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THE TAKING A LOOK ISSUE



WHEELS IN MOTION

Brandon Wise *brandonw@smdp.com*

People of all ages watch as professionals Auti Angel and Mia Schaikewitz perform a highly skilled dance routine in their wheelchairs during the Senior and Family Intergenerational Arts Festival 'Celebration of Life' at the Santa Monica Senior Recreation Center at Palisades Park on Saturday. The day was filled with arts and crafts, music and dancing for the whole family.

Final Moose Lodge murder suspect's trial set to begin

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

DOWNTOWN L.A. Opening statements are expected this afternoon in the trial of William Vasquez, an alleged hard-core gang member who is charged with the murders of five people, including two Santa Monica men who were brutally gunned down while attending a birthday party at the Moose Lodge in Ocean Park, prosecutors with the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office said.

Vasquez, who has been described as an active member of the 18th Street clique, widely considered to be the second largest gang in Los Angeles, is facing the death penalty if convicted. Three of the murders he has been charged with are gang related, prosecutors said. Vasquez has plead not guilty.

Two others, Jose Mojarro and Erick Nunez, were found guilty in March of last year on two counts of first-degree murder in the Moose Lodge shooting, which took the lives of Jonathan Hernandez, a 19-year-old resident of Ocean Park, and Hector Bonilla, a 25-year-old resident of the Pico

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Taxi overhaul moves to council

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL After years in the works, the City Council is set to take a step toward greatly limiting the number of taxi cabs allowed to operate in Santa Monica.

The proposal, which tonight comes before the council for preliminary approval, would replace the open entry taxi cab system with a franchise model under which a maximum of 250 cabs would be allowed to pick up fares in Santa Monica, down from the 463 cabs currently licensed by City Hall.

The situation has long been a source of complaints from residents and even some cab operators, who said an over abundance of taxis in town was making it difficult to get by. Environmentalists have also urged the council to reign in the number of cabs. The city's Task Force on the Environment back in 2006 recommended moving to a franchise system where only companies whose fleets met emission and mileage standards would be awarded permits.

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HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Vikings make verbal commits

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

SAMOHI For the second consecutive year, Santa Monica High School's girls' basketball team has produced at least two players who have made verbal commitments to NCAA Division 1 schools, with a third still contemplating her options.

Senior forward Bianka Balthazar has decided to attend St. Mary's College in the Bay Area. Senior point guard Kristina "KJ" Johnson has decided to play for University of the Pacific. The decisions are non-binding, but both players said they expect to honor their commitments come national signing

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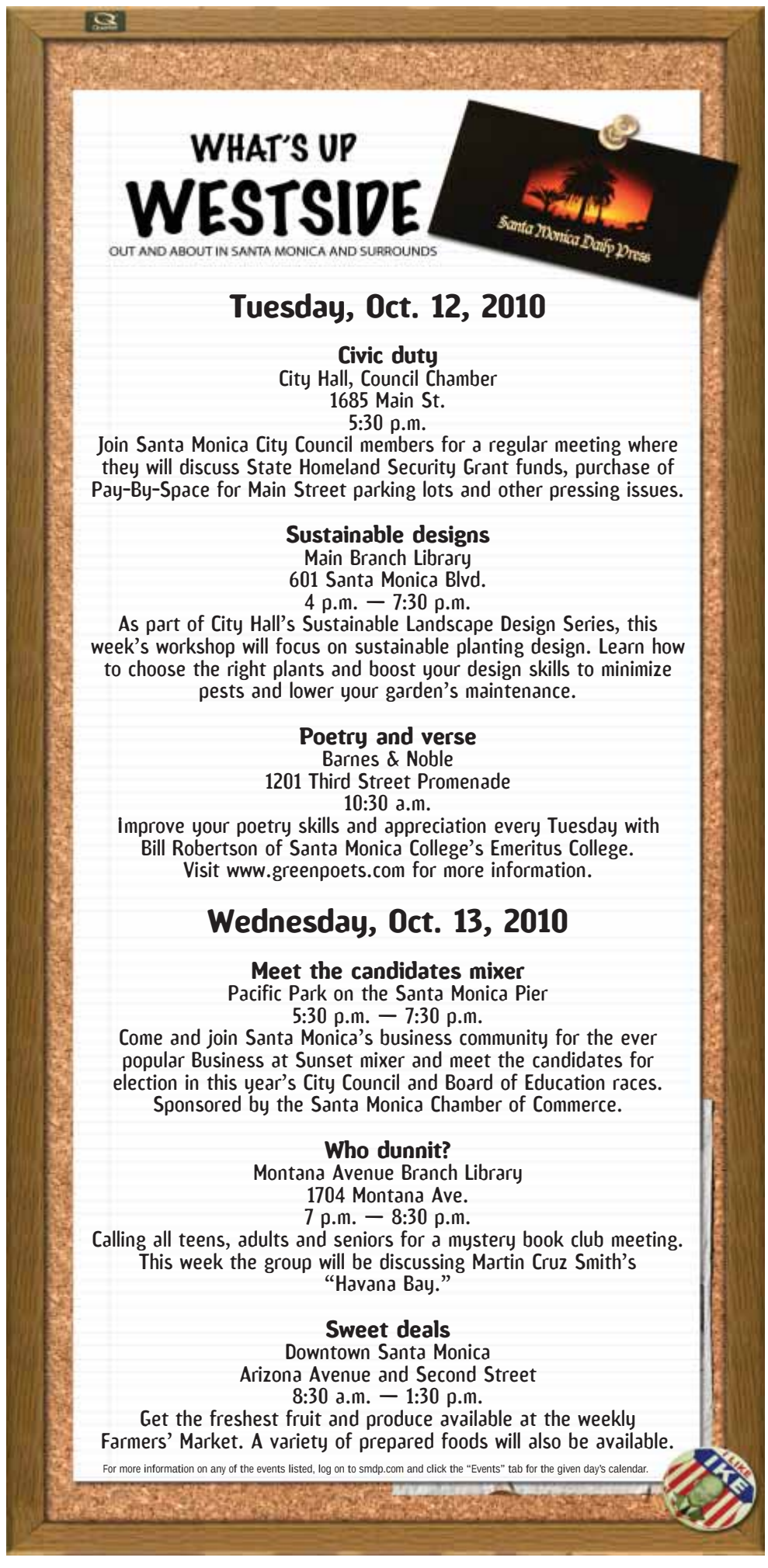
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Tuesday, Oct. 12, 2010

Civic duty
City Hall, Council Chamber
1685 Main St.
5:30 p.m.
Join Santa Monica City Council members for a regular meeting where they will discuss State Homeland Security Grant funds, purchase of Pay-By-Space for Main Street parking lots and other pressing issues.

Sustainable designs
Main Branch Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd.
4 p.m. — 7:30 p.m.
As part of City Hall's Sustainable Landscape Design Series, this week's workshop will focus on sustainable planting design. Learn how to choose the right plants and boost your design skills to minimize pests and lower your garden's maintenance.

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

Wednesday, Oct. 13, 2010

Meet the candidates mixer
Pacific Park on the Santa Monica Pier
5:30 p.m. — 7:30 p.m.
Come and join Santa Monica's business community for the ever popular Business at Sunset mixer and meet the candidates for election in this year's City Council and Board of Education races. Sponsored by the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce.

Who dunnit?
Montana Avenue Branch Library
1704 Montana Ave.
7 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.
Calling all teens, adults and seniors for a mystery book club meeting. This week the group will be discussing Martin Cruz Smith's "Havana Bay."

Sweet deals
Downtown Santa Monica
Arizona Avenue and Second Street
8:30 a.m. — 1:30 p.m.
Get the freshest fruit and produce available at the weekly Farmers' Market. A variety of prepared foods will also be available.

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

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

MAIN LIBRARY

Reading program makes splash

Themed "Make a Splash," Santa Monica Public Library's Summer Reading Program saw significant increases in participation over previous years for the 10-week program designed to raise literacy skills in children and teens over the summer months.

This year, 2,917 participants read about 1,164,600 minutes, a 34 percent increase from last year.

Completion rates also jumped 20 percent, and participants read 23 percent more hours, city officials said.

City officials attribute the higher statistics to a popular theme, incentives and stronger outreach efforts in local schools.

The library offered more than 300 story times and other reading-related programs, such as a reading club for parents and their babies, a six-week writers' workshop for teens and a pizza party to celebrate reading achievements.

Twenty-three teen volunteers helped provide 254 hours of administrative support to help run the program.

In 2009, SMPL was ranked at the top of the number of attendees for summer programs for children and teens compared to other cities of similar sizes in Los Angeles County, according to the Southern California Library Cooperative, an association of libraries in the greater Los Angeles area.

DAILY PRESS

CITYWIDE

Get rid of the clutter

Save the date for Santa Monica's first annual yard sale hosted by City Hall at various locations around Santa Monica. Residents and local organizations are encouraged to participate on Oct. 23 by selling their old items in front of their own homes.

