark gray to almost black.

Brown rats vary from gray to brown with a belly that ranges from light gray to yellow or white.

Pet or laboratory rats are Rattus norvegicus and they are born in captivity. Wild rats are fearless.

Rats are nocturnal. They forage at night and depend upon keen senses of smell and touch because they have poor nighttime eyesight. In addition, they have an acute sense of taste able to detect poison down to one part per million.

Brown rats have strong feet outfitted with four claw-like nails. They are fast runners, agile climbers and outstanding swimmers able to navigate rivers, bays, sewer streams and surface in toilet bowls.

They have yellow teeth with two ever growing, long, sharp incisors. When a brown rat bites, its two front teeth spread apart. When it gnaws, on the other hand, a flap of skin plugs the space behind its incisors.

The incisors grow at a rate of 5-and-a-half inches a year and their teeth are as hard as steel.

Their bite is alligator-like and they exert an astonishing biting pressure of up to 7,000 pounds per square inch.

Rats are attracted to wires: utility, computer, vehicle – gas and water pipes. It's believed that the wires resemble vines and stalks of plants — in a way cables are the vines of the city.

Twenty-six percent of all electric cable breaks, 18 percent of all phone-cable outages and 25 percent of all fires of unknown origins are rat-caused.

If not gnawing or feeding on garbage, brown rats are legendary excavators.

They dig to enter buildings and burrow underneath concrete sidewalk slabs. Rats are able to collapse their skeleton and squeeze into a hole as small as 3/4-of-an inch wide — about the width of their skull.

Tunnels lead into nests. At the back of the nest is a long tunnel that opens to another hole on the street — an emergency escape.

Rats will nest in basements, sewers, manholes, and abandoned pipes of any kind, floorboards and in trash-strewn corners of subway stations or alleys.

A male and female will copulate up to 20 times in a day. A male will have sex with as many females as possible. One dominant male will mate with 20 females in six hours.

Females gestate for 21 days and litter sizes range between 8 and 10 pups. Females with access to a constant source of garbage will have up to 12 litters of 20 rats each year.

One rat nest can become a rat colony of 50 within six months. And one pair of rats can potentially produce 15,000 offspring in a year!

Rats destroy one third of the world's food each year.

When a flea, likely Xenopsylla cheopis, infects a rat with a bacteria carrying the Bubonic Plague or Black Death the rat eventually dies, the flea senses a lower rat body temperature and jumps to a new live rat.

Rat fleas prefer to feed on rats. But when rats and humans live in close proximity to one another the fleas will feed on humans.

The Roman Emperor Justinian witnessed between 25 and 50 percent of his people perish in the first recognized Black Death pandemic in AD 540s.

Black Death struck Europe in 1338 AD and by 1365 about one third of Europe's population remained alive.

The plague arrived in Honolulu via Asia early in January of 1900. It was terribly mishandled when it arrived in San Francisco on March 6, 1900, although immediately and correctly diagnosed by Dr. Joseph J. Kinyoun. Frighteningly, it still exists in the wild in North America today.

The province of Alberta, Canada is the only vast territory that is rat-free due to the world's most formidable rat control program.

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What's the Point?

David Pisarra
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When the man is a victim of domestic violence

I COME FROM A LOUD ITALIAN-IRISH-German family. My parents fought — often.

Sometimes it would be a "civilized" and mostly verbal, with the occasional tossing of a frying pan or breaking of a glass. Other times it was really ugly with knives pulled and bones broken.

Usually there was alcohol involved in some way. But there didn't have to be. My parents were experts at digging each other and finding that weak spot and drilling it.

So to say that I grew up in a home full of domestic violence is no lie. From the merely uncomfortable moments that always happen when two or more live in the same household, to the titanic battles that erupted, there was always lots of anxiety for me to breathe in and try to cope with as a kid.

This was 40 years ago, and the concept of domestic violence wasn't fully formed. Women were still heavily prejudiced in the courts, society as a whole didn't know how to handle it when spouses fought. The long-term effect of domestic violence on the children was not considered, because they weren't hurt — or so it was thought.

Most of the time, unless actual physical harm was done, it wasn't considered a crime. An actual battery, a physical touching, had to occur in order for the police to take notice, and even then, it was mainly ignored.

Times change. Farrah Fawcett makes a movie, "The Burning Bed," awareness grows, support networks develop, and shelters are built to protect the victims from their aggressors.

Domestic violence has been expanded as a concept, which is why I've written a book, "A Man's Guide To Domestic Violence." Society and the courts have expanded what we consider violent, and abusive. It no longer requires physical hurts. Emotional abuse is not tolerated.

We recognize that an environment that is psychologically tormenting is not healthy, and therefore not acceptable. With this new expanded definition, more people than ever fit the profile of an abuser.

The traditional view of a man in a tank top (the shirt commonly called "a wife beater") is no longer the standard. Anyone can be an abuser, and it doesn't take much. A smart mouth, and some emotional hurts, and an abusive household is made.

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. It's a difficult topic to discuss because no one wants to believe they are a victim. Men in particular have a hard time acknowledging when they are being abused.

Even men that can acknowledge that they are being abused have a very difficult time taking action to stop it, which may be one reason why it escalates. If more men acknowledged sooner that they are in an abusive relationship, when it is at a verbal abuse stage, perhaps the situation wouldn't escalate to physical abuse.

So how do you know if you're in an abusive situation? The following comes from the Domestic Awareness Hotline for Men and Women, (www.DVAHMW.org) which is run by my friend Jan Brown. She was the first woman to start a shelter that accepted both male and female victims of abuse.

ARE YOU BEING ABUSED?

- Does your significant other threaten that if you leave you will never see the children again, or do they destroy or threaten to destroy your property?
- Have you been shoved, slapped, punched, bitten or kicked? Even once?
- Does your partner block an exit to keep you from leaving during an argument, keep you from seeing friends or family, or use name-calling?
- Does your partner denigrate you in the presence of others? Do they say no one else would want you? Do they threaten suicide if you were to leave?
- Do you feel like you're "walking on eggshells" around your partner? Does she act like two different people? (e.g. Dr. Jekyll/Mr. Hyde)
- Does your partner anger easily, especially when drinking or on drugs?

If any number of these factors are true in your relationship, there is a problem. Victims of intimate partner violence come from all walks of life, all cultures, incomes, professions, ages and religions. Intimate partner abuse is not always defined by who is the stronger and/or bigger person in the relationship. It is about one person having and maintaining power and control over another person through physical, psychological, and/or verbally abusive means.

In my book, "A Man's Guide To Domestic Violence," I address the issue from a man's perspective of what is abuse today, how to peacefully combat it, and how to handle false allegations of domestic abuse. The book is available by e-mailing me at dpisarra@pisarra.com or through the website, www.amansguidetodomesticviolence.com.

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The Q Line

What's bugging you?

With election season upon us, we were wondering what is bothering Santa Monica residents these days.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
What poses the greatest threat to the quality of life in this city by the sea, and what could be done about it?

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STATE BRIEFS

WASHINGTON

GOP spending $2M in state Senate race

Republicans are moving up their $2 million television ad buy in California after recent polls show Democratic Sen. Barbara Boxer opening up a lead over GOP rival Carly Fiorina.

