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THE ROCKY RELATIONSHIP ISSUE

Breaking up is hard to do

Splitting the school district in two will be difficult to achieve, county, state officials say

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

MALIBU At the last Board of Education meeting held in Malibu, residents and council members employed language from the American Revolution to request an advisory seat at the dais.

Now, it's looking more like secession.

Malibu officials have begun exploring the possibility of leaving the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District and forming a separate school entity, according to a spokesperson with the Los Angeles County Department of Education.

Malibu City Mayor Pro Tem Laura Zahn Rosenthal and Councilmember Lou La Monte, both members of the Malibu City Council's school subcommittee, are looking into the issue, Rosenthal said.

They meet with county officials next week.

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Sluggish economy hurting SM seniors on fixed incomes

Federal poverty guidelines do not sync with cost of living in California

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE As the unemployed and disillusioned occupy Wall Street to express their discontent with the state of the economy and their financial security, another quieter group is struggling to make ends meet.

Senior citizens, aged 62 and above, living on fixed income or the yield of their investments, were hit hard by the recession and continue to feel its effects, which presents challenges to local resources trying to help them.

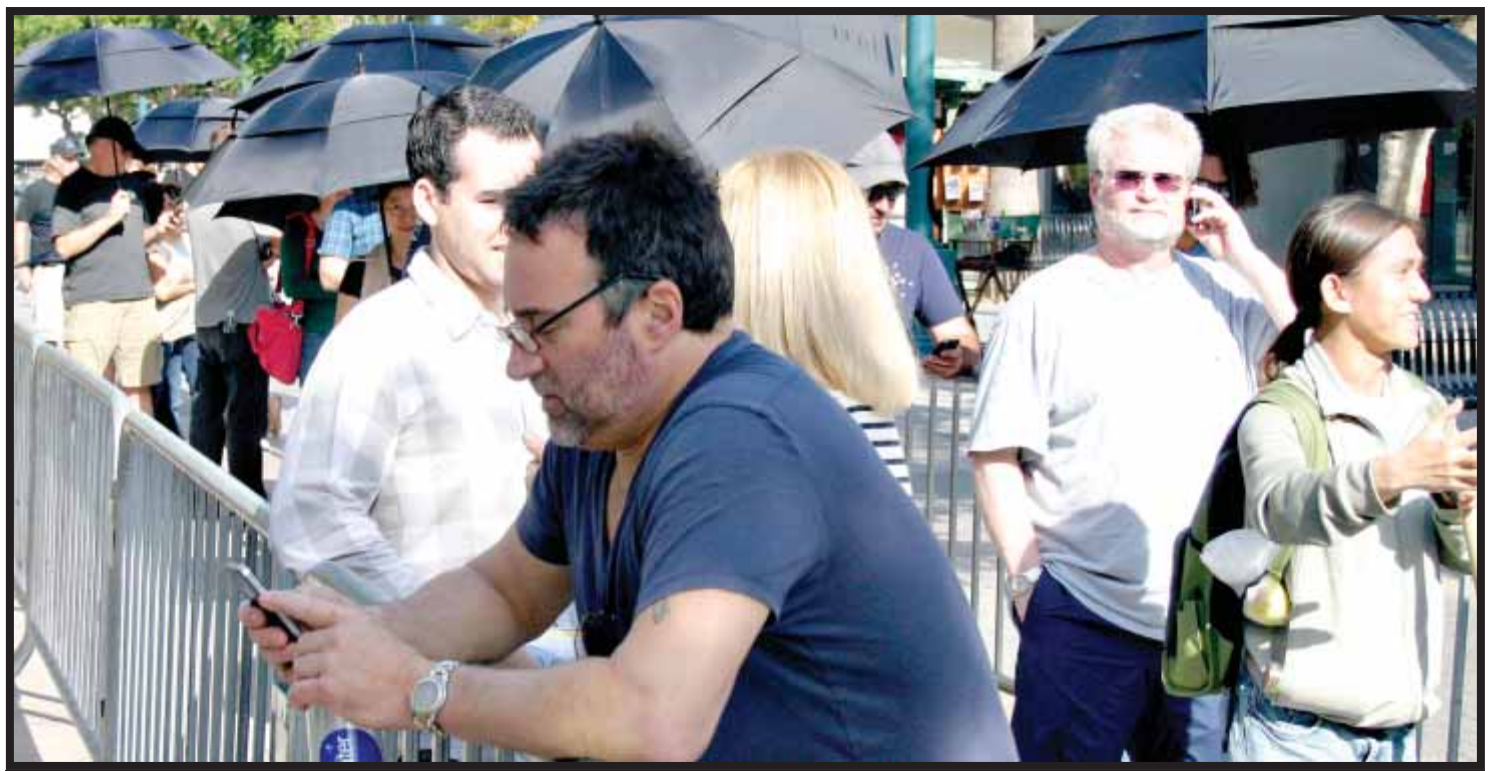
"The main thing with seniors is that you remain on a fixed income, and everything around you is going up and inflating," said Barbara Browning, chair of the Santa Monica Commission for the Senior Community.