Sellers can register online before Oct. 13 to have their items listed in a catalog, which will also feature a list of charitable organizations accepting donations.

To register and to find out about participating locations, visit www.smgov.net/r3.

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RIDING HIGH

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A large group of injured veterans ride down Ocean Avenue on their way to the finish line of the 450 mile trip from San Francisco to Los Angeles for the annual Ride 2 Recovery cycling event on Saturday afternoon. Ride 2 Recovery raises funds to support rehabilitation programs for the nation's veterans.

Council to nix some Main Street meters

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

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL Officials have decided to get rid of parking meters in Main Street's public parking lots. But don't get too excited — it's still going to cost you.

The City Council is expected to approve $340,000 at its meeting tonight to replace 351 single space meters with 20 "pay-by-space machines" at City Hall-owned lots located between 2300 and 2600 Neilson Way.

The new machines "will provide customers with an electronic pay option and will reduce labor and maintenance costs associated with the collection and deposit of monies collected from parking meters and maintenance of meters," according to a City Hall report.

The proposed contract is with Canada-based Digital Payment Technologies and is included on the council's consent agenda

Also expected to win the council's approval is a $1.1 million agreement to fund planning efforts by the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District related to the Civic Center Joint Use Project.

The plan is to expand Santa Monica High School's campus in conjunction with City Hall's plans for a revitalized Civic Center, which include the Palisades Garden Walk & Town Center Project and the future Expo Light Rail Stop at Fourth Street and Colorado Avenue.

The money would pay for "plans for new or redeveloped recreational and cultural facilities that the broader community could access when not needed by the high school, the creation of a Michigan Avenue pedestrian/bicycle promenade to facilitate public access through the campus and subterranean parking," according to a City Hall report.

The funds are a small part of the $57 million the City Council allocated for the project last November.

On the other side of the ledger, the council is expected to officially accept a $150,000 grant from the federal Department of Homeland Security to train members of the Fire Department in hazardous materials and urban search and rescue response.

The grant is part of a post 9/11 program aimed at providing emergency responders with the specialized skills necessary for disaster response. The grant does not require a matching contribution from City Hall.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Not sure about LED stop signs

Editor:

Regarding the article on the stop sign for Downtown with LED lights at a cost of $4,000 ("Stop sign goes green" page 1, Oct. 7).

What?

I think the money could be spent better elsewhere in these tough economic times. Will people see the flashing LED lights in daytime? Many motorists blow through the lighted crosswalks with flashing lights I've seen.

B. Howe
Santa Monica

Crack down on bikers on sidewalks

Editor:

If we want to make streets more friendly then let's make some streets just for pedestrians. On Sunday, Sept. 5, my friend and I spent the day at Santa Monica Place. It's great, but the music is crap. Anyway, walking home on Sixth Street, four times we were almost run over by bicycle riders riding on the sidewalk. This must stop. One guy said we lied when we told him there was no riding on the sidewalk. So from Lincoln Boulevard to Ocean, from Wilshire Boulevard to Broadway, only bike walking should be allowed and let's get more police to give tickets to riders on the sidewalk. The life you save may be mine.

Alan Rosenblum
Santa Monica

Pass it on

Editor:

I want to publicly thank Stephanie, who found my wallet in the parking lot at Ralph's. She saw my emergency contact number inside and called me. She waited for me to drive back and then returned my wallet and refused any reward other than my thanks. Her good example led me to promise myself to "pass it on" by doing good deeds for others.

S. Goodman
Santa Monica

Developers don't like SM

Editor:

Letter writer Christian Boyce says it's great that a developer should buy bus passes for citizens of Santa Monica, an idea proposed by Councilman McKeown ("Bus pass idea a winner," Letters to the Editor, page 4, Oct. 4). OK, I have several questions:

1. Who gets the bus passes? Old citizens, new citizens, low income, homeless or you, Christian, so you can spend your money Downtown?

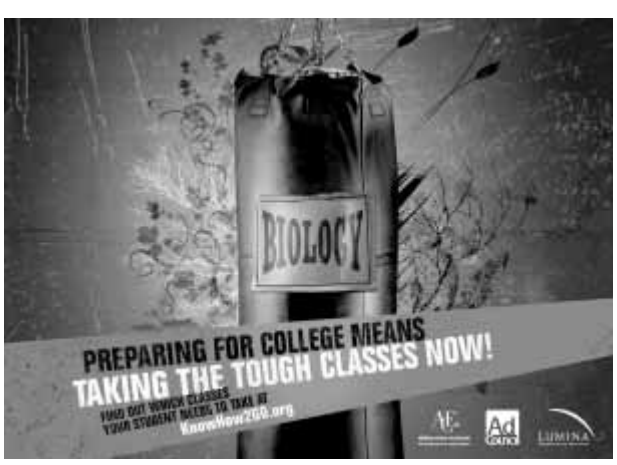
2. If you have the money to spend Downtown, why do you need a pass to get Downtown?

3. Why do I, as a developer, need to support your bus line when you require me to provide a car parking space for every few feet of construction I build.

4. Why do Santa Monica politicians always feel that builders need to give stuff away to their constituents? Oh, right, they need the votes.

Is it any wonder that only a select few builders even bother to build in Santa Monica? I would build almost any place but here. Eli Broad showed us that when he chose to build his museum Downtown instead of in Santa Monica.

Brian A. Gray
Venice





Back to Nature

Reese Halter

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Bees the new canary in the proverbial coal mine

THIS PAST WEEKEND, PEOPLE IN 188 countries at 7,000 events united as one voice in the fight against oil, gas and coal, rising greenhouse gases and a warming world.

"Kick coal and oil out," was heard around the globe. Change is the only thing constant in life and when it comes to our insatiable addiction to petroleum products, the time has come to move beyond an antiquated, toxic and now life-threatening source of energy.

Last week, two major solar farms received approval from the feds creating 1,000 jobs, and power in Southern California for over 213,000 homes. Remember that innovation is our best friend and America's Recovery Act is pouring $90 billion into clean energy, smart grids, energy efficiency, electric cars, renewable power from the sun, wind, ocean waves, geothermal and manufacturing plants in the U.S.

One of the joys of being a biologist is the privilege of studying nature. All life on this planet, whether deep under the sea or on the top of Mt. McKinley, and everything in between, is interconnected and temperature dependent. The emphasis on nature's interconnections is, I believe, why the biology students at Cal Lutheran University enjoy my classes.

Global warming is having a deleterious affect on the 20,000 known species of bees around the globe. And destruction of natural habitat has been rampant in recent decades. There are over 5,000 native species of bees in North America that are responsible for pollinating the lion's share of plants between the Arctic and the trees of the Sonoran desert.

Bumblebee populations have been hit particularly hard. Since 1999, the rusty-patched bumblebee whose habitat spanned from Quebec to Vermont has disappeared along with four other bumblebee species. Franklin's bumblebee of northern California and southern Oregon is also now believed to be extinct. Large populations of western bumblebees that inhabited the entire west coast of North America have severely declined in the past decade.

Last week an article in the New York Times reported a discovery it claimed to be the culprit in the death of a couple hundred billion honeybees worldwide. There's no question that this DNA-based virus is linked to the Nosema ceranae fungus. This virus/fungus combination proliferates in cool, damp weather, thrives in the gut of overwintering bees and disrupting their nutrition.

When complex biological systems begin to unravel as in the case of the dying honeybees there is rarely one cause or smoking gun, rather it's usually a combination of factors acting in concert. In the bees' world there are many problems. Anyone who thinks that there's no affect on releasing five billion pounds of pesticides including known toxic neonictinoids into the biosphere, each and every year is daft and they're eating poisons daily.

Moreover, these poisons are getting to the bees first and they are dying. The honeybees are acting as modern-day canaries in coal mines and government regulatory agencies are not paying attention. The bees are dying from the very foods that we are eating. Organic foods protect the bees and they protect us — you are what you eat!

Honeybees do so much more than just pollinate almost everything from apples to zucchinis. Did you know they also pollinate the ingredients that go into 50 percent of all ice cream flavors? Or that venom from a bee's stinger is a potent anti-inflammatory and pain medicine used to treat multiple sclerosis, rheumatoid arthritis, fibromyalgia, tendonitis and other debilitating autoimmune diseases.

This past summer saw the effects of global warming sky-rocket the price of wheat and barley by as much as 75 percent on the world market when Russia was enveloped by drought and fires, western Canada deluged by rain and Australia plagued with locusts.

But global warming is far more pervasive than the obvious symptoms of bad weather and food shortages. For the first time since the Civil War (1861-1865) the price of cotton has surged above $1. Flooding in Pakistan (fourth largest producer) and China (the largest producer and importer) has created a cotton demand that's outstripping the supply. This spike in price is exacerbated by the fact that honeybees pollinate cotton and billions of dead honeybees have created a demand for bees that can't be met.

