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THE GIVING LOVE TO VOLUNTEERS ISSUE

Learning to read with the help of retirees

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

FAIRVIEW LIBRARY Diane Lord doesn't have a teaching background, nor any children, but when it came time to help a second-grade boy who was struggling to read, she found effective tutoring didn't require experience.

It's how the Santa Monica resident and about 200 other volunteers are spending their retirement years, coaching local elementary school students who are having trouble meeting literacy standards for their age group, part of the WISE & Healthy Aging America Reads program which pairs the older and younger generations for one-on-one tutoring.

"It makes me feel like I'm doing something that's constructive for them as well as satisfies a need for me to be around kids and to be able to help them," Lord, who retired following a career in the aerospace industry, said.

The six-year-old program has trained and placed approximately 200 volunteers with 800 students from the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District, providing more than 20,000 cumulative tutoring hours. America Reads, which is a national initiative, focuses on schools that have a large population of students from low-income families.

"They love to learn from young kids and young kids love to learn from them," Petula Storey, the director of volunteer services for WISE, said.

The volunteers undergo a three-hour training program run by a reading specialist who used to work at one of the public schools. They are then required to perform at least one hour of tutoring a week per student for an entire school year, providing continuity for the child. The students are

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Photo courtesy WISE & Healthy Aging

LENDING A HAND: **Volunteer Diane Lord (right) reads with Jakeem Johnson while his mother, Michelle Kavian, observes. Lord tutored Jakeem through WISE & Healthy Aging's America Reads literacy program, helping boost his reading skills.**

Former SM officer named director of community policing

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

Pasadena police Chief Bernard Melekian was named director of the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services for the U.S. Department of Justice in Washington, D.C., it was announced Monday.

U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder said Melekian, who has been Pasadena's top cop for 13 years after serving in Santa Monica, will begin his new duties with the Obama administration in mid to late November.

Melekian, who was in Denver at the International

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Lincoln Place landlord settles with tenants

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

VENICE A classic landlord-tenant battle came to a close recently when the owners and former residents of Lincoln Place reached a settlement that not only preserves a group of historic buildings from demolition but allows renters to return to their one-time home.

The agreement with the property owner, the Apartment Investment and Management Co. (AIMCO), will avail up to 83 units to former tenants who are part of the settling party and limit new construction to the replacement of 99 units that previously existed on a now-vacant lot, a far smaller-scaled project compared to a 1993 plan to build 850 units on the 33-acre site, most of which would have been market-rate condos.

While the settlement is contingent on a separate agreement between AIMCO, the city of Los Angeles and other tenant groups, residents are optimistic that their needs will prevail.

"We are confident the city will do everything they can to accommodate the interest of tenants and get the apartment back running," John Murdock, an attorney representing the tenants, said.

Just less than a dozen tenants remain in the garden-style apartment complex that once boasted 52 buildings and 795 units that were developed in 1951 and backed by the Federal Housing Authority to support World War II veterans and their families. The complex has however been largely abandoned following a series of legal fights that began after 1993 when the property owner proposed redeveloping the site, including a lawsuit over the eviction of more than 50 households. Tenants claimed in the lawsuit that AIMCO violated conditions of the California Environmental Quality Act as well as an agreement with the city of L.A. to relocate tenants to other units or properties instead of evicting them. The Second District Court of Appeals later ruled the evictions were unlawful.

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College 101

Santa Monica Civic Auditorium
1855 Main St., 6:30 p.m. — 9:30 p.m.

Know everything you need to know about college during Santa Monica High School's 23rd Annual College Fair. Attendees will have the opportunity to meet with representatives from colleges all across the country. Two seminars on the college-entrance process will also be offered. This event is only for Santa Monica, Olympic, and Malibu high school students. Participants must have their student ID. Auditorium parking is $8. Send questions and comments to samocollegefair@smmusd.org.

Author comes to town

Santa Monica College HSS 165
1900 Pico Blvd., 11:15 a.m.

Author Hector Tobar, a columnist and former national and foreign correspondent at the Los Angeles Times, will speak for the SMC literary series. He will be discussing "Los Angeles: Social Conflict, Social Change, and the Narrative of Unity." Admission is free. Visit www.smc.edu for more information.

Need help moving on?

212 Main St., 7 p.m. — 9 p.m.

Come for a six-week workshop that provides group support and guidance during the tough transition occurring after a divorce. This group allows you to speak and interact with others in the same situation in a safe and comfortable environment. The sessions are once a week and begins Oct. 6. The cost is $300. Call (310) 439-8964 for more information.

Wednesday, Oct. 7, 2009

Movie time

Aero Theatre
1328 Montana Ave., 7:30 p.m.

Come by for a night dedicated to the works of the late John Hughes. Enjoy a double feature of "Planes, Trains, and Automobiles" and the "Great Outdoors," written by John Hughes and directed by Howard Deutch. There will be a discussion led by Deutch in between the films. Visit http://americancinematheque.com for ticket prices and more information.

An evening with an author

Main Library's MLK Jr. Auditorium
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 7 p.m.

Listen to author Richard Rayner while he talks about his book "A Bright and Guilty Place: Murder, Corruption, and L.A.'s Scandalous Coming of Age." Find out more about the origins of noir fiction characters like Dashiell Hammett and Raymond Chandler that are described in his book. A book sale and signing will immediately follow. Admission is free, but arrive early because seating is limited. Visit www.smpl.org for more information.

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

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

SM AIRPORT

New exhibit

A nose section from a Boeing 727 is expected to arrive at the Museum of Flying at the Santa Monica Airport today.

The 28-foot section will be donated by FedEx Express, a part of FedEx Corp., in an attempt to encourage youth interest in education and future careers in the fields of aviation and aerospace.

The nose section will be separated from the original aircraft at Victorville Airport and will be transported via truck to the museum.

"As we retire this 727 from our fleet, we are proud to give back to the aviation community," David Sutton, managing director of aircraft acquisitions and sales for FedEx, said.

The FedEx 727 nose section will be placed on the outside of the museum, thus being visible to visitors as they enter a Boeing 747 from the second floor of the new museum.

Forced to close in 2002 due to economic troubles, the new Museum of Flying is expected to reopen in early spring 2010.

DAILY PRESS

MARINA DEL REY

Beach recycling

Los Angeles County has launched a new beach recycling program by putting 32 recycling barrels along beaches from Nicholas Canyon to Torrance.

Each designated area will receive two blue 30-gallon barrels to keep the beach clear of recycle glass, cans, and plastic bottles.

The program is supported through a beverage container recycling grant from the California Department of Conservation, according to the Department of Beaches and Harbors.

Although Los Angeles County beaches receive approximately 60 million people each year, this is the first time there has been a county-wide program to help foster ideas of recycling beverage containers at these locations.

Because of this new program, it is estimated that 20 percent of beach trash will be diverted from local landfills.

California remains America's leader in total quantity of bottles and cans recycled, county officials said. In California, 16.1 billion beverage containers were recycled in 2008., a 1.4 billion container increase from 2007.

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Smell has some cities ripping out ginkgo trees

NIGEL DUARA
Associated Press Writer

IOWA CITY, Iowa The ginkgo tree is renowned for its hardiness, surviving everything from road salt to an atomic bomb, but it may be undone by another trait — it reeks.

"It's pretty disgusting," said Jan Schneider, an office manager in downtown Iowa City whose business has a ginkgo out front.

Iowa City was one of many communities that planted ginkgoes in the 1970s only to discover that after years without problems, some of the trees can begin dropping large seed shells, creating a sticky, slimy, smelly mess. The smell makes some think of rotten eggs, while others are reminded of vomit.

Some cities have started cutting down ginkgoes, while others are standing by their trees and even planting more of them. In Iowa City, deciding to cut down another one of its few remaining ginkgoes was a no-brainer.

"We have no recourse at this point," said Terry Robinson, superintendent of the city's forestry division. "It creates a sanitation problem for us because we have to be down there cleaning it up as often as possible.

"No matter what we do, two seconds after we leave, there are more on the ground and somebody can step in it."