According to a report compiled by the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), the downturn left millions with "higher expenses, lower incomes, depleted savings and reduced home equity or homes lost to foreclosure," each a further drain on a population with few ways to supplement their fixed incomes.

As a result, in 2009, one in six Americans over the age of 65 lived in poverty, and half lived on less than $18,500 a year.

Social Security kept 36 percent of seniors out of poverty in 2008, and represented a primary source of income for almost half of older Americans and was the primary source of income for older minorities.

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WAITING GAME

Kevin Herrera *kevinh@smdp.com*

Santa Monican Peter Dolan (left) checks his iPhone Friday while waiting in line on the Third Street Promenade to purchase the new iPhone 4S. Roughly 150 people were lined up before the Apple Store opened at 8 a.m. to be one of the first to have the new phone, which features a voice command program named Siri, a better camera and more memory. A couple of people camped out on the promenade Thursday night. Dolan wasn't one of them. 'I thought I would just walk over here and see what it was like and I was pretty surprised,' he said of the short line. Dolan waited for roughly 45 minutes to get his phone.

SM Baykeeper prepares to fight water board

BY COLIN NEWTON
Special to the Daily Press

SM BAY The California State Water Resources Control Board might have a fight on its hands.

On Tuesday, the State Water Board will decide on a policy that will damage the California coastline; at least, that's what some environmental agencies, like the Santa Monica Baykeeper, are saying.

The State Water Board will decide whether it should keep or revise policy related to Areas of Special Biological Significance (ASBS), said George Kostyrko, spokesperson of the State Water Board.

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Saturday, Oct. 15, 2011

Digging for treasure
Santa Monica Civic Center
1855 Main St., 10:30 a.m.
The Santa Monica Vintage Show arrives for the weekend, offering vintage designer dresses, jewelry, accessories and more. Visitors looking for a particular period or style can sift through everything from the mid-19th century to the 1980s. Admission is $10; a $2 discount is available online. For more information, visit www.vintageexpo.com.

Picture perfect
John Adams Middle School
2441 16th St., 1 p.m. — 4 p.m.
Hold for a pose at the Santa Monica Bay Human Relations Council's Third Annual "Kids With Cameras" photo exhibit and conversation at the Boys and Girls Club of Santa Monica at John Adams. This event is free. For more information, call (310) 399-7049.

Catwoman returns
Santa Monica Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 3 p.m.
Pounce onto a seat at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Auditorium to hear author Julie Newmar discuss her new memoir/self-help book, "The Conscious Catwoman Explains Life on Earth." Newmar, famous for playing the role of Catwoman in the 1960s "Batman" television series, also appeared on shows such as "The Twilight Zone" and "Star Trek: The Original Series." For more information, call (310) 458-8600.

Sunday, Oct. 16, 2011

Bring the kids
McCabe's Guitar Shop
3101 Pico Blvd., 11 a.m.
Peter Alsop is a singer, a songwriter, and a parent, and has crafted a special brand of music that appeals to all parts of his personality. Alsop has won repeated awards from organizations like Parents' Choice and has performed with the likes of Steve Allen to Pete Seeger, but now, he returns to McCabe's to bring his educational tunes to Santa Monica. Cost: $8, kids under 2 get in free. For more information, visit www.mccabes.com, or call (310) 828-4497.

Fun in the sun
Santa Monica Pier
11 a.m. — 3 p.m.
The 12th annual "Mattel Party on the Pier," benefiting the Mattel Children's Hospital-UCLA, is a fun filled, family fundraising event held at Pacific Park. Guests can enjoy a day of rides, arts and crafts, a silent auction and stars from some of today's hottest television shows. General admission tickets are $100 for adults and $50 for children ages 2 to 12; children under 2 are free. To order tickets, call (310) 267-1836 or visit www.partyonthepier.ucla.edu.