The investment from the National Republican Senatorial Committee is going to a statewide television ad campaign that tries to link excessive government spending to economic woes in California. The ad also notes Boxer's 28 years in office.

Boxer's rival is former Hewlett-Packard CEO Fiorina, who has never held elective office. In the primary, Fiorina spent $5.5 million of her money on the race.

Amber Marchand, spokeswoman for the National Republican Senatorial Committee, said the investment reflects GOP hopes for capturing the seat.

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LOS ANGELES

Prosecutor: Smith was addict who wanted drugs

A prosecutor has portrayed Anna Nicole Smith as an out-of-control drug addict who pressured doctors into prescribing pain killers and sedatives that she craved.

Deputy District Attorney David Barkhurst was the first lawyer to address jurors in closing arguments of the drug conspiracy trial against the late model's boyfriend and two doctors. He focused his remarks on Dr. Sandeep Kapoor, the internist he accused of doing inadequate tests before giving Smith a powerful opiate she requested.

Barkhurst spoke after the judge instructed jurors in the law, telling them that a person who seeks drugs for pain is not an addict.

Howard K. Stern, Kapoor and Dr. Khristine Eroshevich have pleaded not guilty to providing an addict with excessive drugs. They are not charged in Smith's 2007 overdose death.

AP

LOS ANGELES

LAPD seeks other victims of alleged child pimp

Los Angeles police say there could be dozens of other victims of a man they suspect of kidnapping two teenage girls and forcing them into prostitution.

Capt. Ann Young said Monday that Leroy Bragg had befriended girls and young women in the Los Angeles area then forced them to work for him.

The 34-year-old Bragg has been charged with recruiting a 13-year-old girl into prostitution. He has pleaded not guilty to human trafficking, crimes involving a minor and an unrelated burglary.

He also is suspected of kidnapping a 14-year-old girl, though charges have not been filed in that case.

Young says the two victims were found as part of an investigation into hotels to see if rooms were being rented for prostitution purposes.

AP

SAN DIEGO

Report faults Coast Guard for fatal crash

A Coast Guard investigating officer has found no legal justification for a deadly collision last year between a Coast Guard boat and a smaller vessel before a holiday parade in San Diego bay.

Cmdr. J.R. Hamilton issued the report after reviewing evidence last week against three Coast Guard members charged in the December crash that killed 8-year-old Anthony DeWeese.

The collision occurred as boats were gathered for an annual Christmas boat parade. The Coast Guard boat was responding to a report of a grounded vessel when it rammed a pleasure boat.

The report says the Coast Guard should have known that driving the boat fast in a crowded harbor would be dangerous.

The report, cited Monday in the Los Angeles Times, was forwarded to Rear Adm. Joseph R. Castillo, who will decide whether to order a court martial.

AP

SALINAS

Men who claimed art heist sue cops for defamation

Two men who claim millions of dollars worth of art were stolen from their Pebble Beach home are accusing the Monterey County Sheriff's Office of defaming them.

Dr. Ralph Kennaugh and Angelo Amadio say in a lawsuit that the sheriff's office put them in a false light by naming them as suspects in the case.

The two men reported in September 2009 that works by Jackson Pollock, Matisse, Rembrandt, Van Gogh and others were stolen from their rental home in the ritzy enclave.

About a week later, Cmdr. Mike Richards said the two were not cooperating with investigators and could produce no proof that the artwork had existed, much less was stolen.

Richards told the Monterey Herald that he cannot comment on the suit filed Thursday but that he and investigators stand by everything they said.

AP

LOS ANGELES

Director gets year in prison in wiretapping case

"Die Hard" director John McTiernan was sentenced to one year in prison Monday for lying about his association with a private investigator to illegally wiretap a movie producer.

In a stinging rebuke of the 59-year-old McTiernan, U.S. District Judge Dale Fischer said he should receive a harsher sentence than the year recommended by prosecutors because he didn't accept responsibility for his actions.

"The defendant doesn't think the law applies to him," Fischer said.

McTiernan, wearing a black suit with a blue shirt, had his hands in his pockets while the judge issued her sentence. He declined comment outside of court.

McTiernan pleaded guilty in July to two counts of making false statements to the FBI. He also pleaded guilty to one count of perjury for lying to a federal judge while trying to withdraw a guilty plea.

Fischer also ordered McTiernan to pay a $100,000 fine and serve three years probation. He will remain free on bond pending an appeal. His attorneys said the conditional plea agreement allows their client to challenge certain pretrial rulings made by Fischer.

AP

Disgraced Bell officials unwelcome at home

JOHN ROGERS
Associated Press Writer

BELL There was a time in this modest blue-collar community when Mayor Oscar Hernandez was all but hailed as a superhero, the big friendly guy who said hello to everybody when he wasn't busy greeting them at his venerable corner grocery store.

Those days ended abruptly last July after it was disclosed that Hernandez was presiding over a City Council with four of five members who were paying themselves and other leaders exorbitant salaries while one in six residents live in poverty.

Now all that has changed as the ousted city manager, the mayor and the three other council members face criminal charges in a scandal the district attorney called "corruption on steroids."

Hernandez and council members George Mirabal, Luis Artiga and Teresa Jacobo, who once trumpeted themselves as champions of the people in this modest, largely Latino suburb of Los Angeles, have become all but pariahs in a community where many have lived and worked for decades.

At the Funeraria Del Angel Mirabal mortuary, which Mirabal and his family have been associated with for decades, no one would talk about him on a recent day. They pointed instead to flyers posted on every door noting that — although his name still appears on the sign outside — his family sold the business to the Service Corporation International funeral home chain 20 years ago.

"I can confirm he is no longer with our company," was all Service International spokeswoman Jennifer Roberts would say about him. Although Roberts wouldn't say when Mirabal left, several people say they understood he was there until recently. When a resident questioned a mortuary bill at a City Council meeting in July, Mirabal told him to call him the next day and he would straighten it out.

Mirabal's name is also plastered on another sign at the mortuary these days, one in the window of the manager's office demanding that he and the other disgraced council members resign or be recalled.

A mile away, at the corner grocery store Hernandez has owned for 30 years, a large sign out front says it is under new management and that the name is being changed from Oscar's Korner Market to Osito's Meat Market. A cashier who declined to give her name said she hasn't seen the mayor in a month, although he lives right down the street. She said she didn't know the name of the market's new manager.

Now Hernandez' street, like others all over town, is lined with houses with red "Recall" signs displayed prominently in their front yards. (A group leading a recall drive against him and the others turned in petitions last week and are waiting to have the signatures verified.)

"The whole community is disappointed," said Sam Romo, who has lived in Bell more than 30 years and grew up playing with the mayor's son. He recalled dropping by Hernandez' store after school nearly every day, where the mayor would ask, "How's it going, Sammy?" and give him candy.

"He was almost like a superhero to the community, you know what I mean? The whole community trusted him," Romo said, noting that Hernandez, who arrived in Bell in the late 1960s as the town was undergoing a demographic shift, became one of its first Latino leaders. He's been active in the Chamber of Commerce, the local Masonic Lodge and other organizations.

In the first days after the salary scandal broke, Hernandez still maintained a high profile, handing out groceries at the city's monthly food bank and exchanging hugs with longtime friends. Several people, although admitting they were shocked by news of his salary, said that day they were reluctant to criticize him because they had known him and his family for years.