Officials reached a similar conclusion in Easton, Pa., where ginkgo trees were removed last year after complaints about seed shells raining on cars and pedestrians.

Easton planning director Becky Bradley said the slippery pulp was dangerous for passers-by. And of course, there was the smell.

"Stinky. I know, that's highly sophisticated, but I don't know how else to phrase it," Bradley said. "It's not a very friendly odor."

Ginkgo's defenders point out that not all the trees cause problems and the species has a lot going for it.

The tree, native to Asia, is incredibly resilient, with several surviving an atomic bomb blast in Hiroshima. Ginkgoes also stand up well to smog, road salt and pests.

But unlike most tree species common in the U.S., the ginkgo is dioecious, meaning trees are male or female. Female ginkgoes produce the troublesome seeds, which are covered in a fleshy coating that contains butyric acid, also found in rancid butter.

That has prompted cities such as Bloomington, Minn., and Lexington, Ky., to ban female ginkgoes. And Easton left the male trees while removing the females.

The problem, though, is occasionally male trees undergo a metamorphosis and begin dropping smelly seeds. That's what Robinson suspects happened to an Iowa City tree after decades without problems.

A study in Virginia found that such changes are rare, happening in about one in 100 male trees.

With that in mind, some cities are planting ginkgo trees, including Boston, Lansing, Mich., Santa Monica, Calif., and Washington, D.C.

In Washington, the city's Urban Forestry Administration allows property owners on each block to decide whether they want female trees replaced by males.

"Most people are very happy with them," said John Thomas, associate director of the forestry agency. "Some people say they moved into a neighborhood specifically because of the female ginkgoes."

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STILL GOING STRONG

Brandon Wise *brandonw@smdp.com*

The Santa Monica Homeopathic Pharmacy on Monday kicked off a week-long celebration recognizing 65 years of service to the community. Customers will receive a reusable gift bag full of samples.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Not a fan of health care plan

Editor:

I and many Americans do not want Obamacare, or any other government-run health care. Within the 30 million without insurance, what percentage of those have chosen not to buy it? Some are young and choose to use their money in other ways. Some are not legal citizens. The question isn't how many people are without insurance, but how many are actually without medical care. It is actually a much smaller number – around 11 million. Those can be helped without installing a huge bureaucratic system that will result in lower quality care for everyone, especially seniors, and break the country. In other words this will change the lives of the 290 million that do have medical coverage. So you are trying to change the whole system for 3 percent of the people! Just give those 3 percent coverage – a much simpler and more cost-effective approach. Allow healthy competition among insurance companies by letting people purchase health insurance across state lines, institute tort reform, and perhaps give the few who say they can't afford to buy some sort of voucher to facilitate coverage.

The public option that President Obama and Congress want is definitely not wanted by the majority of Americans, and if pushed through, will result in a complete party change via elections in 2010 and 2012. If those in Washington aren't listening to the people, they will be voted out!

Carol Fox
Santa Monica

Fighting the forces of greed

Editors:

Now that we have had a full airing of views on national health care, it has become clear that the only faction that does not want a public option is the medical-industrial complex, which is made up of the insurance, hospital and medical device companies, including Big Pharma. The members of Congress who are resisting any reasonable measures that will bring equity and cost control to American medical care have clearly been co-opted by their financial dependency on these industries, and they are not acting in the interests of their constituents.

As many as 180 other modern states have adopted some form of publicly-administered health care that provides humane treatment for all citizens. This makes sense from a moral, financial and practical standpoint. The U.S. can learn much from these other systems and can adapt aspects of them with which to fashion its own uniquely American public health care policy.

The political will seems to be there on the part of the populace, but many key politicians have been stymied by a small but vocal group of ideologues and the power of big business. To bring this country into the 21st century, the forces of ignorance and greed need to be overcome, and soon.

Peter Donald
Santa Monica

Loud and clear

Editor:

The Q-Line responses overwhelming showed that Santa Monicans want to ban declawing of cats in our city. The people who called in were adamantly against it, and yet many of them apparently don't even realize that declawing is worse than they thought. It is not just pulling out the nails, rather it is 10 separate bone amputations (18 if the vet does the back feet, too). It should not even be called declawing because it is really de-knuckling. Declawing is considered mutilation by the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons in the UK.

I sincerely hope that the Santa Monica City Council members see that ending declawing is what their constituents want. There are well over 3,000 signatures on the "Ban Declawing" petitions, here and worldwide. If anyone wants to sign a petition, they are available on www.PawProject.org or at humane places around the city.

Willow Evans
Santa Monica



Back to Nature

Reese Halter

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Protecting populations from treacherous tsunamis

TSUNAMIS IS A JAPANESE WORD meaning "harbor wave." They can be a single wave but more likely a series of waves. When they land onshore they are truly killer waves.

Tsunamis are triggered by submarine earthquakes, landslides, volcanic eruptions and even meteorite impacts. In the open ocean the waves are small, and they can travel thousands of miles at speeds of 603 mph or as fast as a jet plane can fly.

When a tsunami approaches a shoreline the speed of the waves can slow down to 99 mph. The shallow coastline causes the water beneath the wave to pile up. The roiling waves rise higher and higher. Within seconds, a 2-foot wave at sea can become a 30-foot wave onshore.

Usually there are several waves in a row called a wave train. The third or fourth is often the highest but sometimes it's the eighth or ninth wave. A tsunami can last for more than eight hours.

Tsunamis are not related to weather nor climate change. They have been incorrectly called tidal waves; these waves are unrelated to tides.

Tsunamis are not seasonal, and can occur at any time of year in any ocean. They can occur on sunny days or in the middle of the night. There are an average of five or six tsunamis worldwide every year.

Tsunamis are one of nature's most unpredictable phenomena. More people have been killed by tsunamis in Hawaii than by hurricanes, earthquakes and volcanic activities combined.

In fact, there have been some treacherous tsunamis over the past 125 years, including the most recent one to hit Samoa, killing 129 people.

For example, on Aug. 27, 1883 a viscous volcanic eruption annihilated the tiny Indonesian island of Krakatau. The sonic boom from the explosion was heard more than 1,860 miles away. This potent eruption unleashed a tsunami with waves in excess of 131 feet high. At least 36,000 people perished.

On July 10, 1958 an earthquake measuring 8.0 on the Richter scale created an enormous landslide near Lituya Bay, Alaska. An entire slope of earth and rocks plunged into the bay, displacing a massive amount of seawater that raced up the opposite valley wall as high as 1,722 feet. It obliterated the entire forest in its path. Within four minutes, a 102-foot-high wave surged 7 miles to the mouth of the bay and then sucked fishing boats, buildings and people out to sea.

The third largest earthquake ever recorded at 9.2 on the Richter scale struck Alaska on March 27, 1964. It triggered a tsunami that killed at least 130 people, some as far away as Crescent City, Calif. Sixteen hours later waves reached Antarctica.

The most powerful earthquake ever recorded took place in southern Chile on May 22, 1960. It measured an astounding 9.5 on the Richter scale. It released 10 times more energy than the 1980 eruption of Mount St. Helen's. Eighty-two foot waves smashed into central Chile. Sixteen hours later a tsunami struck Hawaii killing 61 people, it moved east lambasting Japan and killing 132 people and then onto the Philippines where 32 people died.

The second largest earthquake this century measured 9.3 on the Richter scale, it occurred offshore Sumatra on Dec. 26, 2004. The ensuing tsunami and its wave train killed at least 200,000 people in Asia and east Africa.

Interestingly, tree ring patterns from western red cedars growing along coastal Washington clearly showed that an earthquake occurred in January 1770. It measured between 9 and 9.3 on the Richter scale. When compared to Japanese tsunami records it was discerned to have taken place on Jan. 26, 1770; and its exact time was pinpointed 10 hours before the unrelenting wave train pummeled the Japanese coastline.

Any sudden increase or decrease in the level of the ocean should be immediately interpreted as an imminent signal of a tsunami. Move to higher ground as quickly as possible. Do not return to low lying areas for at least 10 hours.