Riding waves, raising funds
Lifeguard Tower 28
Ocean Park and Barnard Way, 8 a.m. — 5:30 p.m.
The fourth annual Project Save our Surf: SURF 24 Celebrity Surfathon takes place to benefit Santa Monica Baykeeper, Waves for Water, Inside the Outdoors and Tumelo Home. Watch 12 teams, with 24 participants each, surf for 45 minutes each in the hopes of raising $500 per person; 100 percent of the donations go to charity.

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LOCAL SPORTS ROUNDUP

Pair of Corsairs earn player of the week honors

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

SMC A pair of Santa Monica College Corsairs swept the Southern California Football Association's Pacific Conference players of the week awards, it was announced this week.

Quarterback Alfonso Medina was named offensive player of the week, while defensive back Rico Wright was honored on defense.

Medina, a freshman from Venice High School, garnered the award after completing 22 of 29 passes for 339 yards and four touchdowns during a victory over Santa Barbara last week.

Wright, also a freshman, was noted for a pair of interceptions that came during crucial points in the game against SBCC.

The Corsairs will face L.A. Southwest on Saturday at 6 p.m.

PACIFICA CHRISTIAN MAINTAINS HOLD ON NO. 1

The Pacifica Christian Seawolves' girls' volleyball team retained its No. 1 ranking in the latest CIF-Southern Section Division 4-A poll and promptly went out and defended the top spot by beating Hillcrest Christian on Thursday.

Next for the Seawolves is a road matchup against nearby Brentwood on Saturday. The game is scheduled to begin at 4:30 p.m.

ST. MONICA HOSTS FIRST LEAGUE GAME

St. Monica's football team and its 4-2 record will host St. Anthony Saturday at St. Bernard.

The game is the Santa Fe League opener for both teams. The game is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

CITYWIDE

Celebrate National Plug In Day Sunday

More than 200 electric-vehicle drivers will roll down Main Street in Santa Monica on Oct. 16, as part of National Plug In Day. Twenty-four cities across the nation, from San Francisco to New York, will host a coordinated celebration – with Santa Monica's parade being the flagship event.

Hosted by the Sierra Club, nonprofit organization Plug-In America and the Electric Auto Association, the day includes tailpipe-free tailgate parties and test drives of plug-in cars from companies such as Nissan, SMART and General Motors. Chris Paine, director of the films "Who Killed the Electric Car?" and the upcoming "Revenge of the Electric Car," will be speaking at the event.

"Virtually every auto company in the world is selling or developing a plug-in car, and consumers are snapping up each and every one, stimulating our economy while helping the environment. You'll see hundreds of these vehicles in National Plug-In Day activities," said Paul Scott, Plug-In America co-founder, in a statement.

Plug-in vehicle drivers are invited to come to the Santa Monica Civic Center at 8 a.m. to participate in the parade down Main Street toward the Venice border.

KELLY ZHOU

SAMOHI

'Big Voice' documentary hits fundraising goal

Volunteers raising money for a documentary following the Santa Monica High School choir successfully hit their fundraising goal just hours before all of the donations slipped from their grasp.

Filmmaker Varda Hardy put the concept into motion, with the intent of showing the value of arts programming in public schools.

She formed a team of parents and interested volunteers, and began the arduous process of filming and fundraising.

The team used the website Kickstarter.com, a Web site where interested people can solicit donations for projects like the documentary. The goal was $40,000, and they had until midnight Tuesday to reach it.

Kickstarter.com comes with a catch. It costs less to use than other similar crowd-funding sites, but if the group doesn't make their goal in the allotted time, it gets none of the money.

"Monday the 10th was insane," wrote Deb Love, a producer of "Big Voice." "At the end of the night Sunday, we were $6,000 away from our goal. But the donations started pouring in Monday."

At 3:21 p.m. Monday, the team reached their goal of $40,000, and the money kept rolling in. By the end of the day, donations reached $44,670.

"It was incredibly humbling and moving to see the overwhelming show of support from friends, family, community and supporters who heard about us through the Internet," Love wrote.

The $40,000 will be used as seed money to keep production going as they continue to raise funds.

Anyone interested in being a donor, sponsor or investor can e-mail bigvoicemovie@gmail.com

ASHLEY ARCHIBALD



DESERVING

Photo courtesy Adam Latham

Gina Elise, co-founder of Pin Up For Vets, a project that supports hospitalized veterans and deployed troops, enjoys her new, silver 2012 Beetle on Thursday courtesy of Oprah Winfrey and LAcarGUY's Volkswagen Santa Monica. Elise was one of several lucky fans to receive a Beetle from Winfrey as part of her 'Ultimate Favorite Things' episode where community heroes were rewarded.