More than 18,500 farms in the U.S. grow cotton producing clothing, and food like cottonseed oil, shortening, salad dressing, crackers, cookies and chips worth over $27 billion annually. The cotton industry uses 75 million pounds of pesticides each year and according to the EPA, a dozen of these pesticides are carcinogenic.

Global warming has altered the weather patterns reducing the snowfall on the Southern Rockies, which in turn supplies melt waters to the Colorado River and 25 million people in the southwest. Snowpacks are melting three weeks earlier causing glacier lilies to emerge at least a couple weeks sooner. A climate-driven mismatch is now occurring as the bumblebees that pollinate the lilies are wakening up two weeks too late. The fate of the lilies is in jeopardy.

It's happening around our nation. In Maryland, honeybees which rely heavily on the first bloom to generate copious amounts of honey to sustain the hive for the year are having to quickly change their diets because plants are flowering by as much as four weeks earlier.

In Maryland it's evident from their honey, which traditionally was a rich, red, earthy flavor from the American tulip trees. Now the bees are producing a lighter more fruity honey as they are relying upon the black locusts trees to make a living.

The changes in the Rockies and Maryland have happened fast, both within two decades. The trees, bees and other critters are telling scientists that the Earth is unequivocally warming up.

Global warming is a citizen's issue. That means each of us is required to lend a helping hand.

Join the HoneyBeeNet online and help scientists across North America track our bees and flowers as we are all inexorably linked in the dance of survival.

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What's the Point?

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Recognizing domestic violence

THIS IS THE SECOND IN MY SERIES ON domestic violence, in recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness month. There are many types of domestic violence. It can be verbal, psychological, physical or financial. The social view of domestic violence has changed over the years as we have evolved from a view where women and children were possessions of the man, to a woman being an equal under the law to a man.

Historically there were few if any limits on domestic violence. The English rule was that a man could only beat his wife and children with a stick that was no thicker than his thumb, hence the "rule of thumb." That law is no longer the case, and in its place we have gone to the rule that physically beating a spouse or child is unacceptable.

VERBAL

Abusing someone verbally has a wide range of meanings. On one end of the spectrum it is the mean-spirited, sarcastic remark, and at the other end, it is screaming and terrorizing with threats of violence.

Verbal abuse is hard to define because so much meaning is included in our spoken words by tone and inflection. I can say, "You jerk," to my partner and depending on the way I inflect the words I can convey a meaning of sarcasm, love, anger, frustration and any mix of those.

The law in California, and many states across the country, has become that abuse is in the eye of the abused. This makes it a very subjective matter and one that does not allow for hard and fast rules when it comes to verbal abuse.

PHYSICAL

While verbal may be subjective, physical abuse is very easily described and identified. Whenever one person makes contact physically with another that is unwanted, it's possible to define it as physical abuse.

Physical abuse can also be done with objects. If a glass is thrown, or a TV is tossed, or a coffee table is overturned, these are all examples of physical abuse that can result in restraining orders being issued by a court.

PSYCHOLOGICAL OR EMOTIONAL

Psychological or emotional abuse can be very difficult to demonstrate, but is perhaps the most insidious of the abuse types, because of the subtleties involved. Emotional abuse can be the withholding of love and affection, (i.e. the "silent treatment") or the intentional showering of love on another designed to hurt someone. If a woman has an affair on her husband, and deliberately flaunts it in front of him, that would be emotional abuse, just as his affairs would be abusive to her.

FINANCIAL

If one party hides the money and assets, that can be financial abuse. When a woman overspends or a man drinks away his paycheck, these are examples of financial abuse in a relationship. Abusing the credit cards is also a major form of financial abuse in relationships and it can have devastating effects on the marriage or partnership.

MEN

Generally men realize that they are in an abusive relationship only after many, many incidences of questionable behavior. Men are taught that it is their role to satisfy a woman's desires, whether they be material or emotional. So a man will persist in trying to satisfy a woman long after it is obvious that she is abusing him.

It is very hard for most men to admit that they have been abused, particularly by a woman. It is even harder for a man to admit that a woman has physically assaulted him, as this strikes at the very heart of being a man. For a man to admit that a woman hit him is very emasculating. One of the first insults a boy learns is to say that someone "hits like a girl" or "throws like a girl." When boys call each other "woosies" what they mean is you're acting like a girl, a whiner, a complainer, a wimpy little boy who can't fight like the big boys.

It is at this point that many men begin to experience a slow meltdown of their self-esteem and ego. As they become more abused, they also become more passive, which leads to greater abuse. The level of potential embarrassment increases with each new incident, thus making it harder for a man to admit that there is a problem.

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The Q Line

What on Y?

Measure Y, which calls for a half-cent sales tax increase, has been put on the ballot to help City Hall increase revenue to shore up a budget that could be facing serious cuts in coming years. An advisory measure, YY, has also been placed on the ballot to gauge the public's interest in giving up to half of the expected $12M the tax would raise each year to local public schools.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
How will you vote on Measures Y and YY, and why?

Contact qline@smdp.com before Friday at 5 p.m. and we'll print your answers in the weekend edition of the Daily Press.


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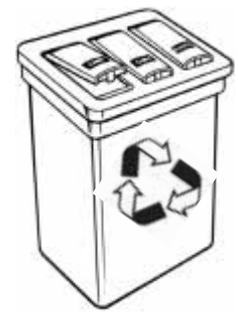
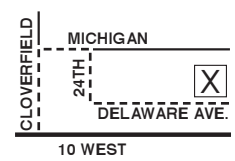
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Feds: Cost slowed fire response

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LOS ANGELES Concerns over firefighting costs slowed the U.S. Forest Service's initial response to last year's 250-square-mile Southern California wildfire that killed two firefighters and destroyed 89 homes, a federal panel said in a report.

The review conducted for the Agriculture Department, which runs the Forest Service, cites a letter before the Station Fire instructing managers to hold down costs and, when appropriate, use USFS resources rather than requesting crews, aircraft and equipment from contractors and state and local agencies.

"The decision on the Station fire to initially order only federal personnel delayed arrival of critical resources," according to the "Large Cost Fire Review" obtained by the Los Angeles Times.

Forest Service officials have insisted for a year that cost concerns never impeded the response. The fire broke out in Angeles National Forest on Aug. 26, 2009, and raged untamed for more than a month in mountains above Los Angeles' foothill suburbs.

The report was prepared for Tuesday's planned panel discussion in Pasadena on Station Fire strategy, which will be led by U.S. Rep. Adam Schiff, D-Glendale.

The review, performed for the USDA by an outside contractor, was mostly favorable about the Forest Service's overall performance during the fire, the Times said.

Tom Harbour, head of fire and aviation for the Forest Service, said he was unaware of specific findings in the report but suggested the conclusion about firefighting costs could be erroneous. All orders for crews, equipment and aircraft were filled during the first two days of the fire, he said.

One issue raised since the fire is whether an air attack could have begun about two hours earlier on the second day when the blaze was still small, perhaps by using state aircraft.

The Agriculture Department review also said the Forest Service decided to concentrate on protecting homes and the communications towers and observatory on Mount Wilson, rather than staging a sustained direct assault on the backcountry front spreading into Angeles National Forest.

School districts join forces to tout reforms

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES Seven California school districts on Monday said they are teaming up to push ahead with education reforms that previously failed to gain widespread traction with districts and unions throughout the state.

The seven superintendents, which represent some of the state's largest school systems and more than 1 million students, announced the creation of a nonprofit organization called California Office of Education Reform.

The group will be launched with $3 million in donations from philanthropic foundations, including California Education Partners.

CORE will pursue reforms such as accountability and review procedures for teachers, common standards for English and math instruction, more effectively sharing of data, and working collaboratively to turn around struggling schools.

It will also work with state lawmakers to pursue school reform legislation, said Michael E. Hanson, superintendent of the Fresno Unified School District and president of the new group.

"CORE's purpose is bottom-up education reform that is nimble enough to pursue funding and reforms outside the politics of education," he said in a statement.

The seven districts — Los Angeles, San Francisco, Long Beach, Fresno, Sanger, Clovis and Sacramento — agreed to pursue the reforms as part of the state's entry in the Obama Administration's Race to the Top competition for federal funding.

California did not win the funding after the reforms were resisted by many districts and unions, but the application process opened communication among reform-oriented districts. Superintendents said forming the nonprofit will give momentum to the reform effort.

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Pranksters target ex-Bell city manager

First he was charged with 53 criminal counts in a public corruption scandal that has gained nationwide attention.

Now someone has toilet-papered the Huntington Beach home of disgraced former Bell City Manager Robert Rizzo.

The Los Angeles Times reports that neighbors awoke Monday morning to find streams of toilet paper scattered all over the front of Rizzo's house.

The ousted official, who is free on $2 million bail, apparently was not home.

Rizzo is charged with misappropriating public funds, conflict of interest and falsifying public records.

Authorities say Rizzo and other public officials ripped off Bell, a small, working-class city, to the tune of $5.5 million.