The occurrence of tsunamis is closely monitored in the Pacific from Hawaii, along the West Coast and Alaska, and with systems in Chile and Japan.

Small electronic devices placed on the Indian and Pacific Ocean floors' relay seismic activity to buoys on the surface, which in turn communicate with a constellation of satellites orbiting Earth. This deep ocean assessment and reporting of tsunamis can be viewed at www.ndbc.noa.gov/dart.shtml

Preparing people for tsunamis is of paramount importance yet it's fraught with difficulties. A few false alarms and people may not believe or heed official warnings.

Informing all people regularly, not just coastal communities, is very important, because many people who live inland occasionally visit the coast on holidays.

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What's the Point?

David Pisarra
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Come on out and change an opinion

THIS NEXT SUNDAY IS NATIONAL Coming Out Day (NCOD). It is a day set aside to publicize awareness, promote acceptance and put a human face on the vast spectrum of human sexuality. Its genesis was in the first March on Washington for Gay and Lesbian Rights, held on Oct. 11, 1987, where the Names Project — the Aids Memorial Quilt — was displayed for the first time on The National Mall in Washington.

In 1988, the first NCOD was held to commemorate the anniversary. Reagan was president, an actor who would not say the word "gay" publicly. Twenty years later and we were mentioned in Barack Obama's inaugural. The world has changed radically.

Just last month the New York Times Magazine had a cover piece on Austin, a 13 year old in Oklahoma who was attending his first gay dance. It makes me both proud to be in a country that can change so rapidly, and jealous that my youth was so very different.

Acceptance is growing, especially among the youth. In a city like Santa Monica, we don't often have open displays of homophobia. I can't recall anyone being tied to a lifeguard station and left to die (a la Matthew Shepard) or pummeled to death in a bathroom (like Navy seaman Allen Schindler).

In our part of the world we have linguistic homophobia. It's not just the typical "queer" or "homo" slurs, but the more subtle phrasing. The gay community is itself guilty of perpetuating much of this self-hatred. By using terms like "straight acting" or "discreet" which carry a hidden homophobia we are continuing the belief that there is something wrong or intolerable about being gay.

I was told by a guy I've known for nine years now that he didn't know I was gay. In fact he called me the "straightest gay guy he knows." I'm frequently told I don't "act gay" or "sound gay" or "look gay." I'm not sure how to respond to that.

Would someone tell Tony Harris of CNN fame that he doesn't "sound black," or tell Carlos Amezcua that he doesn't "look Hispanic?" People come in a wide variety of colors, sizes, temperaments, intelligence levels and ranges of sexuality. There is no "right" way. There is no "better." There is just difference.

Intolerance comes in many packages, usually wrapped in hypocrisy. I see it in the men's group that I attend, where someone will ask, "why does he have to talk about his gay lover here? It's inappropriate." But the fact is, the same guy who would condemn me for talking about my relationship problems won't say the same thing about the guy who is talking about his wife, or the girlfriend he cheats on his wife with. That's homophobia.

So how do you change minds? How do you bring people of ignorance into the light and stop the hating? You put a face on it.

NCOD is important, not just because of the highly visible gay people who have been associated with it (celebrities like Dan Butler, the actor who played Bulldog on "Frasier," and Candace Gingrich, half-sister of former House Speaker Newt Gingrich, or Betty DeGeneres, the first straight spokesperson for NCOD and mother of Ellen DeGeneres).

NCOD is important because it gives permission to Chris the waiter at your local greasy spoon to come out and be who he is; because when Chris comes out, his or her friends and family have to confront a new reality, one that perhaps they have never known. It is possible that they never knew an out gay person, and he or she might embody the example that changes their minds about being gay.

Lt. Dan Choi, the Westpoint graduate who majored in Arabic language and environmental engineering, was discharged for announcing his sexuality. His coming out and the honor and respect he is given by so many will not change the homophobes' opinion of gay men, but he might give courage to the lesbian daughter of a homophobe to come out, and with that, change an opinion about lesbians.

Progress is being made. One person who comes out can affect the awareness of his or her family and friends; one person who was given just that little bit of extra courage, thanks to the face of someone they know, or someone they might never meet.

But that is why NCOD matters.

For the kids in the Midwest, it is men like Dan Choi.

For me, it was Dan Butler.

For my friends, it is me.

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The Q Line

Changes at the top

As the retirement date for current City Manager Lamont Ewell approaches, city officials have begun looking for his replacement.

So this week's Q-Line question asks:

What qualities should the new city manager possess?

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Universal replaces two top movie studio executives

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES Universal Studios on Monday replaced two of its top movie executives in an apparent effort to reverse the box-office slump that has dropped it from fourth to last place among the six major Hollywood studios.

Universal Studios President and Chief Operating Officer Ron Meyer said Universal Pictures co-chairs Marc Shmuger and David Linde were stepping down.

The two will be replaced with Adam Fogelson, who is the studio's marketing chief, and Donna Langley, the studio's president for production.

Meyer said Langley will report to Fogelson as she continues to oversee all production.

Shmuger and Linde were released following a summer of high-profile films that delivered disappointing returns, such as "Land of the Lost" and "Funny People."

The move marks the fourth studio to shuffle its executive ranks in the last few months as Hollywood struggles with falling DVD sales despite upbeat revenue and attendance at movie theaters.

Studio chair Dick Cook resigned at The Walt Disney Co. last month, Chief Executive Harry Sloan at Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Inc. was replaced in August, and Viacom Inc.'s Paramount Pictures removed executives John Lesher and Brad Weston in June.

Universal has fared particularly poorly at the box office this year.

Its movies grossed 28 percent less at U.S. and Canadian theaters in the first nine months of 2009 than in the same period last year, falling to $695 million from $959 million, according to Rentrak Corp.

It slipped into sixth place among six major studios, with a 9 percent share of the market, down from 13 percent a year ago.

The shift came despite releasing about the same number of movies over the period — 17 this year versus 16 a year ago.

Rick Finkelstein, Universal Pictures' vice chairman and chief operating officer, was named a strategic adviser to Fogelson and Langley.

The three leaders have "the right combination of strong talent relationships and business acumen, as well as creative and commercial instincts," Meyer said in a statement.

NBC Universal, which houses the movie studio, is 80 percent owned by General Electric Co. and 20 percent owned by France's Vivendi SA.

Vivendi has an annual window to unload the holdings, which this year falls between Nov. 15 and Dec. 10. Its CEO has called the stake in NBC Universal "non-core."

If Vivendi does sell, GE is expected to buy the stake. GE has been in talks with Comcast Corp. to spin NBC Universal off into a new company in which Comcast would own up to a 51 percent share.

Road through Yosemite reopens

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK, Calif. Park officials have reopened the highest elevation route through the Sierra Nevada after closing it during a weekend snowstorm.

Tioga Road reopened Monday afternoon between Crane Flat and east of Tioga Pass, the eastern entrance of Yosemite National Park.

The scenic road, at nearly 10,000 feet elevation, is closed much of the year due to heavy snowfall and the threat of avalanches. The National Weather Service says about two inches of snow fell in the area over the weekend.

Glacier Point Road, which also closed over the weekend from Badger Pass to Glacier Point, also is scheduled to reopen in the afternoon.

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3 Americans share Nobel medicine prize

MALCOLM RITTER
AP Science Writer

NEW YORK Three Americans won the Nobel prize in medicine on Monday for discovering how chromosomes protect themselves as cells divide, work that has inspired experimental cancer therapies and may offer insights into aging.

The research by Elizabeth H. Blackburn, Carol W. Greider and Jack W. Szostak revealed the workings of chromosome features called telomeres, which play an important role in the aging of cells.

It's the first time two women have shared in a single Nobel science prize. Over the years, a total of 10 women have won the prize in medicine.

Blackburn, 60, who holds U.S. and Australian citizenship, is a professor of biology and physiology at the University of California, San Francisco. Greider, 48, is a professor in the department of molecular biology and genetics at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine in Baltimore.