But in a small town where everyone seems to know everyone else, that quickly changed as word spread that various government agencies were also investigating allegations of voter fraud, racial profiling and other wrongdoing. At a City Council meeting attended by thousands of angry residents later that month, Hernandez and the others were showered with boos, insulted in English and Spanish and told to resign.

The mayor and Jacobo both spoke publicly of standing up for their people rather than resigning after the salary scandal was first reported by the Los Angeles Times. That's an expression several people now say they find irritating.

"He's a public servant and he's calling us his people," longtime resident Roger Ramirez said with disgust. "His people right now are in prison. Those are his people."

Mirabal is jailed in lieu of $260,000 bail, but Hernandez, Jacobo and Artiga have posted bail and returned home. Members of the community say they have been keeping low profiles since the morning of Sept. 21, when they were hauled off to jail in handcuffs.

A City Council meeting is scheduled for Monday night, and interim City Manager Pedro Carrillo said he expects those who aren't in jail to attend. He acknowledged, though, that he hasn't heard from Hernandez since his arrest.

"I have requested a briefing from the mayor, as we do before any council meeting," Carrillo said Friday. "I haven't heard back."

Hernandez and his fellow council members are also due in court Oct. 21 to be arraigned on charges of misappropriation of public funds. Also facing charges are former City Manager Robert Rizzo, former Assistant City Manager Angela Spaccia and former council members George Cole and Victor Bello.

Spaccia was paid $376,288 a year. When numerous perks like vacation, insurance and other benefits were added to Rizzo's $787,637 annual salary, his total compensation package was about $1.5 million a year.

In a brief phone interview, Artiga said he expects to be exonerated, adding the congregation at Bell Community Church, where he is the longtime pastor, has stood by him and that most of his flock continue to attend services.

"They recognize my 17 years of service to the community," he said softly.

Phone numbers for Mirabal and Hernandez have been disconnected, and a polite young man who answered the door at Jacobo's home said simply, "She's not available."

Her street is also lined with red "Recall" signs, including one in the front yard of Juan Martinez, who said he's known Jacobo and her family for more than 20 years.

The retired railroad worker said he was friendly with all of the council members until shortly before the scandal broke.

"George Mirabal himself assured me they were doing nothing wrong," he said, adding he often accepted invitations from city officials to sing mariachi music at various community events. He was never paid, he said, because the officials told him the city didn't have any money.

"I really thought they were broke," he added. "Otherwise I might have charged them."







AG files lawsuit against local car wash owner

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

SM COURTHOUSE California's attorney general has filed a lawsuit against eight car washes owned by the family that runs the trendy Koi restaurants popular with celebrities around the world.

The lawsuit alleges the businesses owned by the Sikder family are not licensed and employees were denied minimum wage, refused rest and meal breaks, and forced to show up early without pay. The lawsuit contends workers who quit or were fired were not paid and others received checks that were rejected.

"While Koi served up yellowtail tartare and Kobe beef carpaccio to Hollywood celebrities, the restaurant's owners routinely denied wages, breaks and overtime pay to workers at their unlicensed car washes," state Attorney General Jerry Brown alleged.

"Today's lawsuit seeks to end this widespread pattern of worker exploitation," said Brown, who is running for California governor.

The Santa Monica Superior Court lawsuit caps a five-month investigation of eight Sikder family-owned car washes throughout California, according to Brown's office.

Investigators who interviewed more than 80 workers determined the car washes routinely denied employees minimum wage and overtime, failed to pay wages owed to those who quit or were terminated, denied rest and meal breaks and created false records of time worked, the suit alleges.

The car washes required employees to report to work hours early and be available without pay until business improved, according to the Attorney General's Office. In addition, many workers received paychecks that could not be cashed because of insufficient company funds, the suit alleges.

The car washes operated for years without licenses from the Labor Commissioner, according to the Attorney General's Office.

The lawsuit seeks $6.6 million in lost wages and civil penalties, and an injunction to prevent the defendants from committing similar alleged violations in the future.

Five of the eight car washes named in the lawsuit are in the Southland:

- Bonus Car Wash in Santa Monica;
- Crown Valley Car Wash in Laguna Niguel;
- Laguna Hills Union 76 Station Car Wash;
- Marina Car Wash in Venice; and
- Wash & Go Hand Wash (also known as Wash & Go Hand Carwash Corp. and Irvine Auto Spa) in Irvine.

The others are in Folsom and the Northern California cities of Fair Oaks and San Ramon.

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FURLOUGHS
FROM PAGE 3

It said language approved by the Legislature during an emergency session in February 2009 to revise that year's budget gave the governor, at least temporarily, the authority to do cut pay as a way to deal with a state budget crisis. Schwarzenegger had begun implementing the furloughs shortly before lawmakers passed a revised budget.

Lawmakers authorized furloughs as part of that budget bill, which was intended to close a $42 billion deficit through June 2010. They also passed a massive tax increase and made billions of dollars in spending cuts.

The budget legislation passed in 2009 authorized the furloughs through either collective bargaining or "existing administration authority." The state Supreme Court said those three words gave the governor his authority.

"By enacting this provision, the Legislature, through the exercise of its own legislative prerogative, authorized the substantial reduction in the appropriations for employee compensation, mandated in the revised budget legislation, to be achieved through the two-day-a-month furlough plan," the court said.

While the court deliberated, state workers continued to be furloughed.

An Alameda County Superior Court judge had issued a temporary restraining order preventing the governor from implementing furloughs, but the state Supreme Court allowed furloughs to resume while it deliberated.

After an initial round of furloughs ended in June, the governor brought back three-day-a-month furloughs in late July while the state deals with a $19 billion deficit.

State workers dispute that the state has saved money through the furloughs, which have meant most state offices are closed on three Fridays a months.

Bruce Blanning, executive director of the Professional Engineers in California Government, one of the plaintiffs, said he was disappointed by Monday's ruling.

"Obviously, we had hoped for a better outcome," he said. "But that's the way the court ruled, and we take it and move on."

If the Legislature fails to include employee compensation savings in its 2010 budget that could raise questions about the validity of the furloughs.

ROUNDUP
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Marybell Moreno late last week. She was in the initial group of finalists for the position.

Samohi is the defending California Interscholastic Southern Section Division 4 champions. It was the first softball CIF title in school history.

PACIFICA CHRISTIAN V-BALL HITS ROAD

The Pacifica Christian girls' volleyball team (7-5 overall) will travel to Canoga Park's Faith Baptist today. The game is scheduled for 4:30 p.m.

It will be the Heritage League opener for both schools.

LIGHTHOUSE FOOTBALL PREPS FOR RIBET

Lighthouse Christian's football team will take its 2-1 record to Ribet Academy on Friday at 3 p.m.

Coming off a 54-0 win over Lutheran two weeks ago, Lighthouse has scored 112 points while giving up 59 this season. Lighthouse is an eight-man team.

Ribet is 0-3 this season.

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ENDORSEMENTS
FROM PAGE 1

spective of an educator on the board, Mulvaney said. Members also liked the fact that he is a resident of Malibu, which currently lacks a representative on the school board.

"Mr. Cady possesses first-hand knowledge of school programs and policies that will be invaluable when matters involving classroom priorities, class size, and alternate instructional methods come before the school board," she said.