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SACRAMENTO

California selects buyer for 11 state properties

The state has announced the winning bid to buy 11 state properties for $2.3 billion.

The Department of General Services on Monday selected California First LLC, a partnership led by a Texas real estate firm and a private equity firm based in Irvine.

Ron Diedrich, the department's acting director, says California First's offer will generate more than $1.2 billion for the state's general fund. About $1 billion of the sale will be used to pay off bonds on the buildings.

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and lawmakers included the sale as part of the state budget last week. The 11 parcels contain 24 separate buildings, including the Ronald Reagan building in Los Angeles and the San Francisco Civic Center.

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LOS ANGELES

Dog that saved lives in Haiti gets national honor

A three-legged cat and a once-abandoned dog that later helped save lives after the Haiti earthquake have received national honors.

The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals announced its dog and cat of the year awards Monday and both are one-time California castoffs.

Pearl, a 4-year-old Labrador retriever, was abandoned at a shelter and was later trained and sent this year to Haiti with a rescue team from the Los Angeles County Fire Department. The county's seven rescue teams helped bring 12 people to safety.

Cat honors went to Henry, a stray, injured kitten found near San Diego in 2004.

After his leg was amputated, he inspired a series of children's books that have generated more than $50,000 for animal causes.

AP

FRESNO

Vintners hope late harvest makes fine wine

A cool summer along the West Coast has made for a hurried harvest in the nation's top winemaking regions as growers rush to beat the first frost. Vintners, however, are hopeful the late grapes will make great wine.

It's a matter of simple science: Grapes become sweeter as they develop but they need sun and heat to do so. When the grapes are crushed and loaded into barrels, the sugar turns into alcohol during fermentation.

With less exposure to sun and heat, the grapes will have less sugar and produce wines with less alcohol. But, vintners say, the wines should be beautifully balanced and full-flavored.

"We expect more understated wines from this vintage," said Rob Sinskey, 51, who owns Robert Sinskey Vineyards in the Carneros region of Napa.

"High-alcohol wines are power wines. They're showy in a wine tasting," he continued. "We think these will be more elegant, floral, with beautiful aromatics and exotic overtones."





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Suicides among gay teens create questions for parents

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NEW YORK With bullying, teen suicides and harassment of gay teenagers making headlines, parents may be wondering what role they can play in discouraging kids from tormenting others whom they perceive as different.

Homosexuality remains a controversial issue in some communities. But nobody wants to see their child victimized. And nobody wants their kid involved in an incident that might lead a peer to hurt himself or herself.

So what should parents do or say if a teenager tells them he or she is gay? Should parents ask about a child's sexual orientation if they're wondering?

How can adults create an environment that promotes tolerance and discourages bullying? And is there anything we can do to prevent teen suicides?

Here's some advice from experts.

—Consider the language, jokes and comments your child may be hearing at home or from others.

"One of the reasons kids are afraid to talk to parents is that they've heard parents say prejudicial things in the past. It's amazing the effect offhand comments can make," said John R. Cepek, national president of Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG), who describes himself as the "proud dad of a gay son." "You can create a culture of prejudice in the family. Kids pick up on that."

"We all need to be vigilant about our language," agreed Michael LaSala, professor at the Rutgers University School of Social Work, whether it's outright slurs like "faggot" or phrases like "that's so gay."

"A lot of people who use those terms casually do not mean to put down gay people, but they need to understand that they are," he said, comparing them to racist terms "like the N-word."

Parents should also teach kids from a young age not to castigate "a boy who acts in a feminine manner or a girl who acts masculine," LaSala said. "The message should be that even though people are different, they're worthy of respect and acceptance."

—If you think your child might be gay, it's not necessarily wise to confront him or her. On the other hand, LaSala said, "you can create an environment where it's acceptable" so that kids don't feel the need to lie.

"They need to disclose when they are ready," said LaSala, who interviewed 65 lesbian and gay youth and their families about the coming-out process for a book that was published in June called, "Coming Out, Coming Home: Helping Families Adjust to a Gay or Lesbian Child."

"Kids may have gotten the message from society, from their peers, that they need to hide it," he said. "If a parent is too forward and too proactive, they can feel exposed. So it's tricky."

Parents might also be on the lookout for situations where kids seem to be inviting the question — for example, a teen might make little effort to hide a relationship with someone of the same gender.

Cepek's son came out to him and his wife when he was in college. He had a stack of Christmas presents for someone named George, so his mom simply said, "This George must be very important to you."

"Don't you know I'm gay?" was the response.

—It's not enough to raise kids who aren't bullies. Kids must be taught to speak up if they're being victimized or if they know someone else is being victimized.

"Sometimes kids think, 'There's nothing I can do,'" said Vanessa Gomez, a counselor who works with teens at Moreno Valley Community Learning Center, about 65 miles east of Los Angeles.

But kids can be taught a variety of responses to bullying, said Gomez, president of the California Association of School Counselors,

First, of course, "if you see a student making fun of someone else, don't join in," she said.

Beyond that, she said, options include "confronting and being assertive and saying, 'That's not cool, leave him alone!' or reporting that behavior to a trusted adult. Or going up to the victim and saying, 'I saw what that guy did over there. Let's come up with a plan to help so this doesn't continue.'"

Adults must also help kids change the "code of silence" that labels them snitches if they tell adults what's going on. "We can help students recognize that it's courageous to tell," she said.

Gomez's school district also offers kids the option of anonymously filling out "concerned persons forms" if they're worried about a peer. Guidance counselors follow up with the child in question by saying, "someone really cares about you," then assessing what intervention might be needed.

Cepek added that sometimes kids who are bullied "don't think they're worth the trouble to redress an intolerable situation. Parents need to let them know there are terrible, bigoted people out there who may act in a deplorable manner and that action is not a reflection on the child's own worth or value."

"It's hard because no child wants to portray themselves as being a victim of bullying to their family," said Ann Haas, director of prevention projects for the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. "So how can we start sending the message to our children very early that this is an OK topic to bring up? It's not your fault if you're bullied."

—Be aware that depression is the most common warning sign of suicidal behavior in adolescents, and that "bullying in the context of depression seems to place youth most at risk," Haas said.

Haas also said that suicidal behavior is often preceded by a change in mood or threats of self-harm.

"You might notice a change in behavior — a person used to be outgoing, now they're withdrawn, isolated," said Gomez. "Maybe a person is making statements that 'Life would be better off without me.' You'd be surprised how often students say, 'I'm going to kill myself.'"

Haas said that while depression is the most common factor leading to teen suicide, specific events may trigger suicidal behavior, "whether it's something going on with family or at school or a peer's comments on Facebook. Any number of events can precipitate suicide in someone with an underlying vulnerability."

If you're worried about your own teen, Haas says, an easy first step is to call your pediatrician for advice. If you're worried about someone else's child, "reach out, parent to parent. Say, 'I hope that you won't see this or hear this as meddling, but if it were me, I would want to know this.'"

There's one bit of good news amid all this: Teen suicide rates in the United States have decreased since the 1970s. And while bullying and harassment related to sexual orientation "certainly have a relationship to suicidal behavior," Haas cautioned against "writing a social script about gay youths killing themselves or attempting to kill themselves." She said there are no reliable statistics that prove gay teenagers commit suicide at greater rates than heterosexual teens.



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CABS
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The City Council directed staff to begin working on the overhaul in early 2009, with franchise applicants evaluated based on a range of criteria including financial viability, experience, vehicle quality and sustainability. Locally-based companies also received preference.

While officials hope they're close to the finish line, there's still some controversy over how the system will be implemented.

City Hall has recommended awarding the franchises to five companies — two of them based in Santa Monica — but the council will wait to make its final decision until Nov. 9.

Craig Smedman, vice president and general manager of Euro Taxi, which was left off the list of recommended companies, in June told the Daily Press he would ask the council to reject the staff recommendation.

As a Santa Monica-based cab company that operates exclusively in the city, he said his Euro Taxi would be forced out of business if the recommendation is adopted.

"It's unbelievable that they would choose L.A.-based taxi companies over an experienced, quality local company such as Euro," he said.

Don Patterson, the City Hall administrator who oversaw the selection process, said the five best proposals out of 13 applications received the committee's recommendation.

"This is the culmination of several years of work that has involved numerous public meetings and lots of input from various stakeholders," he said.

The new system, he said, is aimed at improving cab service for customers, which he said is inconsistent under the open entry system, while bringing Santa Monica's cab regulatory framework in-line with neighboring cities.

"The number of cabs in Santa Monica has widely been recognized as being unsustainable. Just the number of taxis per person in Santa Monica far exceeds any other city," he said.

City Councilman Richard Bloom, a supporter of the overhaul plan, said he's "still in the listening phase" and is continuing to consider details of how the franchise system should be organized.

"I think that staff put a lot of time into this and we need to take their recommendation seriously," he added.

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Neighborhood.

Mojarro and Nunez are currently in prison. Mojarro is appealing his sentence of life without parole. Nunez is serving multiple life sentences, prosecutors said.