London-born Szostak, 56, is a professor of genetics at Harvard Medical School and a researcher with the Howard Hughes Medical Institute.

Their work, done in the 1970s and 1980s, showed how features at the tips of chromosomes — telomeres (TEE-loh-meers) — can keep them from getting progressively shorter as cells divide. It's been compared to the way plastic tips on the ends of shoelaces keep the laces from fraying.

Blackburn and Greider discovered an enzyme, telomerase (teh-LAH-meh-race), that maintains the lengths of the telomeres. Later research has shown that telomerase is switched on in almost all cancers.

Telomerase is active before birth, when cells are dividing rapidly. By age 4 or 5 it's basically shut off in almost all cells. That means the telomeres degrade over time, leading those cells to age and eventually stop dividing. But scientists have shown that adding telomerase to human cells can extend their lifespan indefinitely.

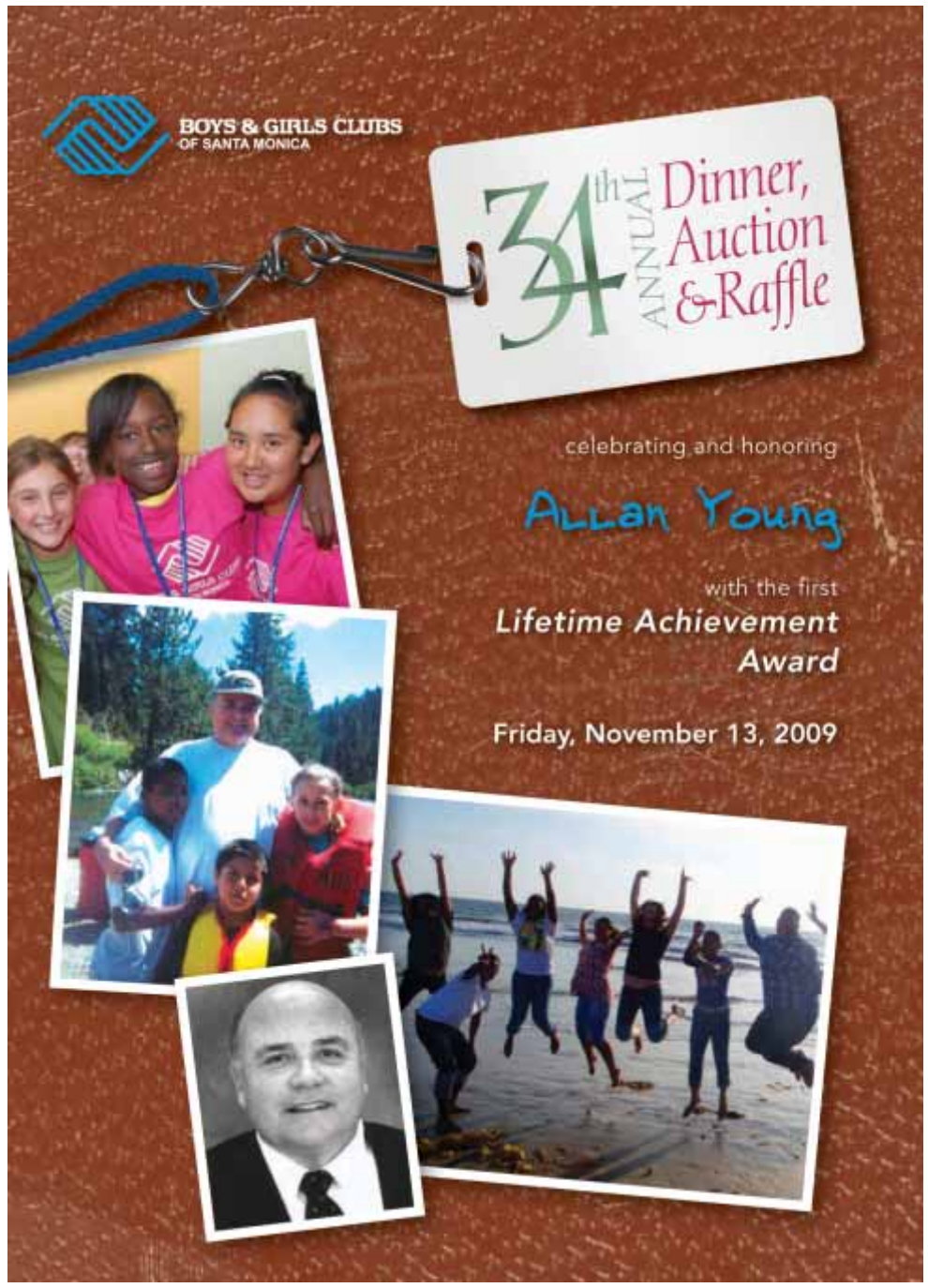
Such research spurred speculation that telomerase might turn out to be a fountain of youth. But experts say that aging is more complicated than just changes in telomeres. Scientists are still studying what impact telomeres might have; perhaps they will reveal ways to ward off some aspects of aging, researchers say.

Still other work showed that telomerase helps cancer cells sustain their uncontrolled growth. Scientists are trying to exploit that to produce new therapies, noted Jerry Shay of the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas.

The farthest along is a vaccine-like approach, which trains the immune system to home in on telomerase as a way to identify and attack cancerous cells. Other approaches attempt to use it as a signal that activates a cell-killing virus, or to devise a drug to block the enzyme's effect, he said.

Shay said he believes some kind of telomerase-based cancer treatment will become available within four years.

Monday's prize "is totally well-deserved," Shay said. "These people were clearly the forerunners of what is now becoming a much stronger field that has lots of interesting questions, (and that is) likely to have a major importance in medicine in the future."



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
REGARDING THE FIVE-YEAR IMPLEMENTATION PLAN COVERING FISCAL YEARS 2009/10 – 2013/2014, FOR THE OCEAN PARK 1A, OCEAN PARK 1B, DOWNTOWN AND EARTHQUAKE RECOVERY REDEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

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In 2004, the Santa Monica Redevelopment Agency ("Agency") adopted a Consolidated Five-Year Implementation Plan for its four Redevelopment Project Areas ("Project Areas"), which described proposed Agency activities in the Project Areas between FY 2003/04 and FY 2008/09. Pursuant to Section 33490 of the California Community Redevelopment Law, Health and Safety Code Sections 33000 et seq. ("Law"), the Agency will be conducting a public hearing to review the proposed draft of the Consolidated Five-Year Implementation Plan for FY 2009/10 through FY 2013/2014 ("Proposed Implementation Plan"). The Proposed Implementation Plan contains the Agency's goals and objectives for the Project Areas, the proposed projects and expenditures for the next five-years, and an explanation of how these goals, objectives, projects, and expenditures will eliminate blight and effectuate recovery within the Project Areas and implement the requirements of the Law and other matters required by Law.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROPOSED IMPLEMENTATION PLAN:

WHAT: Santa Monica Redevelopment Agency Public Hearing on the Five-Year Implementation Plan, FY 2009/10 – 2013/14

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1685 Main Street
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WHEN: November 10, 2009
6:45 p.m. (or as soon as possible thereafter)

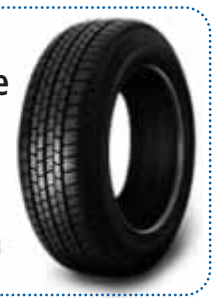
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Program has produced 20,000 tutoring hours

FROM READ PAGE 1

referred by teachers.

Marjorie Allen, a retired real estate broker who lives in Marina del Rey, began volunteering with the program several years ago, tutoring students at the Fairview Library.

Being a recent widow, Allen said she likes the social contact.

"I enjoy the different personalities and it just invigorates me," she said. "I thoroughly enjoy every minute with the kids."

The program earlier this year received a $7,500 development grant, which will be used toward training. A dozen new volunteers just completed their training session.

Grace Cheng Braun, the president and CEO of WISE & Healthy Aging, said the program is important during a time when the federal No Child Left Behind Act has increased pressures on schools for student performances while the state cuts back on funding that could be used for enrichment programs.