Lieberman, a former co-chair of LEAD, won the group's support "based on her long-standing commitment to quality public education in the school district, her fundraising leadership on the Measure A campaign, her legal and advocacy work in persuading the City Council to add Measure YY to the November Santa Monica ballot and her active participation in the SAMOHI Coalition," according to a LEAD press release.

LEAD credited Snell, the only incumbent to win the group's support, with "having led the board of education effectively during a tumultuous period that included changes in district leadership, drastic state budget cuts [and] a failed parcel tax."

"LEAD members viewed Mr. Snell as having reached out in important ways to connect with schools and their communities, and having been open to differing points of view," the group's press release stated.

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New Jersey school holds vigil for student who killed self

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J. Rutgers University held a silent vigil Sunday night to remember a student who committed suicide after his sexual encounter with a man in his dormitory room was secretly streamed online.

The tribute to 18-year-old freshman Tyler Clementi drew a few hundred people, many holding candles, to the school's campus in New Brunswick.

While some area religious officials briefly addressed the crowd during the hour-long vigil, few words were spoken by the participants. Most in attendance took the time to reflect on what had happened to Clementi, sharing hugs and holding hands with others in a show if unity.

Among those attending was Rutgers student Julie Burg, who said she wanted to spread the message that help is available for students in crisis.

"There are many groups anywhere you go to that could help support you," Burg told WCBS-TV in New York.

Burg was joined at the vigil by her mother, Annmarie Burg, who was saddened by the events leading to Clementi's death.

"It had to take such an unfortunate incident like this to create, probably, an even larger awareness," the mother said.

Prosecutors say Clementi's roommate and another student used a webcam to broadcast on the Internet live images of Clementi having the intimate encounter.

Clementi, a promising violinist, jumped off the George Washington Bridge into the Hudson River three days later. His body was identified Thursday.

Rutgers President Richard McCormick said the vigil was an opportunity for students and staff to come together and "reaffirm our commitment to the values of civility, dignity, compassion and respect."

The vigil was the latest in a series of remembrances for Clementi at the university that included the establishment of a Facebook group, In Honor of Tyler Clementi.

On Friday, students wore black and were encouraged to leave flowers or mementoes at a makeshift memorial for Clementi. The Rutgers Glee Club marched to the memorial and performed a rendition of "Rutgers Prayer," which is traditionally sung when an important member of the Rutgers community dies or a tragedy happens at the university.

On Saturday, the school had a moment of silence for Clementi before the start of its homecoming football game against Tulane.

Clementi's death was one of a string of suicides last month involving teens believed to have been victims of anti-gay bullying. On Friday, more than 500 people attended a memorial service for Seth Walsh, a 13-year-old central California boy who hanged himself after enduring taunts from classmates about being gay.

Advocates call for support, education for gay youth

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Campus Pride. Gay Lesbian and Straight Education Network. Parents, Family and Friends of Lesbians and Gays.

Support and other resources for gay young people are out there, sometimes only a click or a phone call away, but advocates said the recent suicide of Rutgers University freshman Tyler Clementi and other teens who were believed to have been victims of anti-gay bullying point to the need for even more widespread help.

In a country of about 12,000 public school districts, the education network known as GLSEN (glsen.org) counts about 4,000 Gay-Straight Alliances, the name for school clubs — mostly in high schools — that register with the group.

"Youth in general are not very help-seeking," said the organization's executive director, Eliza Byard. "Getting people to reach out is one of the big challenges."

Another nonprofit focused on lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning youth, the Trevor Project, operates a free, confidential hotline (866 4-U-Trevor) for counseling and suicide prevention around the clock. The hotline, among many crisis lines available, takes an average of about 30,000 calls a year, said a Trevor spokeswoman, Laura McGinnis.

Trevor (thetrevorproject.org) also offers "TrevorChat," a free, secure online messaging service for counseling between 4 p.m. and midnight Eastern time. The organization's Trevor Space, a monitored social networking service for gay youth, has about 13,000 registered users, McGinnis said.

"So if your town has only 300 people in it, you're not alone," she said.

A search engine on the Trevor website allows users looking for resources or support to search by key word, state, city or ZIP code.

Parents, Family and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, or PFLAG (pflag.org) is a national support, education and advocacy organization with local affiliates in more than 500 communities around the country and abroad. Support group meetings are available through PFLAG chapters for loved ones or whole communities.

"PFLAG has grown as more Gen X parents are learning about their kids or figuring it out before their kids do. They're getting more involved," McGinnis said.

For youth not ready to seek help offline, an outpouring of videos from members of the gay community who have survived bullying and hatred as young people have been posted on a new YouTube channel set up by syndicated columnist Dan Savage (youtube.com/itgetsbetterproject).

On college campuses, Campus Pride is nonprofit organization of student leaders and groups of gay students and their allies, including an effort focused on fraternities and sororities, lambda10.org.

Off campus, CenterLink (lgbtcenters.org) supports LGBT community centers and helps new centers get started. The organization serves more than 168 centers in 45 states and the District of Columbia. The group's website provides a directory of centers.

"The single most important line of defense for young people in crisis is a network of visibly supportive adults, in their own community, in school, at home," Byard said.

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Stock market begins month with modest losses

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AP Business Writer

NEW YORK Stocks fell Monday as investors took a pause from a historic rally in September and held back ahead of a busy week of economic and earnings reports.

The Dow Jones industrial average dropped more than 90 points in afternoon trading after a report showed factory orders fell slightly more than expected in August, but pending home sales rose a bit more than forecast.

Analysts say the market was due for a pullback following a 10.4 percent gain in the Dow last month. The monthlong rally has come on relatively low volume, a sign that many investors are still waiting on the sidelines.

Doug Roberts, chief investment strategist at Channel Capital Research, said the market has been trading in a broad range over the past six months. And with it approaching the high end of that range, a pullback is natural.

The market has been "alternating between euphoria and despair," Roberts said of the wide trading range dating back to late April, when stocks hit their high for the year.

This week brings a number of potentially important news events for stocks, including the monthly jobs survey on Friday and earnings from Dow component Alcoa Inc. on Thursday, the traditional kickoff to the quarterly earnings season.

In corporate news, France's Sanofi-Aventis launched an $18.5 billion hostile takeover offer for Genzyme Corp. Sanofi-Aventis' previous offer was rejected by Genzyme's board, so it is now taking the offer directly to shareholders. The offer, at $69 per share, is unchanged from Sanofi-Aventis' original offer in July.

Swiss regulators said they will require the country's two biggest banks, Credit Suisse Group and UBS AG, to hold more money in reserve than the amount required under newly agreed upon international standards.

The Dow fell 92.37, or 0.9 percent, to 10,737.31 in late afternoon trading.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 10.42, or 0.9 percent, to 1,135.82. The S&P 500 again came within two points of hitting 1,150. The index has come that close or crossed 1,150 each of the past seven days during trading. However, it has been unable to close above the key level during that stretch.

Mike Shea, managing partner at Direct Access Partners LLC, said optimistic profit outlooks from companies as they report earnings in the next few weeks would "absolutely get us through 1,150."

The Nasdaq composite index fell 27.19, or 1.2 percent, to 2,343.56.