Check box for awareness in breast cancer campaign

BY SAMANTHA CRITCHELL
AP Fashion Writer

NEW YORK The power of pink is undeniable. And unavoidable.

Pink, the official color of the breast-cancer awareness movement, is everywhere: On Andy Boy lettuce packages, Everlast boxing gloves, QVC's glittery ballet flats from Nine West, Bank of America credit cards and beauty products galore. The combined efforts raise millions of dollars each October for research, awareness and patient care.

But how did one little pink ribbon become so ubiquitous and so instantly recognizable? With all the worthy causes out there, how did breast cancer end up as the favorite child of the fashion and beauty industry? And why does it resonate so deeply with consumers?

It was Evelyn Lauder and Self magazine's Alexandra Penney who launched the pink ribbon campaign in 1992, offering the ribbons as subtle reminders to women who stopped at cosmetics counters in department stores that they needed to schedule breast exams.

At the time, the pink ribbon was so little known that some people thought it symbol-

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Pack up and move

Editor:

Ms. Emerson's letter ("Shopping elsewhere," Letters to the Editor, Oct. 11) is filled with so much misinformation and incomplete information that the Daily Press is doing its readers a disservice by publishing it. Add to that her reference to some people as "bums," which makes the decision to publish her letter even more suspect.

Let's start with her displeasure with Santa Monica's ban on single-use throwaway bags. The environmental damage caused by single-use plastic bags is well established, and plastic bag bans are spreading across the region, and may become state law next year. If she brought her own reusable bags to the market, then she would not be charged at all.

As for the retail choices available to us here in Santa Monica, that proposal to locate a Target store at Fifth Street and Santa Monica Boulevard was debated quite extensively, as I remember. And I have never heard of Walmart having any interest in a Santa Monica location, if anything because the rent would be too high.

As for the decision to drive to Ventura County in order to pay a lower sales tax rate, it would take a substantial purchase indeed just to pay for the gas involved in such a trip. Even that tire purchase probably didn't save enough to pay for her gas. As for her preference not to patronize local businesses that support not only our schools, but also our police and fire departments, well, I don't think any further comment is really needed.

I do have a simple solution, however. I doubt I will be able to get Ms. Emerson to start bringing her own bags when she shops. But since she objects to the "bums," the traffic, and the choice of stores, I would suggest that she just move to Ventura County. Why is she living here, anyway?

Stephen Greenberg
Santa Monica

Bring back C-SPAN

Editor:

When Time Warner Cable bought Adelphia Cable in Santa Monica in 2007, they dropped C-SPAN 2 from their basic tier. Today Time Warner runs C-SPAN 2 and C-SPAN 3 on a premium tier (i.e., you have to pay extra if you want it).

Most "news" outlets are partisan and dummied-down. Amid this idiocracy, C-SPAN shines as a stark example of unbiased, intelligent, in-depth political coverage.

C-SPAN stands for Cable-Satellite Public Affairs Network. C-SPAN provides balanced political coverage. All candidates – even from minor parties – are given time. C-SPAN produces intelligent and respectful political talk shows. Their hosts don't insult callers or twist their words. The hosts listen with deadpan faces, letting callers have their full say – uninterrupted. You don't get that respect on most cable and radio talk shows, where discussions quickly degenerate into heated, vapid, sound bite battles.

On weekends, C-SPAN 2 runs "Book TV" – intelligent news converge on nonfiction books, including author readings. "Book TV" should be especially interesting to a literate community such as Santa Monica.

Time Warner trumpets its commitment to public service. Time Warner can prove it by running all three C-SPAN channels on basic tier.

And if Time Warner won't be a good citizen, I remember when Santa Monica CityTV carried C-SPAN 2 in its off hours, mainly after midnight and on weekends. It wasn't ideal, but it was something. Perhaps CityTV can return to that policy?

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Some guys just can't take a hint

Q: EVERY DAY WHEN I LEAVE MY OFFICE in Santa Monica, I get asked out by the same guy who sits at the bus stop all day. I think he's a transient. Can he be arrested for stalking?

A: Let's look at California law as it relates to stalking. California Penal Code 646.9 defines stalking in essence as:

"Any person who willfully, maliciously, and repeatedly follows or willfully and maliciously harasses another person and who makes a credible threat with the intent to place that person in reasonable fear for his or her safety, or the safety of his or her immediate family is guilty of the crime of stalking. Stalking is punishable by imprisonment in a county jail for not more than one year, or by a fine of not more than $1,000, or by both that fine and imprisonment, or by imprisonment in the state prison."