"Studies show that up to grade three, children learn to read; after grade three, they read to learn," she said. " So there is a critical need for children to develop good reading skills early on, and that is what we are striving to provide through WISE America Reads."

Donald Murchie, a volunteer and retired newspaper reporter and editor with the Beverly Hills Courier, said that there's a need for tutoring programs that provide individualized attention to students, which they might not otherwise get in the classroom.

"Teachers do best to introduce materials but they don't know the individual background that kids have," he said.

Murchie has tutored about 15 students, mainly fourth and fifth graders at Will Rogers, during the three years he's been with the program. The students include one who was displaced by Hurricane Katrina and another whose father was murdered.

The students read stories written by Murchie, which captures their attention.

"I started writing stories on my own and using them as the protagonist and they immediately responded," he said.

Michelle Kavian, a Santa Monica mom, said her son Jakeem has become more enthusiastic about reading since he started tutoring sessions with Lord.

"I would tell everyone about her because she's so great with kids," Kavian said.

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Melekian leads COPS

FROM NEW JOB PAGE 1

Association of Chiefs of Police Conference when Holder made the announcement, said it was "with a mixture of profound gratitude and sadness that I announce my intention to leave the City of Pasadena."

"The Pasadena Police Department has been on the cutting edge of community policing and has accomplished great things in the past 13 years," Melekian said.

"When I begin as director of the COPS Office, it is my intention to highlight the quality of life in our communities. I am truly excited about the opportunity to parlay 36 years of knowledge and experience in law enforcement to the national platform where model policing programs can be supported."

Holder said one of Melekian's most important missions "will be to help lead a drive to innovate in the area of law enforcement operations."

The U.S. COPS Office is responsible for advancing the practice of community policing by the nation's state, local, territory and tribal law enforcement agencies through information and grant resources.

It awards grants to the agencies to hire and train community policing professionals, acquire and deploy cutting-edge crime fighting technologies, and develop and establish innovative policing strategies.

Funding also provides training and technical assistance to community members and local government leaders and all levels of law enforcement.

Melekian has been police chief in Pasadena since 1996 and before that was with the Santa Monica Police Department for 23 years, where he was awarded the Medal of Valor in 1978 and a Medal of Courage in 1980.

He is currently president of the California Police Chiefs Association and a doctoral candidate in public policy at the University of Southern California.

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Lincoln Place tenants await word on settlement with city of L.A.

FROM SETTLEMENT PAGE 1

There were 147 households involved in litigation.

"We are very excited to put the community back together, to breathe some life to the area, to return much needed housing to the city of Venice and L.A. and get this behind us and chart a positive future," Patti Shwayder, senior vice president for AIMCO, said. "We've been in three separate settlement negotiations over the years and I guess the third time is the charm."

Most of the tenants voluntarily left the complex after accepting relocation packages that included thousands of dollars to help pay for moving expenses. Those who did not accept the offer were evicted. Some staged a "tent city" to protest the evictions.

The settlement includes the preservation of the exteriors of existing historically eligible buildings, a victory for preservationist Amanda Seward who nominated the property for listing on the California Register of Historic Resources.

The California State Historic Resources Commission determined the property was historic, which the property owner later appealed. AIMCO agreed to drop the appeal to the commission's decision that the property is eligible in the California Register as a historic district.

Lincoln Place was designed by architect Ralph Vaughn in his signature "Hollywood stylized" version of modern architecture, Seward said.

"It was the largest post World War II development built under a special governmental program designed to provide financial support for working class housing after the war," Seward said regarding the significance of the property.

AIMCO plans to submit a design plan after all legal disputes are settled. Shwayder said development of the 99 units will be contextual with the existing neighborhood.

Sheila Bernard, the president of the Lincoln Place Tenants Association, has lived in the complex since August 1988 and is one of 11 tenants who still remain, most of whom are seniors or disabled.

She said the tenants have been mostly "hunkered" down over the past several years and remain cautiously optimistic that a resolution will be reached with the city of Los Angeles.

"I think from the very beginning all we really wanted was a fair resolution and a chance to live there and be at peace," she said. "Anything we did during all those years was fundamentally in that direction.

"We're very hopeful that we will have achieved that objective with that settlement."

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Female ginkgoes create a stink

FROM TREES PAGE 3

Santa Monica has planted between 250 and 300 ginkgoes citywide since 2003, urban forester Walt Warriner said. He makes sure only males are planted and has returned six trees to the nursery that were sold as male but revealed to be female.

Robinson, the Iowa City superintendent, laughed when told of cities planting ginkgoes.

"I'd proceed with caution," he said.

To some, however, city officials are missing the point. What, they ask, is wrong with a smelly tree?

All the Iowa City ginkgoes were planted near the University of Iowa campus. At other universities where they've been planted, students don't seem bothered.

At Reed College in Portland, spokesman Kevin Myers acknowledged periodic reports that "something died over here" in the area of a female ginkgo tree. But there's been no thought of cutting it down.

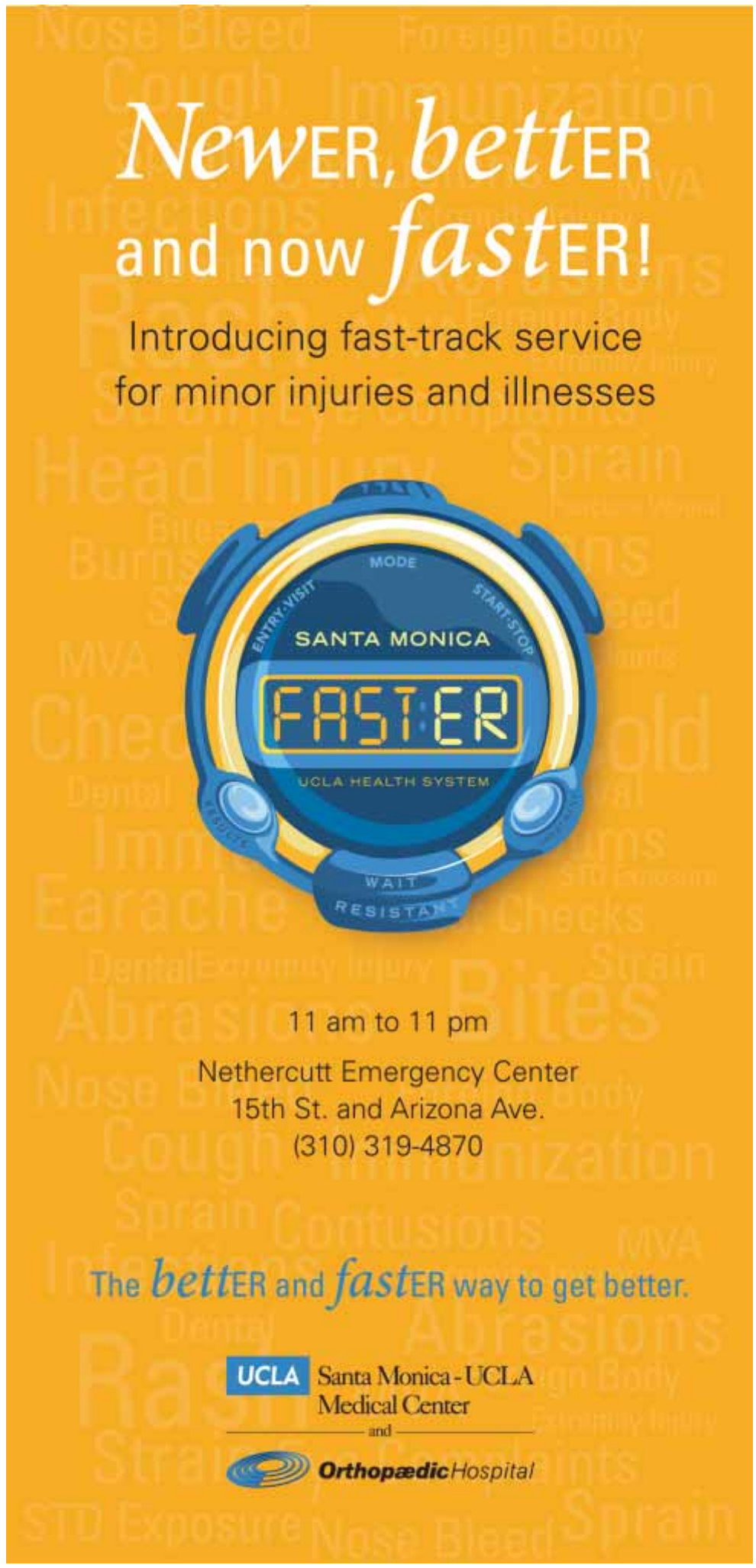
"It's a fact of life," Myers said. "But we're happy with it. The leaves are really beautiful."