In January of 2006, Nunez was wanted on an arrest warrant for the Moose Lodge murders when he attempted to flee from Sheriff's deputies, shot an AK47 at them, and took a family hostage during the pursuit, prosecutors said. Nunez was convicted in that case in 2007 and was sentenced to 194 years to life in state prison.

Bonilla and Hernandez were attending a private party at the Moose Lodge on 16th Street and Ocean Park Boulevard on the night of March 5, 2005 when Mojarro, Nunez and Vasquez showed up uninvited. An argument broke out between the men and Hernandez while they were at the bar, according to a coroner's report released weeks after the shooting.

They "talked peaceably" and within a few minutes walked away from the bar toward the dining room, "when one of them physically assaulted Mr. Hernandez, causing him to drop down to one knee." Bonilla, who was at a nearby table, "ran to his aid," the report said. The gang members fired twice, causing him to fall to the floor.

A rival gang member then fired four shots at Hernandez, who was on his knee, causing him to collapse, the report said.

After the initial shots were fired at Bonilla, "one or more of the rival gang members" fired in the direction of the DJ and his assistant, the report said.

According to the report, "Some gang members then fired several more shots into Mr. Hernandez and Mr. Bonilla when they were on the ground."

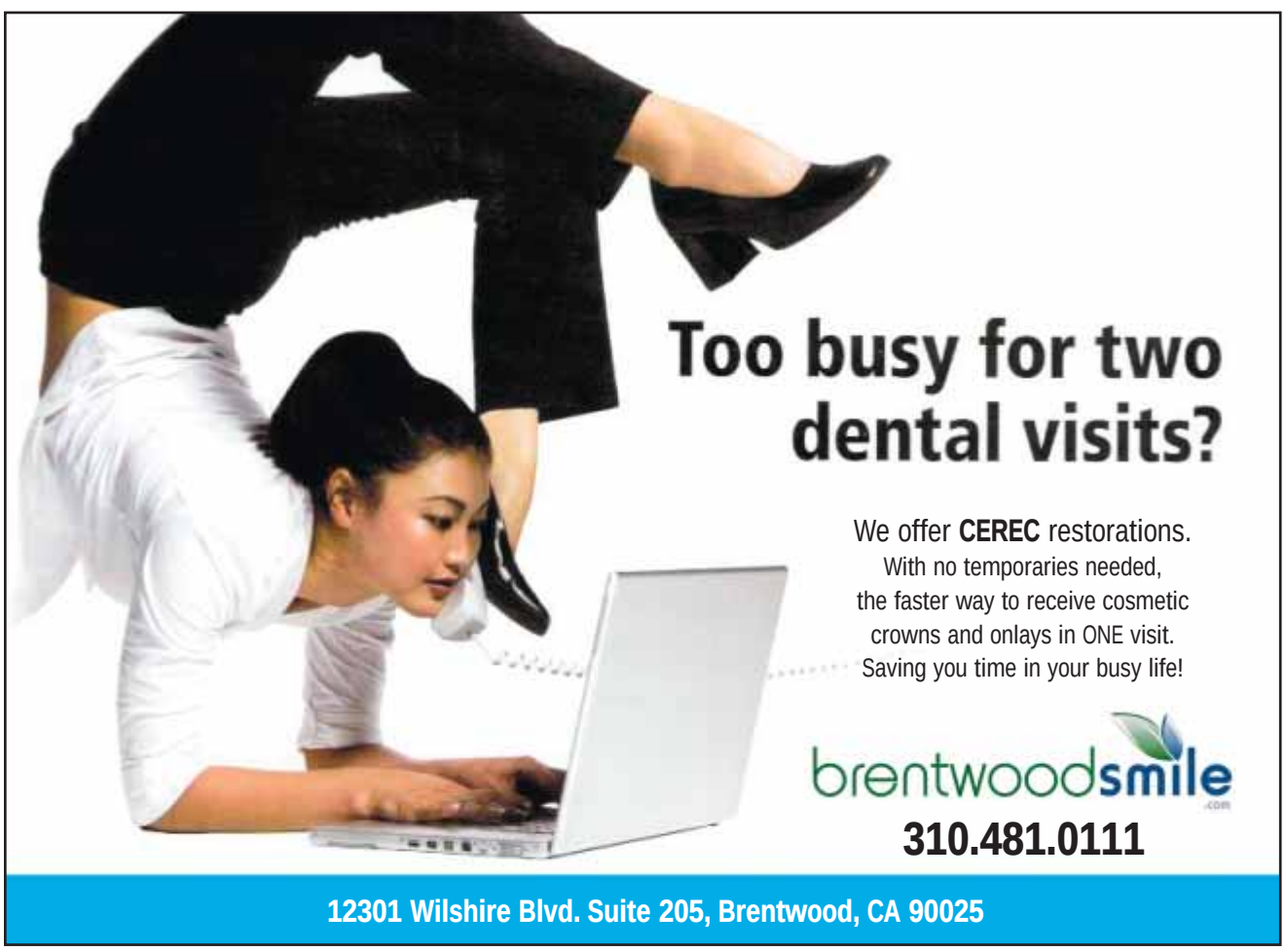
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Bonilla left behind a wife and three young children.

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MAKING MOVES: **Santa Monica High School's Kristina Johnson drives to the basket against Mater Dei last season. She has committed to play for University of the Pacific.**

SAMOHI
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day in the spring.

A third player, senior guard Moriah Faulk, hasn't made a commitment yet, but Samohi Head Coach Marty Verdugo said she is choosing from a group that includes schools from the Pac-10 and Boston College. Notably, UCLA has shown interest. If she chooses to play in Westwood, Faulk would be reunited with Thea Lemberger, who helped lead the Vikings to the California Interscholastic Federation Southern Section Division 1A championship last season. It was the first in the sport in school history.

Samohi's Lilly Feder was the second player from last season's team who committed to a Division 1 school — UC San Diego.

"I couldn't be more proud," Verdugo said. "I had a feeling that this is going to be a special group of girls here."

Johnson decided on the University of the Pacific after considering offers from Cal State Fullerton and the University of Texas, El Paso. She said that staying in California was a factor as was the prospect of early playing time.

"This decision takes stress off," said the senior who will be called on to lead the Vikings on the floor this season. "Now I can just focus on this last year of high school."

For Balthazar, the choice had as much to do with the character as it did basketball.

"I just felt that they were very genuine," Balthazar said. "I think I'll have good relationships with the coaches."

The increase in attention from college recruiters has followed the rise of the Samohi basketball program since Verdugo took over five seasons ago. While the attention is nice, Verdugo said it could be a disadvantage at times. He said that some players may be turned off by playing at Samohi because court time on such a competitive team may be scarce. He brushed that off, saying with a chuckle, "I don't want those kind of players any way."

But, overall, he feels that these commitments are a testament to what the program has developed during his tenure.

"In the long run, I think it will attract quality players," Verdugo said. "It does put our program on the map."

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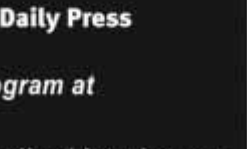
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Senior citizens brace for Social Security freeze

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BOCA RATON, Fla. Seniors prepared to cut back on everything from food to charitable donations to whiskey as word spread Monday that they will have to wait until at least 2012 to see their Social Security checks increase.

The government is expected to announce this week that more than 58 million Social Security recipients will go through a second straight year without an increase in monthly benefits. This year was the first without an increase since automatic adjustments for inflation started in 1975.

"I think it's disgusting," said Paul McNeil, 69, a retired state worker from Warwick, R.I., who said his food and utility costs have gone up, but his income has not. He lamented decisions by lawmakers that he said do not favor seniors.

"They've got this idea that they've got to save money and basically they want to take it out of the people that will give them the least resistance," he said.

Cost-of-living adjustments are automatically set by a measure adopted by Congress in the 1970s that orders raises based on the Consumer Price Index, which measures inflation. Social Security benefits will remain unchanged as long as consumer prices remain below the level they were at in 2008, the last time a COLA was awarded.

Still, seniors like McNeil said they'll be thinking about the issue when they go to vote, and experts said the news comes at a bad time for Democrats already facing potentially big losses in November. Seniors are the most loyal of voters, and their support is especially important during midterm elections, when turnout is generally lower.

"If you're the ruling party, this is not the sort of thing you want to have happening two weeks before an election," said Andrew Biggs, a former deputy commissioner at the Social Security Administration and now a resident scholar at the American Enterprise Institute.

At St. Andrews Estates North, a Boca Raton retirement community, seniors largely took the news in stride, saying they don't blame Washington for the lack of an increase. Most are also collecting pensions or other income, but even so, they prepared to tighten their belts.

Bette Baldwin won't be able to travel or help her children as much. Dorcas Eppright will give less to charity. Jack Dawson will buy cheap whiskey instead of his beloved Canadian Club.