When reading your question, there is no implication of you fearing for your safety. In order for the gentleman to be arrested for stalking, we need to have all of the elements of stalking present. It doesn't sound like he's willfully or maliciously harassing you. Nor does it sound like he has made any credible threat toward your safety. If this is not the case, please contact the police immediately. You should also know that a stalking suspect could express violence directly or indirectly. An example of a direct expression of violence would be the suspect telling you he's going to physically harm you unless you go out with him. An example of an indirect expression of violence would be the suspect leaving you notes asking you out and leaving bullets in the envelope. If you're not in any fear for your safety, don't be discouraged. There are a few things that can be done to assist you in this situation.

Talk to your co-workers. If possible, try to avoid leaving your office alone. The next time this gentleman asks you out, kindly tell him that you would appreciate it if he would leave you alone and stop asking you out. If he continues, then place a call for service through the police department's non-emergency line (310) 458-8491 so an officer can contact him. You can always contact your neighborhood resource officer for other solutions. The contact information for all neighborhood resource officers in Santa Monica can be found online at www.santamonicapd.org.

Q: I was driving in Santa Monica recently when another vehicle abruptly swerved into my lane. I hit my brakes and honked my horn. Luckily, our vehicles did not collide. However, at the next red light, the driver of the other vehicle made it a point to stop next to me. He called me all kinds of names and even spit on my windshield. I was scared, so I turned off the street and used a different route to reach my destination. I never saw that driver again. Should I have reported this incident to the police? If I didn't get the license plate of the other vehicle, would the police be able to locate him by getting his DNA from the spit on my windshield?

A: To answer your first question, yes. You could have reported this incident to the police. It sounds like you may have been involved in a road rage incident. Aggressive driving or "road rage" happens when crowded roads, rushing, and impatience cause one driver to react angrily to another driver. I commend you for doing the right thing and taking a different route to avoid any further contact with the other driver. It doesn't sound like anyone was hurt or injured in the incident you described. If you decide to call the police, please try to remember as much descriptive information about the other vehicle and driver as you can. Attempt to get the license plate information, vehicle make and model, and a description of the driver. Even if you don't want to wait for an officer to contact you, the information that you give about an aggressive driver will alert police officers in the area. Those officers may be able to locate the aggressive driver and put an end to his/her aggressive behavior.

Here are some other helpful tips to remember to assist you in dealing with an aggressive driver or someone with road rage:

- Allow plenty of time to reach your destination.
- Do not cut off other drivers.
- Do not drive slowly in the left (fast) lane.
- Do not tailgate.
- Do not make gestures to other drivers.
- Use your horn for emergencies only.
- Avoid eye contact with an angry driver.
- Give an angry driver plenty of space.

To answer your second question, no. DNA evidence collection is used in criminal cases involving serious crimes such as murder, rape, and assaults that cause great bodily injury. If your vehicle was damaged by someone else's saliva (spit), your best bet would have been to file a police report, especially if you have the suspect's description and license plate number that stemmed from a road rage incident.

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The Q Line

Taking back the economy

The "Occupy" protests that have sprung up around the country are calling for reforms on Wall Street. People are starting to take notice, with President Obama calling it a sign of the times.

This past week, Q-line asked:
So, this week's Q-Line question asks: What do you make of the protests and do you agree that something needs to be done to level the economic playing field for all Americans?
Here are your responses:

"THE INSATIABLE GREED OF MANY OF the very wealthy by outsourcing the means and products of their companies to mostly communist and fascist countries is devastating our country. Their unquenchable thirst for money, regardless of how it cripples the citizens of our country, is truly not in the best interests of the USA. Our middle class is rapidly vanishing. I hope necessary corrective measures take place before even more serious consequences result."

"REGARDING THE PROTESTS, MY ANSWER is it's about time. We are completely owned by Wall Street, the wealthy, the corporations, the Republicans who consider only the high money donators. Please stop them now."

"THE WALL STREET SQUATTERS WOULD BE better off going back to living in mom and dad's basement. Perhaps they can learn something from their parents about life and hard work. It's obvious from interviews with the protesters that they are mostly non-voting, ignorant, propagandized parrots, spewing the socialist nonsense they have had preached at them constantly by their teachers. Some non-revisionist history lessons might help these misguided individuals. What these folks really mean by leveling the playing field is redistribution of wealth. That simply does not work, kids."