It's the same at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, where botanist Laura Jull said people notice but don't dwell on the smell of the campus ginkgoes.

Still, she enjoys watching new arrivals amble by the trees.

"I find it kind of comical watching people pass by and they're looking around like, 'Who smells?' " Jull said. "That's a little plant humor."





Devices locate kids, parents find peace of mind

BROOKE DONALD
Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO With a computer or cell phone and an electronic tracking device, you can locate a missing pet, follow the path of a stolen car, find a skier buried in an avalanche and rescue a hiker lost in the woods.

So what about a child snatched by a stranger?

About 800,000 children are reported missing in the U.S. each year. The vast majority are runaways, followed by parental abductions, said Ernie Allen, president of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. About 58,000 children are kidnapped by strangers, and 99 percent of those come home fairly quickly, often victims of sexual abuse.

Then there are the approximately 115 children a year like Jaycee Dugard, who are snatched then murdered, ransomed or kept for several years.

Ever since Dugard's recovery in August after nearly two decades of allegedly being held in a Northern California backyard, parents and others have written on blogs and commented online to articles about ways to protect kids.

There are technological tools that give parents some peace of mind, from clip-on alarms to GPS locators that can be dropped in a backpack or stuffed in a teddy bear, but experts caution that the gadgets are not without their limitations and can even raise safety concerns of their own.

"Tracking devices can be useful to parents," said Allen. "Our concern is that they will be viewed as more than they are."

Myths about successful child-tracking items include implantable GPS-enabled microchips, but industry experts say they do not exist on the market. And there are concerns, such as whether electronically tethering children makes them anxious for their safety or makes parents lazy.

Companies that sell locators say they do not substitute keeping an eye on your kids and they do not prevent kidnappings or guarantee recovery after an abduction.

"This is not tag and release," said Todd Morris, CEO of BrickHouse Security, which makes the BrickHouse Child Locator and distributes many other brands. "But even the best parent, with the best intentions, can find it hard to keep track of their kids all the time."

The BrickHouse unit is among a number of gadgets that beep, vibrate or light up to help guide a parent toward a missing child. These gadgets are in two parts, with the main device held by the parent and a small alarm attached to the child, usually on a piece of clothing.

When a child is out of sight, the parent presses his device to activate the child's alarm. The gadgets usually work up to about 200 yards.

Some of these devices have monitors allowing parents to set parameters for how far their children can roam before an alarm goes off. Others have panic buttons the child can press if he feels in danger. Few have GPS technology.

On a recent vacation to SeaWorld, Joe Nesbitt, a computer technician in Las Vegas, turned around after tending to one of his children to find another gone.

"She was out in the open park. I was terrified," he said.

Nesbitt had clipped a BrickHouse Child Locator tag to his 2-year-old daughter's shoe, and when he activated it, arrows on his device led him to within inches of the girl, who disappeared after crawling through a tunnel in a children's play area.

Nesbitt said he went through the tunnel to find her, but she had climbed up some netting out of sight.

"If I hadn't had the tracker, I would've really, really freaked out," he said.

Nesbitt said he bought the locator for around $200 after seeing it on a TV commercial.

Other gadgets on the market use GPS technology, which rely on satellite signals, that allow parents using a Web browser to monitor the location of an enabled device, often a cell phone, within 50-100 yards. BrickHouse, AmberAlert GPS and Zoombak all sell GPS trackers that are smaller than a deck of cards. Wireless carriers also offer locator services that hook up family cell phones.

But even the manufacturers are quick to recognize the limitations of their devices. Batteries only last so long, prices can reach hundreds of dollars, weather can interfere with GPS signals and some devices may be tricky to use.

"What you see on the market is that there are various products at every level," said Barry Wallace, chief executive of Intelent Technologies, Inc., which makes the Giggle Bug, a $20 clip-on alarm that looks like a ladybug. "But what people don't understand is it is not one-size-fits-all."

A concern with some locators that are attached to a child or sewn into his clothing is danger to the child should an abductor try to pull it off.

"We also don't want children's first reaction to kidnapping situations be, 'How do I activate this thing?' That's valuable seconds not trying to get away," Allen said.

Though the trackers are not illegal, some parents are concerned about what effects these surveillance devices could have on a child's sense of independence or level of paranoia.

Psychologists identify some potential risks.

"I think my concern would be more the perceived lack of trust ... if you're telling them you can't regulate yourself to make safe decisions of where you're going," said Stuart Lustig, a professor of child psychiatry at the University of California, San Francisco.

But he said some parents who take comfort in the tool could project an air of calm on the child.

Nesbitt said the device makes him feel like he is making an extra effort to keep his children safe.



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The following is a summary, prepared by the city Attorney, of Ordinance Number 2295, which was adopted by the City Council on September 22, 2009:

Ordinance Number 2295(CCS) is an interim ordinance modifies some side yard setback requirements in the OP-4 district, partly to protect privacy, and requires the incorporation of courtyards on parcels more than 99 feet wide in order to reduce the mass of buildings at the street front.

This ordinance will become effective thirty days after adoption. The full text of the ordinance is available upon request from the Office of the City Clerk, located at 1685 Main Street, Room 102, Santa Monica; phone (310) 458-8211.



The Quackers

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Ode to Walden Pond

Editor's Note: The Quackers are three awesome ducks from the canals of Venice who are on a mission to educate the community about the dangers of global warming and the importance of practicing sustainability, all while surfing the most gnarly waves possible.

I HEARD RUSTY TALKING WHEN I CAME in. Thinking he had a guest, I stuck my head in the room to say hello. Instead I found him by himself, talking to the computer screen as he checked out the surf reports and live Web cams at the different beaches.

"Venice. Nope. Dockweiler. No way. Hello El Porto! You are looking so, so bueno today," he said.

Finally noticing me he yelled, "Yikes, you scared me! Get Richard, get your gear. We're surfing Manhattan today."

Grabbing our boards we jumped on our unicycles. By weaving our way through the streets of Santa Monica, Mar Vista and Marina Del Rey we were able to avoid Lincoln Boulevard until the last leg of our trip. If you think Lincoln is a bear in a car, try it on a unicycle while balancing a surfboard on your head.

Rusty had chosen well. Once we saw those solid 2-4 foot waves with that long, slow break we knew the ride had been worth it.

Richard sat on his board bobbing contentedly. I rushed to catch the first wave. I knew Rusty was watching so I showed off, just a little. I walked the board and then with a yawn, nonchalantly hung 10. Not one to be outdone Rusty paddled fast to catch the next wave. He walked the board too, only backwards, and finished with a handstand. He is so good. As we paddled back out he told me walking backwards is supposed to build brainpower. He thinks doing it while surfing might just make him a genius. There is always hope.

At lunch, Richard finally finished the book he had been reading all week. Looking excited he asked if we could stop at the Ballona Wetlands on our way home.

We asked what was up. Richard said it all started with this quotation, "I believe there is a subtle magnetism in nature, which, if we unconsciously yield to it, will direct us aright."

He said the words spoke so strongly to him he rushed out to find more about the man who wrote them, Henry David Thoreau.