"For people who have worked their whole life and tried to scrimp and save and try to provide for themselves," said Baldwin, a 63-year-old retired teacher, "it's difficult to see that support system might not sustain you."

Baldwin and her husband mapped out their retirements, carefully calculating their income based on their pensions and Social Security checks. Trouble is, they expected an annual cost-of-living increase.

"When we cut back, we're cutting back on niceties," Baldwin said. "But there are other people that don't have anything to cut back on. They're cutting back on food and shelter."

Many at St. Andrews said the cost-of-living decision won't affect who they vote for next month. But seniors tied the Social Security issue to what they see as a larger societal problem with debt, entitlements and hopefulness for the future.

"I'm kind of glad in a way," Stella Wehrly, an 86-year-old retired secretary, said of the freeze. "One thing depends on the other and when people aren't working there's not enough people feeding into the Social Security system."

Wehrly and her husband, Hank, said curtailing government spending is necessary to maintain the Social Security system.

"We have a generation now that we're not going to leave a very good legacy for," she said.

Jack Dawson, 77, said the freeze is the right move considering the state of the government and the American economy.

"Who would be surprised what's happened?" he asked. "I feel this is the right decision in light of the malaise."

More than 58.7 million people rely on Social Security checks that average $1,072 monthly. It was the primary source of income for 64 percent of retirees who got benefits in 2008; one-third relied on Social Security for at least 90 percent of their income.

At the Phoenix Knits yarn shop in Phoenix, 73-year-old owner Pat McCartney said she already worries about paying for utilities, groceries and gas. Not having the increase makes her worry even more.

"If I have any major expense, I don't know what I'll do," McCartney said while helping customers with their knitting. "I live on Social Security."

In Kansas City, Mo., Georgia Hollman, 80, said Social Security is her sole source of income. She would have liked a bigger check, but said she's grateful for what she gets.

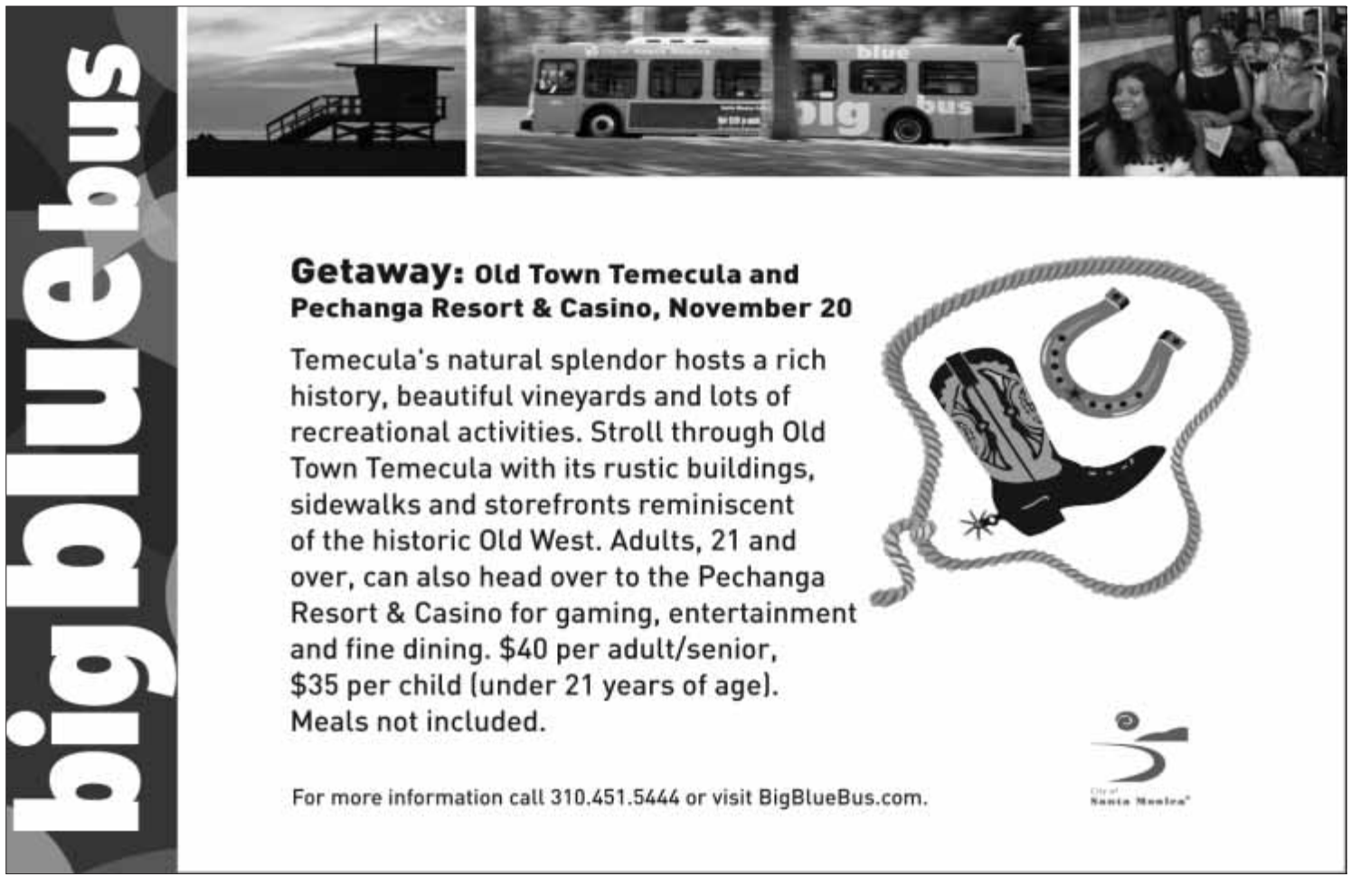
"There isn't nothing I can do about it but live with it," she said. "Whatever they give us is what we have to take. I'm thankful we get that little bit."

Advocates for seniors argue the Consumer Price Index doesn't adequately weigh the costs that most affect older adults, particularly medical care and housing.

"The existing COLA formula does not account for the economic reality of the true costs that most seniors faced," said Fernando Torres-Gil, director of UCLA's Center for Policy Research on Aging and the first person appointed to the governmental post of assistant secretary for aging, during the Clinton administration.



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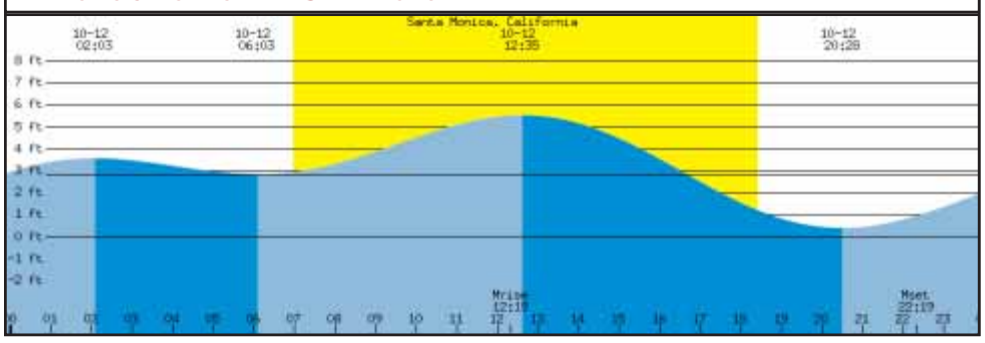
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Should see the swell combo increase all breaks into the chest high zone. Standout south facing breaks may see some pluses.

Long Range Synopsis

SW should keep south facing breaks in at least chest high sets, with some occasional head high sets at the standouts.

Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica



BEACH REPORT CARD

NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous 30 days up to the ending date of **October 5, 2010**

HEAL THE BAY - 1444 9th Street, Santa Monica, CA 90401 - www.healthebay.org - brc@healthebay.org - 800 HEAL BAY

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 -- 14 / ns
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 8 / ns

The Beach Report Card is made possible by: The Diller – von Furstenberg Family Foundation, Grousbeck Family Foundation, simplehuman, SIMA, Carlson Family Foundation, Inc.

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

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

Heal the Bay is a non-profit environmental organization dedicated to making Santa Monica Bay and Southern California coastal waters safe and healthy for people and marine life.

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INTERNATIONAL SOCCER

L.A. stadium developers want to host World Cup

BY JACOB ADELMAN
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES Developers of a new NFL stadium on a hilly strip of land east of Los Angeles are sketching out plans for a second high-profile use for the venue: World Cup soccer.

Architects for Majestic Realty Co. said Monday they were tweaking the design of the stadium to incorporate field measurements and bleacher configurations based on guidelines from World Cup organizer FIFA.

The news came amid possible competition from sports and entertainment powerhouse AEG, which is deciding whether to build a stadium in downtown Los Angeles to lure an NFL franchise.

Dan Meis, principal stadium architect for Majestic, said he can adjust his plans further to include additional guidelines FIFA may release ahead of the 2018 and 2022 games that are being sought by the United States.