"OCCUPY WALL STREET IS TRULY A galvanizing experience. After the S&L scandal, the Great Depression, the proliferation of mortgage-backed securities as legitimate currency, the economy is a good place to start. However, I am basically a fundamentalist. I entered college with the goal of ending racism. It is a much more involved process than it would appear. I had to reeducate myself about history, where we stood as a nation in support of slavery, where we stood as a democratic people subject to the machinations of these federated republican states, and how to best make it work. With an emphasis on intergovernmental studies functioning in California, I addressed housing, education, employment, health care services and the processes deeply embedded in racist practices upon which these models are based. Look for the upcoming book tentatively titled 'California's Race to the Bottom.' I still value beyond measure the registered voter as basic to the entire process and no longer feel as strongly that all who don't vote should be shot. I do support participatory democracy that ultimately will result in all elective, appointive, political civil service positions being determined by randomly drawing names of any/all registered voters to serve in such positions in all local/regional/state/federal functions. Keeping the salaries in place, we should be able to provide sustainable models for not just progressing our democratic society, but reining in rampant activities of our duly elected officials that have resulted in the Great Depression, the S&L scandal, toxic assets pawned off as mortgage backed securities, a new class of elite rich super rich) as well as any other get-rich schemes our elected officials can claim for themselves and they (such schemes) are indeed legend. However, we'll have to work a lot harder if we're going to progress together and we will! It's great to see these guys. I'm baking them some cookies."

"IT'S NOT JUST THE ECONOMY THAT NEEDS to be changed, but the whole structure of all levels of government, starting with the federal one. A complete and whole restructuring of the way the last four decades have produced the enormous income and wealth between the top 5 percent and the rest of us."

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THAT'S NOT CAMPBELL'S: **The cold cherry soup at El Celler de Can Roca in Girona, Spain includes two kinds of cherries, pieces of smoked eel and ginger.**

Dining at one of the world's best

IT'S NOT ONLY IN SANTA MONICA THAT YOU find first-rate restaurants that have survived the various changes in food styles over many years. While playing golf near Girona, Spain, we heard of a restaurant — El Celler de Can Roca — reputed to be among the top three restaurants in the world (check out www.theworlds50best.com if you don't believe me). So we went for lunch.

One of the three brothers that own it was there, and we enjoyed hearing his story. His mother started the family restaurant business just a short walk from where we were about to lunch. Did he say 50 years ago? She still cooks there, but about 25 years ago three of her sons opened their own restaurant. A few years ago they moved into the present location, still in the same neighborhood.

And what a beautiful restaurant it is. We needed a GPS to find it, in a residential neighborhood just outside of the main town. There is a private parking lot across the street from the main entrance. Just inside the entrance is a patio dotted with olive trees. At the other end of the patio is the entrance to the main building, enclosed in glass. Through the glass one can see an interior forest of slim trees, with tables on the other side.

At 1 p.m. we were the first to arrive, but by 2 p.m. on a weekday in September the restaurant was filled. So much for the myth of any financial crises in Spain. Many of the guests were local people that ate there once a week or so, we were told.

After a complimentary glass of champagne, the waiter brought over a bonsai olive tree and placed it on the table. Hanging from the tree on little hooks were four olives. Each had been pitted and filled with a mild anchovy cream. The skins had been lightly caramelized in sugar. They were truly delicious.

Next, one after another, came five "little tastes," each of which had an intense, distinctive flavor and texture. My favorite was a little mushroom and truffle brioche. The wine steward brought a glass of local white wine which was light but floral and served as the perfect compliment for the little tastes.

As a first course I had a poached lobster tail in a rich black sauce, along with a different glass of a somewhat more full bodied and richer white wine. Bonnie had cold cherry soup; a beautiful cherry color with two kinds of cherries floating on top. Pieces of smoked eel and ginger combined to yield very different, but at the same time, very compatible tastes.

Then arrived my main course, with a glass of local red wine. This turned out to be one of the best dishes I've ever been served. A slice of pork breast about a quarter of an inch thick had been cooked so that the fat kept the meat very moist and tender. The layer of fat had then been removed, with the skin, and the skin was crisped and put back onto the pork. The result was reminiscent of Peking duck, with the same texture and crisp skin, but with the richness of the pork flavor instead of duck flavor.

We didn't order dessert. But with coffee came a little jewel box that when opened displayed a dozen or so little sweet bites. We paid the check, about $300 for the two of us, and left around 3 p.m. The restaurant was still full, and a group of local ladies had moved into the private dining room on the other side of the interior forest for a private luncheon party. We agreed to eat at home for the next week.