Factory orders fell 0.5 percent in August, slightly worse than the 0.4 percent drop predicted by economists polled by Thomson Reuters. But the drop was largely due to a steep drop in commercial aircraft orders. Excluding transportation, orders rose 0.9 percent.

The number of buyers that signed contracts to purchase homes rose in August by more than expected. The National Association of Realtors pending home sales index rose 4.3 percent, slightly better than the 2.5 percent jump economists predicted.

Colleges car-share way toward less congestion

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Associated Press Writer

BOISE, Idaho On a campus where students outnumber parking spaces nearly three to one, Boise State University has finally convinced 23-year-old Wayel Alwayel he no longer needs the car he brought to campus with him as a freshman.

The new hybrid car parked near the student union building this fall, available for $8 an hour, sealed the deal. Behind the wheel of the rental, Alwayel realized just how tired he was of paying for his own gas, paying for his own insurance.

"Everybody was like, 'How did you get this car?" said Alwayel, a senior who plans to sell his nine-year-old Mitsubishi sedan and rent one of the four Zipcars on campus if he needs to go to the mall or run an errand.

"It's cheaper," he said. "You don't have to pay the gas, you don't have to have insurance, which is really cool."

Colleges hoping to steer students and faculty away from bringing their vehicles to campus to help relieve parking congestion and promote environmentally friendly transportation are increasingly turning to the concept of car sharing.

Boise State is among more than 30 universities and colleges that have introduced Zipcars to students this fall.

The University of Colorado at Boulder works with a local nonprofit, eGO CarShare, to offer a car sharing service to students and faculty, according to its web site.

For a generation of college students who grew up downloading music song by song instead of buying entire CDs, the whole borrowing-instead-of-buying concept hasn't exactly been a hard sell.

Throw in the recession, and parents are on board too.

"I think one of the key drivers is Zipcar really helps to save people money, and that's really important to college students, as well as their parents," said Greg Winter, a spokesman for the Cambridge, Massachusetts-based company.

There's also the bling factor, if only for a few hours.

When Alwayel, the Boise State student, and his wife, 20-year-old Fatemah, needed a ride to the Boise Islamic Center for a Ramadan gathering, they left their old car at home and went online to reserve the dark blue Prius parked on campus.



Japan issues travel alert for Europe

JAMEY KEATEN
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PARIS Japan issued a travel alert for Europe on Monday, joining the United States and Britain in warning of a possible terrorist attack by al-Qaida or other groups, but tourists appeared to be taking the mounting warnings in stride.

The Foreign Ministry in Tokyo urged Japanese citizens to be cautious when using public transport or visiting popular tourist sites — issuing another blow to Europe's tourism industry, which is just starting to recover from the global financial crisis.

European authorities — especially in Britain, France and Germany — tightened efforts to keep the public safe in the wake of warnings by officials that the terrorism threat is high and extra vigilance is warranted.

Last week, a Pakistani intelligence official said eight Germans and two British brothers were at the heart of an al-Qaida-linked terror plot against European cities, but the plan was still in its early stages, with the suspects calling acquaintances in Europe to plan logistics. The official said the suspects were hiding in North Waziristan, a Pakistani tribal region where militancy is rife and where the U.S. has increased its drone-fired missile strikes in recent weeks.

Security officials say terrorists may be plotting attacks in Europe with assault weapons on public places, similar to the deadly 2008 shooting spree in Mumbai, India. European officials have provided no details about specific targets.

Former U.S. Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff urged Americans in Europe to take commonsense precautions, such as knowing where they are in a city and identifying an exit at major tourist sites.

"Don't walk around with the American flag on your back," Chertoff, who headed the agency during the Bush administration, told ABC's "Good Morning America." "(Consider) where would you take shelter if something happened."

On Monday, French police arrested a 53-year-old man suspected of links to a bomb threats including one Friday at a Paris railway hub, an official with knowledge of the investigation said on condition of anonymity. The suspect, who was not identified, was detained southwest of the capital for possible links to a phone-in threat at the Saint-Lazare train station.

French authorities recorded nine bomb alerts in the capital in September, including two at the Eiffel Tower — a threefold increase from a year earlier. No explosives were found.

The U.S. State Department alert Sunday advised the hundreds of thousands of American citizens living or traveling in Europe to take more precaution about their personal security. The British Foreign Office warned travelers to France and Germany that the terror threat in the countries was high.

Western nations are aligned in their estimation of the threat, a French official said.

"These American recommendations are line with the recommendations that we have made on our own territory," said Foreign Ministry spokesman Bernard Valero, pointing to France's "red" terror alert status — the second-highest in the French warning system.

"All countries concerned have a convergent analysis of the high level of threat in Europe," Valero said.

In Berlin, Interior Ministry spokesman Michael Paris said German authorities were taking the latest travel warnings "very seriously," but that there were no indications of an imminent terror threat.

Neither France or Germany has raised its terror alert level recently.

Business travelers and tourists arriving Monday at Paris' Charles de Gaulle airport from the United States said they were aware of the new warnings but weren't changing their plans.

"I'm very happy to be here in France. I think we're very safe, and I trust the French government to keep us safe," said James O'Connell, a 59-year-old from Pittsburgh, arriving in Paris for a 7-day vacation.

Karen Bilh, a 39-year-old traveler, arrived in Paris from Cincinnati.

"We'll pay extra caution and if there's terror threats, we'll listen to police in the area. We're excited about the trip," she said.

Travelers taking the Eurostar trains between London and Paris were similarly determined not to let the warnings disrupt their plans.

Jennifer D'Antoni, who owns a retail clothing store in Britain, was in Paris to celebrate her birthday.

"I had a wonderful time and I'll come back again. In fact, I wish I was here for another day because I didn't get to see everything. We are just going to be a bit more cautious getting on the train," she said.

Yet Germans — authorities and citizens alike — were not convinced of the need for concern.

"I think it is quite exaggerated," said Marian Sutholt, 25, of Berlin. "If you worry all the time, you actually live up exactly to what the terrorists want. So you should take things as they come and not worry too much. Hopefully nothing will happen."

But John Gooley, a tourist from Portland, Oregon, was more cautious.

"Berlin is an amazing city, its a beautiful city, but I'd probably recommend staying in smaller cities," he said Monday. "I am still happy to travel all throughout Europe, but for right now I might avoid Paris, Berlin, London."

At Washington's Dulles airport, Jennifer Mackey, an American traveling to Germany, said: "I don't think we should be in a fear-based society."

"I think if we stop traveling, the so-called quote, unquote 'enemy' has won," she said. "I think life has to carry on."