He told us Thoreau was a multi-talented individual from the 1800s, who through his writing had influenced many great thinkers including John F. Kennedy, Gandhi and Martin Luther King, Jr. Thoreau is best known for his book, "Walden." It tells of an experiment in which he built his own house and for two years lived a simple life, close to nature, in the woods near Walden Pond.

Richard had found a new hero. Thoreau was a naturalist and considered to be the father of American nature writing. He was also an advocate for biodiversity and ecology before those issues even had names. His writings on natural history and philosophy were the basis for modern ecology and environmentalism. According to Richard, Thoreau even invented the idea of nature walks, though he called them "rambles."

Inspired, Richard wanted to conduct an experiment too. He didn't have woods and a pond nearby but he did have the wetlands. We each received an assignment. I was to ramble through the wetlands, Rusty was to sit in a tree and see the world through the eyes of a bird. Richard, as he heard Thoreau had done, was going to experience the world through the eyes of a frog. Then, like Thoreau, we would write our personal observations and philosophical reflections.

Richard submerged himself in the small pond until only his nostrils and eyes were above water. He noted how soft the algae felt as it brushed his face with the subtle movement of the water. He held his breath as a dragonfly landed close by.

Rusty, of course, noted that the birds were eating and soon was nibbling right along with them. He seemed to be having a contest with a yellow-headed blackbird about who could eat the most insects.

Me, I just rambled. A red-tailed hawk soared above me while I watched a yellow-faced bumble bee and a hummingbird dance from flower to flower. A spider creating his intricate web held me spellbound.

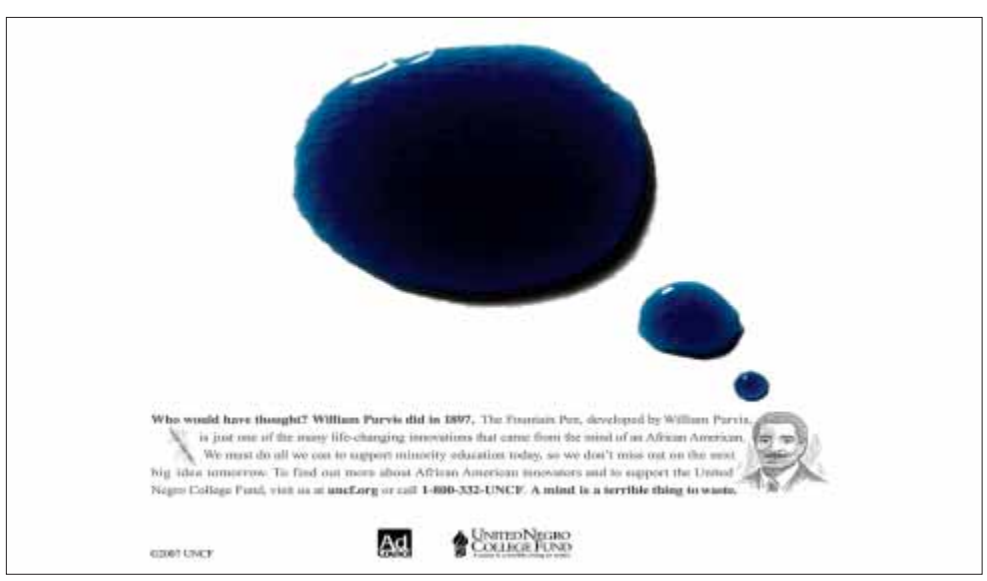
As soon as his belly was full Rusty grew bored with life as a blackbird. To Richard's dismay he insisted on joining him in the water.

All went well until Richard thought he heard soft snoring. Suddenly, Rusty was gulping, sputtering and splashing. He had fallen asleep.

The mood had been broken and it was growing late. We decided to call it a day.

That evening as we shared our experiences we found that our experiment had sparked an even deeper appreciation for living in harmony with nature. I also found myself thinking how lucky we were to have a brother who often walks to the beat of a slightly different drummer and in that way helps us experience wonders in the world we might otherwise miss.

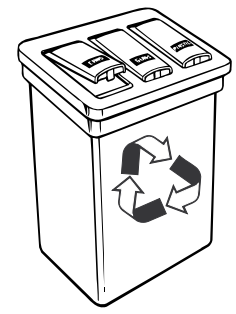
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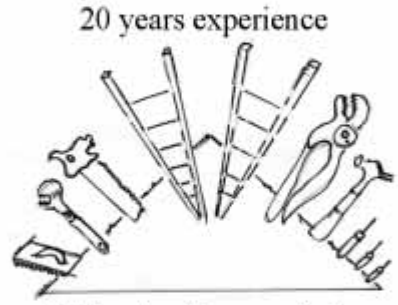


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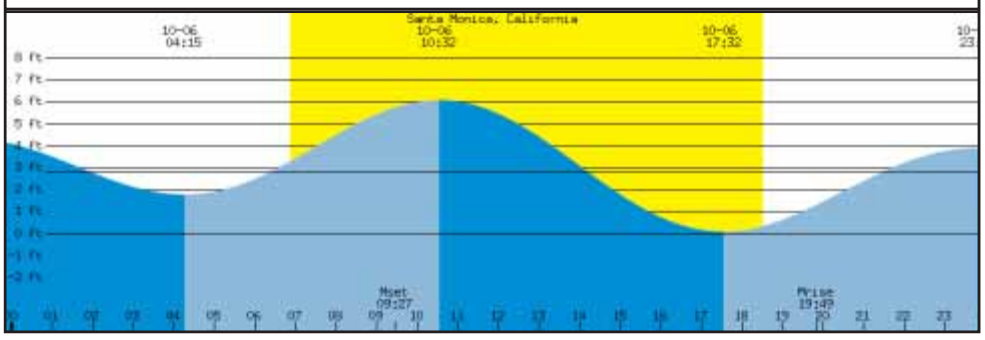
Swell Forecast

The SW should stick around for chest high sets, although the shorter, lagging periods (13 to 14 seconds) will be coming in then, so swell may weaken

Long Range Synopsis

The end of this week, the southerly swell should back off to waist high. NW wind swell is looking weak so far, so west facing breaks would likely see just knee+ surf. Winds are expected to be lightly offshore in the AM.

Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica



BEACH REPORT CARD

NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous four weeks up to the ending date of **September 29, 2009**

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QUICK STATS (for the last 28 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 1
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 1
- Number of wet days -- 8
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 42 / ns
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 3 / ns

The Beach Report Card is made possible by simplehuman, The Goldhirsh Foundation, the James Irvine Foundation, Ford

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

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Los Cerrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit 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..	A	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A	ns
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	A	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	F	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	ns
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A	ns
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.	ns	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	F	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	A+	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A+	ns
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	C	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	A	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A+	ns
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A+	ns
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A+	ns
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St..	A+	ns
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower.	A	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	B	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	A+	ns
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty).	A	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	A+	ns
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant.	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	A+	ns

LEGEND

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

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Jennifer's Body (R) 1hr 42min
4:55, 9:20

Love Happens (PG-13) 1hr 49min
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Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs (PG) 1hr 21min
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The Invention of Lying (PG-13) 1hr 40min
2:10, 4:50, 7:20, 9:50

Surrogates (PG-13) 1hr 29min
2:30, 5:00, 7:40, 10:00

Toy Story & Toy Story 2 in 3D Double Feature (G) 2hr 49min
1:00, 4:45, 8:30

Zombieland (R) 1hr 21min
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The Burning Plain (R) 2hr 5min
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The Providence Effect (PG) 1hr 47min
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Paris (NR) 2hr 24min
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District 9 (R) 1hr 53min
1:10, 9:10

The Informant! (R) 1hr 48min
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Inglourious Basterds (R) 2hrs 32min
12:00, 3:20, 6:40, 10:00

Fame (PG) 1hr 47min
3:50, 6:30

Fame in Digital Projection (PG) 1hr 47min
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Pandorum (R) 1hr 48min
12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30

Whip It (PG-13) 1hr 51min
11:20 (am), 1:50, 4:30, 7:10, 9:50

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Hang out with friends, Pisces

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ In a meeting, someone expresses a point of view that says: Let's stop worrying and just do. Though you might be inclined to do this, you know better. A little self-discipline goes a long way. Remain sensitive to your budget, or you could be very sorry. Tonight: Treat yourself, but don't go overboard.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ You are all smiles and looking at the big picture. A boss could be pushy and demanding. However, he or she has great ideas, and if you follow the obvious path, you'll come out on top. Don't push someone away. Tonight: Could be a late night.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ Take a quieter stand than usual. You discover that detachment will lead to the correct answers. Your instincts guide you when facing a new playing field. Stay open to unforeseen options. They head in your direction. Tonight: Relax with a good movie.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ You easily might lose your focus, whether you intend to or not. A partner might be overwhelming you with so much "good news." Is there such a thing? It appears so. Stay focused on your long-term goals to find centering. Tonight: Where the crowds are.