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THE SPOT: **Tender Greens' seventh restaurant in the chain replaced The Lighthouse Seafood Buffet on Second Street and Arizona Avenue.**

Fresh from the farm to your table

FOR AS LONG AS I CAN REMEMBER THE corner of Arizona Avenue and Second Street was home to The Lighthouse Seafood Buffet. For me, all you can eat seafood lost its luster somewhere between a bad experience at the Tropicana buffet table, and the documentary "The Cove."

For many Santa Monicans, organic, hormone-free, and portion-controlled cuisine has become more than just a trend, but rather a way of life. With many people changing up their eating habits, it was only a matter of time that The Lighthouse indeed went dark. But out of the vacant Lighthouse sprouts up a new restaurant with fresh fare and ideas, as Santa Monica welcomes in Tender Greens.

This being the newest of its seven California locations, Santa Monica seems to be a good fit for the franchise, and is more of an extension of the Santa Monica Farmers' Market, rather than an imposing chain. Chef-turned-manager Rian Brandenburg admits that the food is his priority at the Santa Monica location. Much of the ingredients are purchased at the Farmers' Market happening right outside Tender Greens' front door every Wednesday and Saturday. Fresh, locally-grown produce going from the stand to the kitchen in 5 minutes is one of the perks of the restaurant's prime location.

Natural, antibiotic-free, and sustainable fare is certainly a draw for people trying to eat right. With a menu that boasts a variety of salads, as well as hot plate items, at a flat rate of $10.50, sustainability on the wallet is another plus. Although with add-ons and some really tempting desserts strategically placed by the cash register, it can be easy to go above that mark.

The salads range from your classic Cobb, to the more creative grilled octopus and everything in between. The hot items are your choice of marinated steak, chicken, albacore, or grilled veggies presented on a hot plate or sandwich both accompanied by sides. You can pick your protein on a simple salad as well. There is nothing too complex about the menu, just quality ingredients that are able to stand on their own rather than being masked by over seasoning or drowned in sauce.

This was the case with the Chinese chicken salad I ordered. The sesame dressing was very light and was more of an accent rather than a gloppy mess. Most notably, it rendered a serious crunch from the carrots, wontons, and roasted peanuts. Upon finishing I was very much satisfied but not rolling over and slipping into a food coma.

With windows everywhere, the dining room is bright and inviting. Recycled tables, microfiber organic carpet, and compressed hay ceiling seem more expected than anything with the franchise's all natural, eco-friendly mantra.

With the name Tender Greens, salads are obviously going to be a staple, but it appeared that the hot plate items were just as popular with the customers. As the weather starts to cool down, it is nice to know that there is some healthy, fresh, and easy access comfort food amongst the mayhem of the Third Street Promenade.

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FRESH: **Tender Greens uses quality ingredients that are able to stand on their own rather than being masked by over seasoning or drowned in sauce, as was the case with this Chinese chicken salad that packed a serious crunch.**

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California's median home price down 6 percent

A tracking firm says California's home prices declined in September from their year-ago levels for a 12th consecutive month with bargain-priced short sales and foreclosures making up more than half of all transactions.

San Diego-based DataQuick says in a report Friday that the median home price in the state declined 6 percent last month from $249,000 from $265,000 in September a year ago.

The bottom of the current cycle was $221,000 in April 2009, while the peak was at $484,000 in early 2007.

Home sales were down 6.7 percent to 35,404 from 37,734 in August. A decline from August to September is normal for the summer season.

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LOS ANGELES

SoCal gets second day of high heat

High pressure over the Southwest has brought a second day of unseasonable heat to Southern California.

Temperatures soared into triple digits or high 90s in many areas Thursday. The mercury reached 103 in Chatsworth, Saugus and Woodland Hills, 102 in Northridge and 100 in Pasadena. It reached 82 in Santa Monica.

The National Weather Service says a cooling trend is expected over the next few days as the high pressure weakens and moves to the east.

That should bring a return of overnight low clouds and fog.

Forecasters say Friday's highs should be at least 10 degrees cooler.

AP

LOS ANGELES

Finances force gov't reform group to close

A quiet voice for government reform in California is fading away.

The Center for Governmental Studies — a small, nonprofit think tank in Los Angeles — announced it's closing its doors.

For nearly three decades, the center cranked out research and pushed for changes to limit political donations and improve the way government does business. It was never a household name but its work was well known among elected officials, Sacramento insiders and journalists.