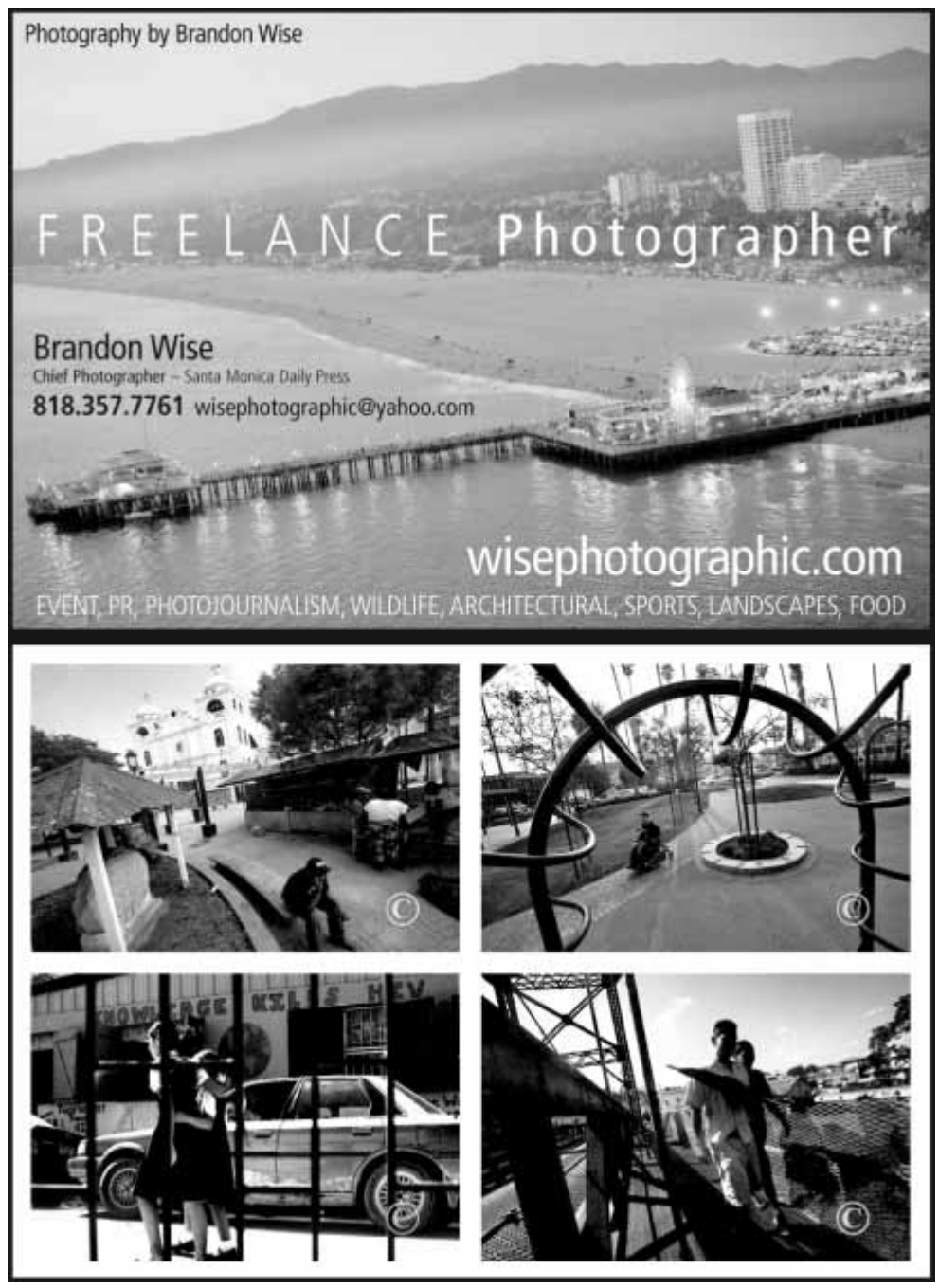
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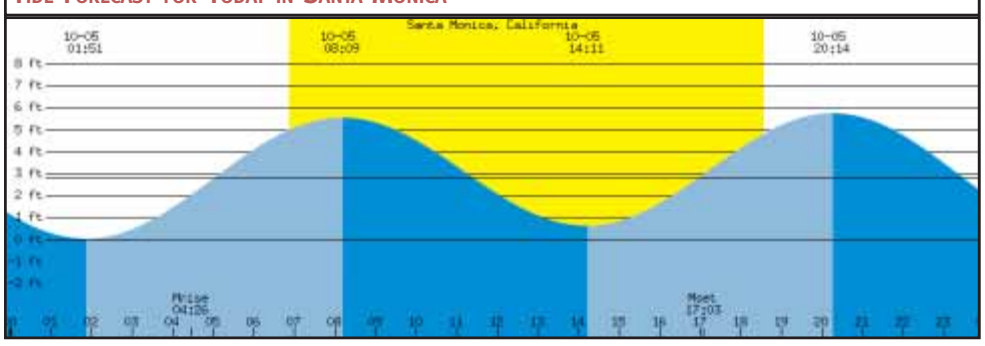
Swell Forecast

Should see both a boost in NW and SW swells. All breaks are looking at chest high surf. West facing breaks though can expect shoulder high pluses.

Long Range Synopsis

Perhaps waist to chest most everywhere with the best chance for chest high surf at west facing breaks.

Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica



BEACH REPORT CARD

NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

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QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 1
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 4
- Number of wet days -- 8
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 44 / 28
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 3 / 28

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

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A+	as
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A+	as
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	D	as
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	A	as
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A	as
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A+	as
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	A	as
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	A+	as
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A+	as
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A+	as
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A+	as
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	as
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	A+	as
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A+	as
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St..	A+	as
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower.	A	as
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	A	as
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	A+	as
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	A+	as
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty).	A+	as
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	A+	as
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant.	A+	as
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	A+	as

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
as -- no sample taken

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MLB

Angels look within after first losing season since '03

GREG BEACHAM
AP Sports Writer

ANAHEIM Torii Hunter has needed a breather ever since he served as baseball's unofficial host in Orange County when the Los Angeles Angels hosted the All-Star game in mid-July.

With the Angels missing the playoffs for just the third time in nine years after their first losing season since 2003, the outfielder is already using his down time to start plotting their return to the top.

"I think we'll go into the offseason, make some moves, sign a couple of big dogs, get everybody healthy and be right back in it in February," Hunter said. "This is a franchise that doesn't like to lose. We have a tradition of winning, and I think we're going to get right back in it in 2011."

Angel Stadium is usually rocking in October, but most of the Angels quietly closed it down Monday after finishing 80-82 — the exact same record as the crosstown Dodgers, who also missed the playoffs after making last year's league championship series.

The Angels' streak of three straight AL West titles ended with a third-place finish, their first since 2003 after winning five of the past six division races. A cornucopia of factors caused their decline, from freak injuries to day-to-day inconsistencies, but nobody working under the Big A seems to believe it can't all be fixed.

"There are a lot of things moving forward to be extremely optimistic about," said Mike Scioscia, the Angels' manager for the past 11 seasons. "Nothing is going to change the way we feel about this season, but our prospects are looking extremely bright. There's been a level of frustration for all of us this season. It showed us we need to improve in a lot of areas."

After fielding a lineup late last year with nine .300 hitters, the Angels had zero this season for the first time since 2001. After committing a franchise-low 85 errors last season, Los Angeles played shaky defense. After having the majors' most reliable bullpen for much of the past decade, almost every night was an adventure for the Angels' pen.

Yet there's solid reason for Scioscia's optimism, and much of it is on the mound. Los Angeles' rotation is obviously the foundation of next season's club: Veterans Jered Weaver and Ervin Santana both had standout seasons, while Joel Pineiro and Dan Haren were impressive.

Weaver went 13-12 — his bullpen also blew five leads for him — while leading the majors with 233 strikeouts while holding opponents to a .222 average. Santana won a career-high 17 games, while Pineiro won 10 in a solid debut season with the Angels despite missing two months with an injury.