"Because we're building a new stadium, we could incorporate anything FIFA could want," said Meis, who has designed sports arenas in North America, Europe and Asia.

Los Angeles is among 12 U.S. cities that would vie to host soccer matches if FIFA's executive committee votes on Dec. 2 to give the games to the United States.

A message left seeking comment from the USA Bid Committee, which is organizing the effort to host the World Cup, was not immediately returned.

Majestic has the necessary approvals to build its 75,000-seat stadium about 15 miles east of Los Angeles but has said it will not begin construction until it secures a team.

AEG owns Staples Center, home of the Los Angeles Lakers and other teams,









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6:00pm, 9:15pm

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Never Let Me Go (R) 1hr 43min
1:50pm, 4:30pm, 7:20pm, 9:55pm

Mao's Last Dancer (PG) 1hr 57min
1:20pm, 4:10pm, 7:00pm, 9:45pm

Howl (NR) 2hr 16min
1:00pm, 3:10pm, 5:30pm, 7:50pm, 10:10pm

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

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Case 39 (R) 1hr 49min
11:05am, 1:40pm, 4:25pm, 7:15pm, 10:05pm

Town (R) 2hr 5min
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Secretariat (PG) 1hr 56min
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Social Network (PG-13) 2hr 1min
1:00pm, 4:00pm, 7:00pm, 10:00pm

Easy A (PG-13) 1hr 33min
12:15pm, 2:35pm, 5:00pm, 7:20pm, 9:45pm

My Soul to Take 3D (R) 1hr 46min
11:15am, 2:00pm, 4:30pm, 7:05pm, 9:40pm

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Head home, Libra

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ Flex with the moment and understand what is happening behind the scenes. Your creativity is high, and you demonstrate a unique ability to problem-solve. An insight, though upsetting, guides you. Relax, knowing that you need this knowledge. Tonight: Get some expert opinions.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Be willing to work with one other person directly. You'll gain unusual results. Be open to the unexpected, knowing when you have had enough of a situation. Your insight will evolve if you kick back and decide not to trigger. Tonight: Chat with a friend. Get his or her impression.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ You could see a situation far differently from others at first. Your ability to move in a new direction depends on your willingness to work with others. Knowing when to say "enough" could be more important than you realize. Tonight: Meet a loved one for dinner.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ You might want to see a situation in a different light than in the past. Your sense of humor emerges when discussing a problem. You realize how trivial it might be when you consider another perspective. Tonight: Go with your instincts.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Keep tapping into your creativity to find the right answer for each situation. Once more, a partner proves to be unpredictable and quite deliberate in his or her actions. You might want to give this person more space in the future. Tonight: Where the fun is.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ If you can stay close to home, please do. There is a lot of give-and-take between a situation and what goes on. Others tend to make a mess of plans. If you feel a need to have matters go in a certain direction, consider going out on your own. Tonight: Nap, then decide.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ Keep asking the same question until you get the answer you need. Phrase your words differently if you must, knowing full well where you are coming from. Tonight: Head home, then decide.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ Your ability to home in on some basics allows for greater give-and-take. When someone torpedoes an agreement or existing plans, you will know what to do. Realize your limits financially, and you won't make an error. Tonight: A little self-discipline goes a long way.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ You can go a long way completing a project. You can handle any interference, as you are goal-directed. Follow your instincts, and you cannot go wrong. Let your creativity open up. Tonight: Just follow your whims.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ Make plans; research important decisions. You won't be on hold much longer. Your instincts could be quite out of whack with money. You might be seeing only what you want to see. Know that this type of warped perspective isn't your norm. Tonight: Nap; decide later.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Use today to push any key project forward. You could be surprised by your options if you listen to several different people who don't think like you. Don't think in terms of wasted funds and time. Tonight: Make it an early night.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★ Know that you need to make the first move in order to make a situation work. You know when you have pushed too far for too long. Take a step back later in the day to look around. Tonight: Could be late.

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 often become creative when others are difficult or rigid. Sometimes associates pull away because they are not used to the new you. Give others the space and time to adjust. If you are single, your allure is quite intense, and others want to come in closer. You have many potential suitors to get to know and decide if you want to get to know better. Enjoy the process -- dating can be fun. If you are attached, your relationship will benefit from adding some good old-fashioned dates. SAGITTARIUS has many ideas -- and opinions.



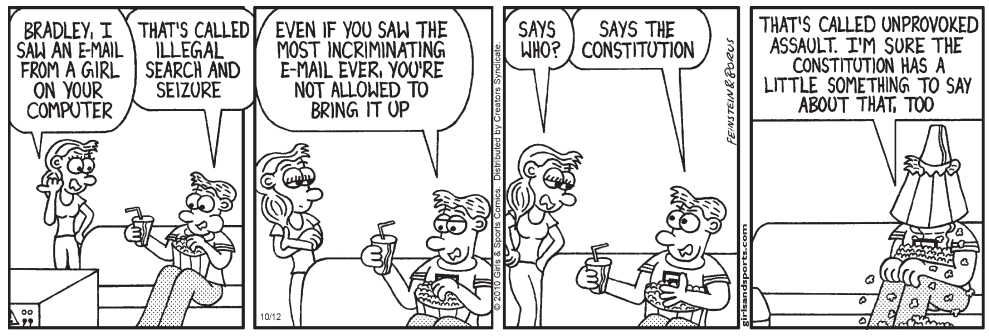
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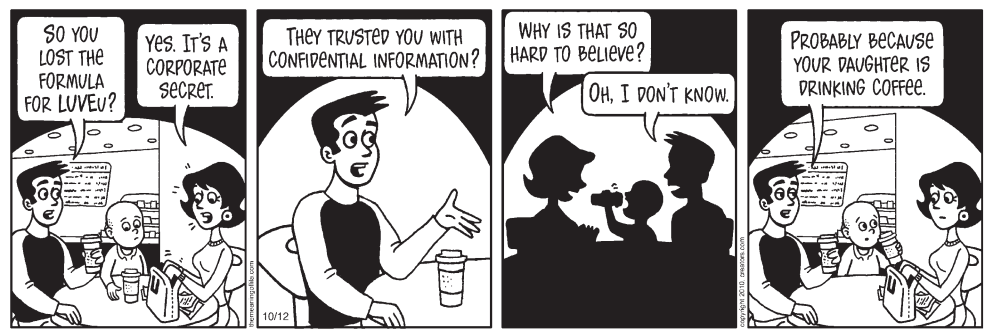
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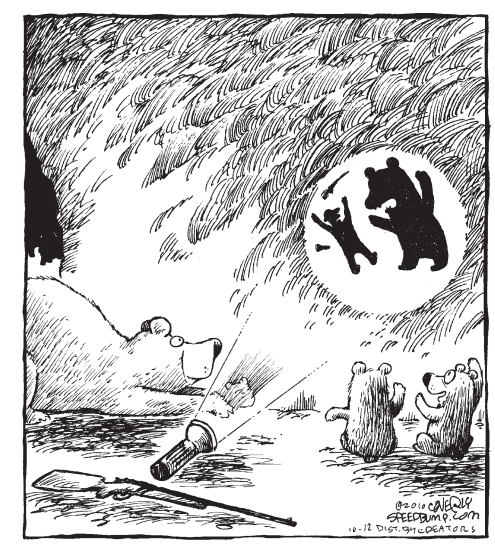
Strange Brew

By John Deering



Speed Bump

By Dave Coverly



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 ★★

5	9							1
			8					3
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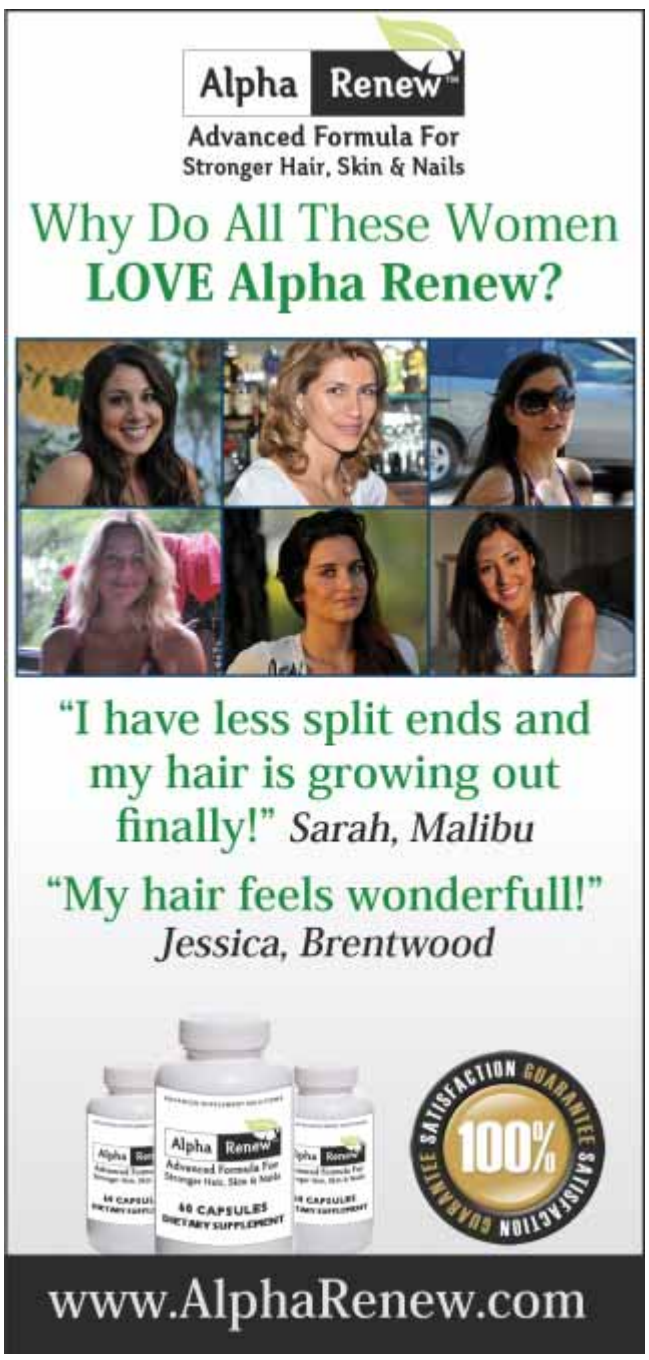
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GETTING STARTED