LEO (July 23-Aug, 22)
★★★★ Pressure builds, and you might not have the control you would like. Enjoy yourself to the max. Understand what is motivating a boss. This person means well as he or she generates work and keeps dumping it on you. Take everything that is happening with a grain of salt. Tonight: A must appearance.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ Keep reaching out for new information. You'll discover there are many different impressions and perspectives. You get in touch with the many possibilities -- now to choose. Give yourself time to wade through an issue. Tonight: Opt for different.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ Nothing replaces direct relating and understanding. Your choices only become stronger through discussion. You don't have to agree, but it might be wise to respect each other's views. If a solution doesn't appear immediately, it will soon enough. Relax. Tonight: Spend time with a special friend.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ Defer to others and let them come up with solutions. Understand what is ailing another person. Do your best job of listening. You have unusual resources; be willing to plug them in elsewhere, perhaps close to home. Tonight: So many choices.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ Stay even, even if everything, including the kitchen sink, drops in your lap. Listen to all the suggestions, though you could be exhausted by the line of people. Understand what is going on at work. You might want to pace yourself and eliminate what is unnecessary. Tonight: Put your feet up.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ Your creativity manifests in many different areas. You have the choice of where to funnel this energy. You want to take a risk, be it emotional or financial. Just don't go overboard or commit to anything you cannot afford to lose. Tonight: Buy a treat on the way home.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ Your optimism and high energy could overwhelm others. In the mood you are in, you could be a tad insensitive and push others away. Walk in another's shoes. Tonight: Happy at home.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ Keep conversations open and feed them with your ideas. Instinctively, you'll see how positive sharing is. Still, there might be an idea you choose to keep to yourself. Others give you a show of faith. Tonight: Hang out with friends.

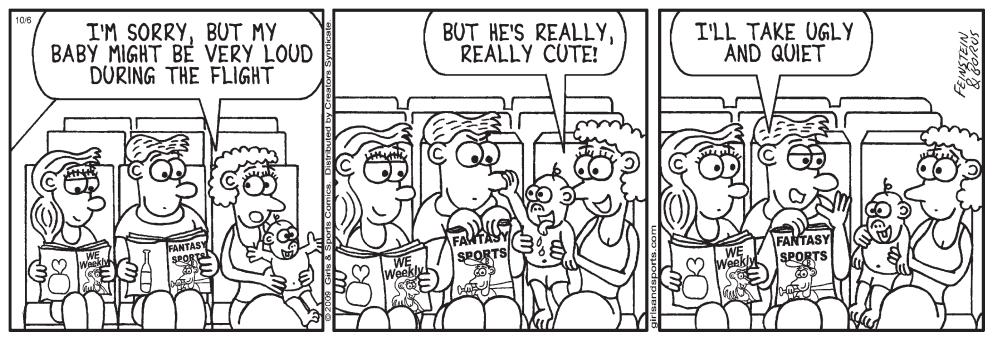
Happy birthday

This year, opportunities come forward because of your very creative nature and an ability to really look at the basics. Honor your priorities and securities, but still be innovative. This combo is possible. In a creative field of work, having endless ideas becomes your trademark. If you are single, there is no reason to remain single, unless it is your choice. Enjoy the romance. If you are attached, the two of you can choose to feed the flames of romance. Go on a second honeymoon or re-create your first date. TAURUS can be an anchor.

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

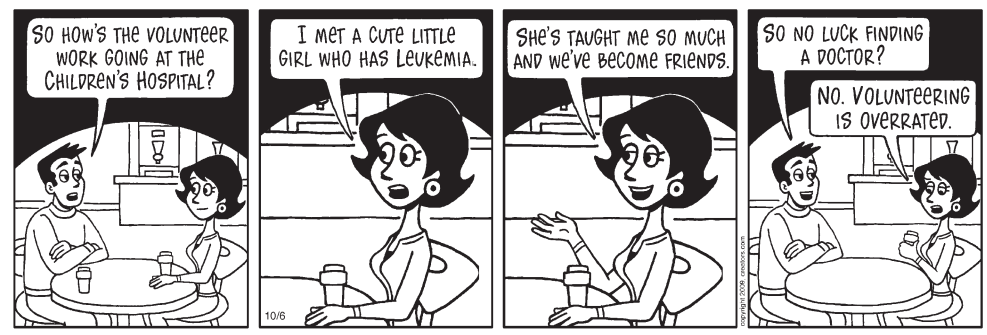
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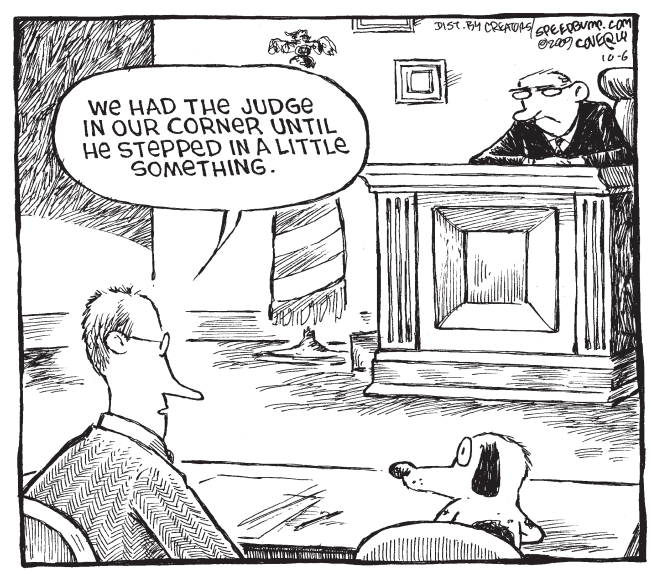
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Difficulty Level ★★

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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

2	9	3	4	7	6	5	8	1
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18 School member
21 Pump or mule
22 Spray bottle
24 Ventilate
25 Skillet
26 Singer Charles
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42 Docking spot
43 Like some boxes

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Small Town: In Jericho, Ark., alleged harassment by cops got so bad, according to an Associated Press report, that the fire chief went to court twice in the same day in August to complain about speed traps. The chief's charge angered the seven officers attending the hearing, and a courtroom scuffle ensued, resulting in the chief's being shot in the back and hospitalized. WMC-TV reported that the shooter has not been charged but that an arrest warrant has been issued for the chief, who was then fired by the mayor. The police force has been disbanded by the Crittenden County sheriff, and all firefighters have resigned.

■ Big City: George Vera, who weighs nearly 600 pounds, was booked into jail in Houston in August and was in custody for more than 24 hours before he casually informed cops that they had missed finding the 9 mm handgun and two clips that were hidden in his rolls of fat.

■ Questionable Business Model: In September, in downtown Longview, Wash., a 23-year-old man held up a sign offering to be kicked in the groin for $5. He made one sale before police, acting on a complaint, made him move on.

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1889 Thomas Edison shows his first motion picture.

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1903 The High Court of Australia sits for the first time.

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1908 Austria annexes Bosnia and Herzegovina.

1921 International PEN is founded in London.

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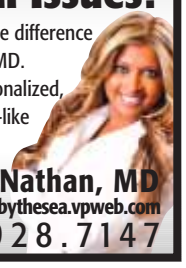
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