Haren showed prolonged flashes of his three-time All-Star abilities after arriving in a trade with Arizona, and should only be better with an uninterrupted season before him. Only Scott Kazmir had a disappointing season in the rotation, going 9-15 with a 5.94 ERA — but he's owed $12 million for 2011, suggesting he might be pitching coach Mike Butcher's top offseason priority.

"That's the thing where we feel good about moving forward to next season," Scioscia said. "Our rotation has four guys who stack up with any rotation in baseball."

Los Angeles' offensive decline led to its downfall, and not everything can be blamed on Kendry Morales' season-ending injury in late May. The slugging first baseman was off to a strong start when he broke his leg while jumping on home plate at Angel Stadium to celebrate a game-ending grand slam against Seattle.

After leading the majors in batting average last season, the Angels finished 10th in the AL this season — and after setting franchise records for hits, runs and RBIs in 2009, the Angels were below average.

Los Angeles also never found a dependable leadoff hitter to replace Chone Figgins, with shortstop Erick Aybar flopping in his attempt. The Angels not-so-quietly covet Tampa Bay's speedy Carl Crawford, but won't know his price until the free-agent signing bonanza begins.

"The table-setting aspect of our club has been poor," Scioscia said. "We need to do a better job next year. It might not be one guy. It might be a combination of guys."

A committee also might be the Angels' strategy at designated hitter. While Hideki Matsui was solid in his first season as the Angels' DH, he didn't match the magic of Vladimir Guerrero, and the Japanese slugger is a free agent.

The Angels have nine arbitration-eligible players, but are expected to have the resources to make at least one big free-agent signing, likely raising their overall payroll from this season's $121 million.

LEGAL NEWS

Supreme Court refuses to hear 'SC' case

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON The Supreme Court won't decide who really owns the initials "SC" when it comes to college sports: the University of Southern California or the University of South Carolina.

The high court on Monday refused to hear an appeal from South Carolina, which wanted to trademark a baseball cap logo with the initials "SC."

The Trojans already have a trademark on a version of "SC" and say the Gamecocks' symbol looks too much like theirs. The California school says it has sold tens of millions of dollars of apparel with "SC" on it, while South Carolina only wanted to start using those initials on baseball caps in 1997.

Courts have rejected South Carolina's trademark.

The case is University of South Carolina v. University of Southern California, 09-1270.

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Town (R) 2hr 5min
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Social Network (PG-13) 2hr 1min
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Easy A (PG-13) 1hr 33min
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Head home, Gemini

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ Emphasize accomplishment and getting your to-dos done. A partner or loved one loves pitching in and helping. Whatever you are doing, the company is appreciated. Recognize another person's frustration level. Tonight: Easy works.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ You seem to be bubbling with ideas. Even a setback won't last long, as you demonstrate your ingenuity in dealing with the situation. A key partner has a lot to share. Let him or her, and don't interfere. Tonight: Demonstrate how playful the Bull can be.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ Stay centered and be aware of what your self-imposed limits are. You might not be as content as you could be when dealing with an associate or someone who plays a vital role in your daily life. Tonight: Head on home.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ Your ability to make a point could have a key loved one or friend backing off and feeling frustrated. It will take charm, creativity and your innate resourcefulness to mend this bridge. The good news is, you will. Tonight: Pursue a favorite hobby.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Curb a need to be possessive and difficult. You understand what is happening with a child or loved one. Let this person express his or her needs. You don't necessarily have to go along with his or her program. Tonight: Enjoy your home and immediate family (even if it is just a cat).

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You feel empowered, but not so much so that you can beat the odds with a risk. You could find this risk a problem, most likely. Make calls and catch up on key people's news. Someone might trigger some frustration or anger. Tonight: As you like, but not alone.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ Sometimes the less said about a problem the better. A problem person in your immediate environment could succeed in upsetting you. Don't make an issue bigger than necessary. Tonight: Curb a tendency to overspend.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ You have a way of drawing many to you, especially today. You could make more of a change in plans than is intended. Still, holding in your feelings could be an issue. Make an effort to clear the air with a key friend. Tonight: Where people are.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ A misunderstanding could be costly. Use good sense, and don't mix friendship and money. Focus on taking the lead, whether it is a get-together, a work-related issue or a brainstorming session. Tonight: Could go till the wee hours.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ You could be out of sorts with someone who makes a difference in your life. You might wonder what you are doing with a certain situation. Detach, and do some needed reflecting. You could be surprised by what comes up. Tonight: Put on a favorite movie or TV show.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ You could misread news that heads in from a distance. You might wonder how and why when dealing with a child or loved one who keeps tossing different ideas at you. Decide what you want, then proceed. Tonight: Invite a loved one out for dinner.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Listen to news from others. You might pick up another solution or a different perspective. Be willing to push beyond your immediate limits. You know what you want and where you are heading. Tonight: Go with another's suggestion.

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 are more optimistic and upbeat than in many years past. You will be making a major adjustment, but once you have accepted the change, you will kick back and enjoy your life. You will be looking at new ways of making money, but also new ways of spending it. Self-discipline might be more important than you realize. If you are single, you present quite a dashing or attractive figure. You don't need to maintain your status. You could become attached quickly. If you are attached, you become more dominant than in the past. The two of you could have a ball together. VIRGO understands you better than you think.



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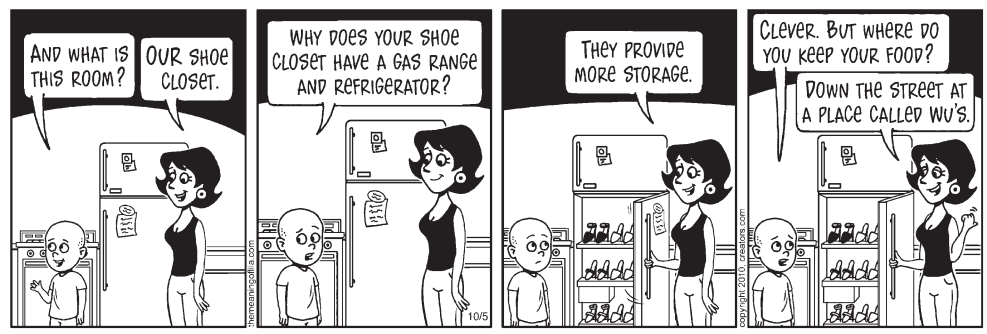
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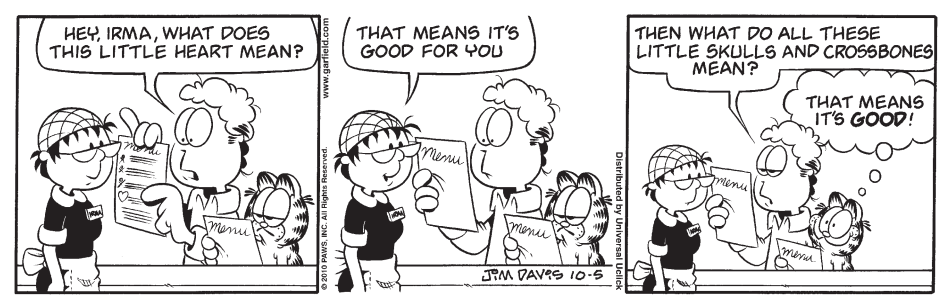
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Sudoku