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

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



CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 "For — sake!"
6 Lecture follower
11 Be jubilant
12 Deplete
13 Spanish-born cellist
15 Print units
16 Combat
17 Deli bread
18 Lets off steam
20 Was furious
23 Close, as a jacket
27 Miles off
28 Face feature
29 Avoid
31 Fragrant wood
32 Supply with a grant
34 Restful resort
37 Toast spread
38 Triangular sail
41 Chilean poet
44 Back street
45 Thus far
46 Clarinet parts
47 Big wave

DOWN

1 Le Pew of cartoons
2 Test
3 Bath spots
4 Building wing
5 Placed in the hold
6 Hard mineral
7 Cart puller
8 Approach
9 Properly
10 Basilica part
14 Paint container
18 Border
19 Tendon
20 Craze
21 Alien craft
22 Seething
24 Cacao container
25 Mex. neighbor
26 For each
30 Takes pleasure
31 Astro-nomical sightings
33 Football's Marino
34 Rigging support
35 Washed out
36 Skilled
38 Flag Day month
39 Pop star
40 Cry like a baby
42 Was ahead
43 Use oars

■	R	A	F	T	■	G	A	P	S	■
H	E	L	L	O	■	U	S	U	A	L
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Yesterday's answer

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10-12

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Meganumber: 7
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Fantasy 5: 9 12 27 36 37

DAILY 3: MIDDAY: 6 7 7
EVENING: 9 1 6

DAILY DERBY:
1st: 08 Gorgeous George
2nd: 06 Whirl Win
3rd: 04 Big Ben
RACE TIME: 1:42.33

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ After two Mexican fishermen were dragged from their boats and "chewed so badly that their bodies could not be identified by their own families," according to a Daily Express review of an August British TV documentary, warnings were issued along the Pacific coast about the northern migration of Humboldt squid. They grow to 8 feet long, weigh up to 100 pounds, travel up to 15 mph, have eight swim/hold tentacles -- and two "attack" tentacles that are studded with 40,000 or more razor-sharp "teeth"-like nubs that help each devour almost seven tons of fish a year. Furthermore, female Humboldts are capable of laying 30 million eggs.

■ Briton Tania Doherty believed in 2008 that she was finally rid of ex-boyfriend Kawa ali Azad, who had stalked and assaulted her (once beating her unconscious) after she ended their affair in 2006. Azad had been arrested and ordered deported to his native Iraq, but when Iraq refused to take him, he applied to stay in Britain and, pending an immigration decision, was released by a judge sensitive to the "human rights" of someone seeking international "asylum." Azad immediately resumed harassing Doherty (who was chagrined to learn of the breadth of her violator's "human rights").

TODAY IN HISTORY

1918 A massive forest fire kills 453 people in Minnesota.

1928 An iron lung respirator is used for the first time at Children's Hospital, Boston

1933 The United States Army Disciplinary Barracks on Alcatraz Island, is acquired by the United States Department of Justice

1942 World War II: Japanese ships retreat after their defeat in the Battle of Cape Esperance with the Japanese commander, Aritomo Gotÿ dying from wounds suffered in the battle and two Japanese destroyers sunk by Allied air attack.

WORD UP!

nepenthe \ ni-PEN-thee \ , noun; 1. A drug or drink, or the plant yielding it, mentioned by ancient writers as having the power to bring forgetfulness of sorrow or trouble.

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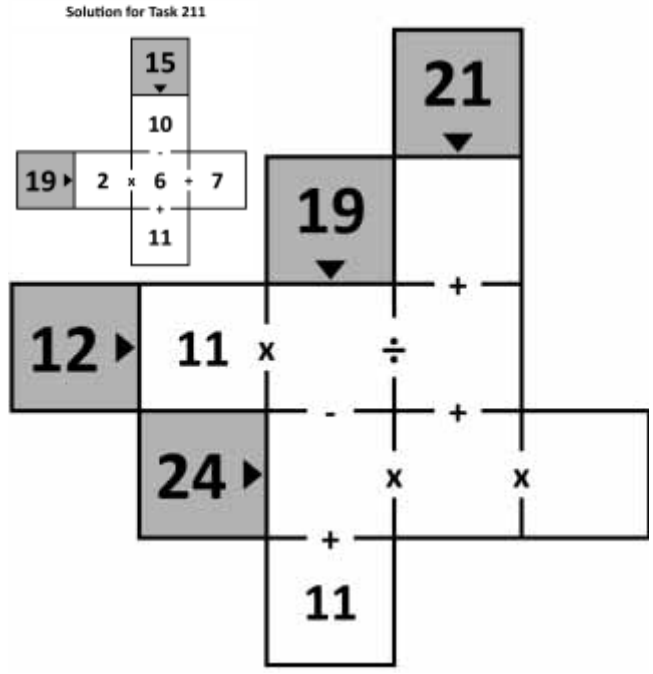
- Fill the grid with the set of given numbers (1 to 12) to satisfy the Equa demands (7 to 24) in the shaded boxes. The Equa demands represent the sum of the digits that you will insert into the empty squares.
- Each horizontal row has one Equa demand to satisfy; each vertical column also has one demand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

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1, 4, 4, 6, 11, 12

Solution for Task 211



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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NUMBER: 20101324309 ORIGINAL FILING
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 09/17/2010 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as ALL ASSET PROPERTY MANAGEMENT. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: WEST REALTY GROUP, INC. 11901 SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD, SUITE 530 LOS ANGELES, CA, 90025. This Business is being conducted by: a Corporation. The registrant has not yet commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above. /s/:LEE C. JOHNSON; PRESIDENT. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 09/17/2010. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 09/27/2010, 10/04/2010, 10/11/2010, 10/18/2010.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 10-1318002
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: BEAUTY BASIXX DISTRIBUTING; BEAUTY BASIXX, 8011 STEWART & GRAY RD., DOWNEY, CA 90241. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ARTURO GARCIA, 1022 W. 25th ST. #2, SAN PEDRO, CA 90731, HERLINDA KEARBY, 7501 ARNETT ST., DOWNEY, CA 90241. This Business is conducted by: A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP. Signed: ARTURO GARCIA. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 09/16/10. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 6/1/10. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Pub. Sept. 27, Oct. 4, 11, 18, 2010
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 10-1346861
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: TEAM AUTO CARRIERS, 8132 FIRESTONE BL. STE 60, DOWNEY, CA 90241. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) IRONTRON TRANSPORT SVC., INC., 3214 ECKHART AVE., ROSEMEAD, CA 91770. This Business is conducted by: A CORP[ORATION. Signed: RICHARD JACOBO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 09/22/10. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Pub. Sept. 27, Oct. 4, 11, 18, 2010
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 10-1331575
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: THE UPGRADE BARBERSHOP, 10733 LOWER AZUSA RD., EL MONTE, CA 91731. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) JORGE AVILA, 11126 WEST HONDO PKWY., TEMPLE CITY, CA 91780. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: JORGE AVILA. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 09/20/10. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 4/10/10. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Pub. Sept. 27, Oct. 4, 11, 18, 2010
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 10-1346931
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: UNIVERSAL CONSTRUCTION AND DESIGN FIRM, 269 S. BEVERLY DR., BEVERLY HILLS, CA 90212. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) FABIOLA APPLE, ROBERT APPLE, 1848 PORT WHEELER PL., NEWPORT BEACH, CA 92660. This Business is conducted by: HUSBAND and WIFE. Signed: FABIOLA APPLE. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 09/22/10. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Pub. Sept. 27, Oct. 4, 11, 18, 2010
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