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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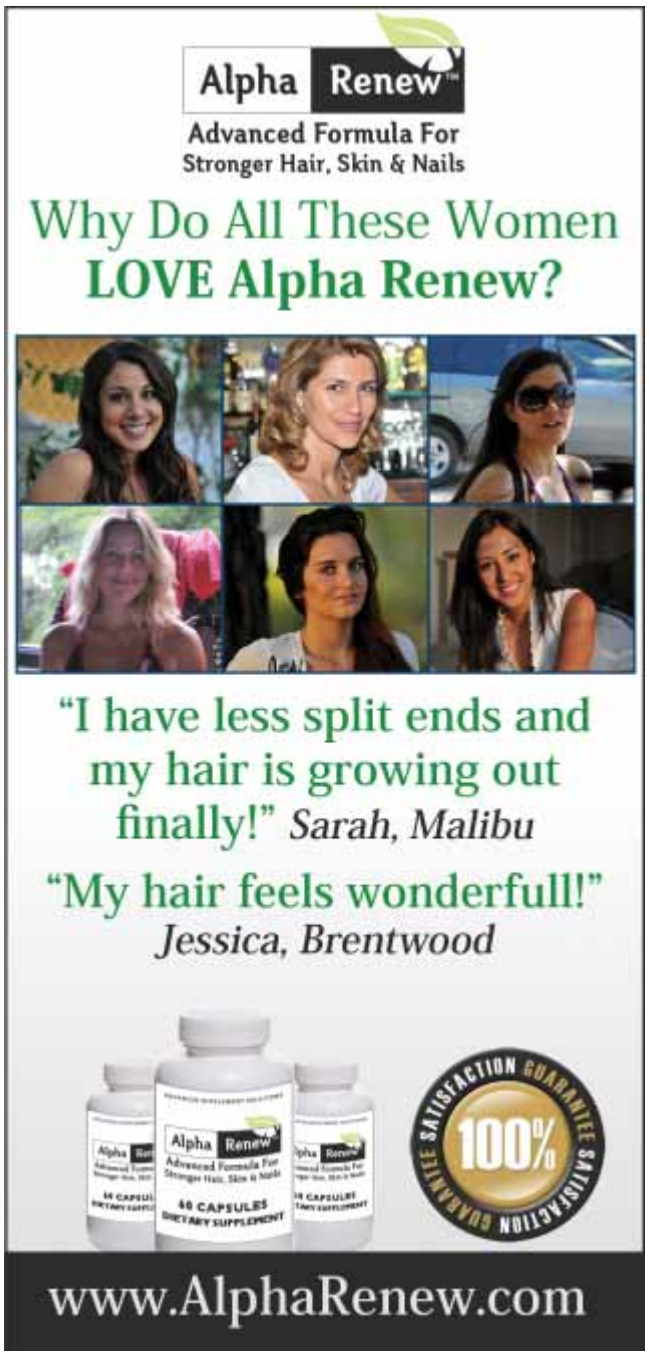
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GETTING STARTED

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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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Mixologist
7 Trade
11 Onto the beach
12 Heap
13 Real author, perhaps
15 Alluded to
16 Loafer, for one
18 Bike part
21 Display
22 Lord of the jungle
24 Broadcast
25 Kilmer of "Batman Forever"
26 Bind up
27 It's removed for writing
29 Circus sight
30 Bargain
31 Pouchlike parts
32 Molar, for example
34 Insurer
40 Pucker-producing
41 Local resident
42 Totals
43 Shoplifted

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1 Groceries holder
2 Cigar remnant
3 Letter after pi
4 Kremlin setting
5 Music's Shaw
6 Small amphibian
7 Web spinner
8 Humor
9 Pub product
10 For each
14 Fit for a king
16 Recoiled
17 Singer Lena
19 Early Mexican
20 Monsoon weather
21 Maple fluid
22 Spigot
23 Trawling need
25 Bravery
28 Supplies the food for
29 Gauguin's adopted home
31 Malted accessory
33 Possesses
34 Mex. neighbor
35 Sign of approval
36 Failure
37 Reward for waiting
38 Genesis name
39 Sunburned

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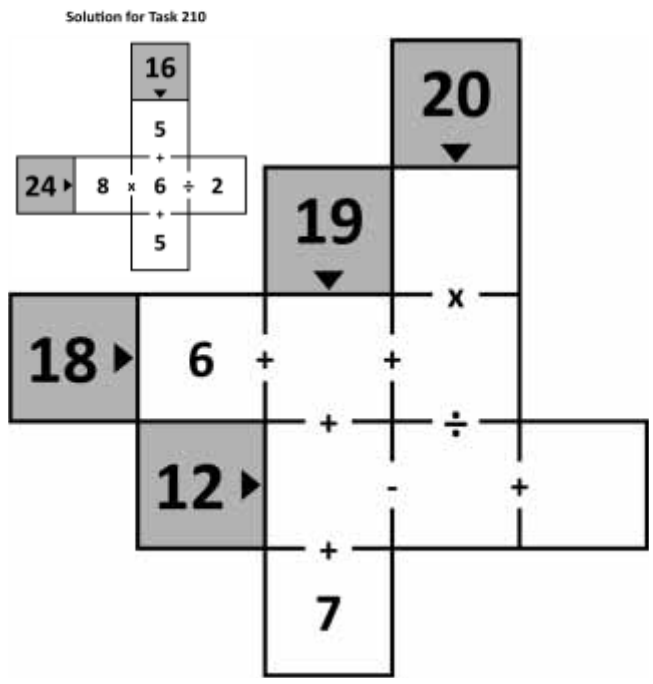
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Spousal violence continues to plague India, especially in lower-income areas of Uttar Pradesh state, but four years ago, Ms. Sampat Pal Devi, then 36, formed a vigilante group of females to fight back and has made notable progress, according to a July report on Slate.com. Members of Pal's group ("gulabis" -- literally, "gangs for justice") travel in numbers, wearing "hot pink" saris and carrying bamboo sticks, and try to reason with abusive husbands to improve their behavior. Originally, Pal imagined a temporary team, in place until women acquired greater electoral power, but the experience in Uttar Pradesh has been disheartening in that, often, the women elected as officials have been just as corruptible and male-centered as the men they replaced.

■ U.S. and NATO forces in southern Afghanistan have reported feelings of revulsion at the number and ostentatiousness of local Pashtun men who publicly flaunt the 9- to 15-year-old boys that they've acquired as lovers. The boys dress (and use makeup) like girls, dance, hold the men's hands, and show off in front of others of their age. According to an August San Francisco Chronicle dispatch from Kandahar, locals explain the practice as partly regional tradition and partly a response to Islamic and tribal customs that make young females off-limits to men until marriage (Local saying: "Women are for children; boys are for pleasure"). (The more fundamentalist Pashtun also point out that boys are "cleaner," in that they never menstruate.)

■ A 1997 election law in Brazil makes it illegal to "degrade or ridicule" political candidates or their parties, making that country's election season not nearly as lively as the U.S.'s. However, in August, one week after a protest in Rio de Janeiro by Brazilian comedians, the vice president of the Supreme Court acquiesced and suspended the law as unconstitutional.

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File No. 10-1331575
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File No. 10-1346861
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File No. 10-1318002
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