An email from the center Thursday blamed the sour economy for choking off financial support. Government records show contributions to the group dropped about 80 percent between 2008 and last year.

Those records showed the group's expenses exceeded its income last year by $1.6 million.

"The recession has depleted our funding and we cannot continue," the e-mail said.

The group, known for working across party lines, shut down at a time when partisan gridlock has paralyzed governments across the U.S.

AP

LOS ANGELES

Official wants jail deputies to wear cameras

A Los Angeles County official is calling for sweeping new measures in the jail system and wants sheriff's deputies to wear portable video cameras any time they interact with inmates.

Supervisor Gloria Molina said Friday she will introduce a motion next week in an attempt to address some of the concerns raised in recent weeks about jail conditions.

Civil rights lawyers say inmates are routinely beaten up by violent deputies who are given little supervision and often go unpunished for their behavior.

Molina says deputies should be barred from carrying heavy-duty flashlights, which can be used as batons. Deputies would also be barred from wearing steel-toed shoes and forbidden from making any head strikes.

Sheriff's spokeswoman Nicole Nishida had not seen the motion, so could not comment.

AP

LOS ANGELES

Defense: Key tactic in Jackson case dumped in May

A defense lawyer has disclosed in court that he knew months before trial that a key theory that Michael Jackson drank propofol would have to be abandoned.

Defense attorney J. Michael Flanagan made the statement in court Friday without the jury present in the case against Dr. Conrad Murray.

The judge and prosecutors were surprised when they were told earlier this week about the change in tactics.

The disclosure Friday came after prosecutor David Walgren complained that he is dealing with an ever-changing defense case.

Flanagan declared that was not true.

Superior Court Judge Michael Pastor said he had never been advised in advance that the oral ingestion theory would be dropped.

Murray has pleaded not guilty to involuntary manslaughter.

AP

LANCASTER

Cockfight probe finds children living in sheds

Los Angeles County sheriff's deputies say they raided a cockfighting operation in Lancaster and found seven children living in dilapidated sheds.

Deputies told the Los Angeles Times they seized methamphetamine worth $1 million and 100 roosters during Wednesday's raid.

The seven children, ages 4 to 17, were turned over to child welfare officials.

They were found living in sheds on property in an unincorporated neighborhood north of Lancaster, in northern Los Angeles County.

Deputies say they recovered five pounds of meth from vehicles on the property, along with several firearms. They also found sparring muffs and steroids for the roosters.

Officials say six adults were arrested for investigation of various narcotics violations but their names were not released.

AP

Prosecutor recounts killing spree at Seal Beach salon

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SANTA ANA The gunman in the Southern California hair salon rampage wanted "to end any life in his path" during a two-minute killing spree in which he reloaded his weapons and shot some victims in the head in anger over a bitter custody case, a prosecutor said Friday.

Scott Dekraai had three guns and wore a bulletproof vest when he stormed through the busy Salon Meritage in downtown Seal Beach, Orange County District Attorney Tony Rackauckas said.

Eight victims were shot in the head and chest at close range before the gunman walked outside and shot another person as he sat in a parked Range Rover, the prosecutor said.

"He was willing to end any life in his path, and he did," Rackauckas said. At least 15 people were inside the salon at the time of the attack.

Dekraai was charged with eight counts of murder and one count of attempted murder. Prosecutors intend to seek the death penalty against the man Rackauckas called a "methodical and merciless killer."

Dekraai callously snubbed out eight irreplaceable lives "like they were collateral damage," said Rackauckas, who choked up several times during an emotional news conference.

He said the rampage was triggered by a long-running custody dispute that Dekraai had with his ex-wife, Michelle Fournier. She was one of the people fatally wounded.

Dekraai was seeking revenge against his ex-wife, who he believed was interfering in the raising of their 8-year-old son, Rackaukas said, adding that Dekraai believed his ex-wife's co-workers at the salon were "enablers" in the custody dispute."

"That little boy's a victim," the prosecutor said. "Now his mother has been murdered, and he has to grow up knowing that his dad is a mass-murderer. So what kind of sick, twisted fatherly love might that be?"

Fournier had recently told friends and family and said in court documents that she feared for her safety as Dekraai became more and more unbalanced.

Dekraai suffered post-traumatic stress disorder from a 2007 tugboat accident that mangled his leg and left a colleague dead but his marriage to Fournier was falling apart even before that.

Several hundred people attended a prayer service at a church across from the salon on Thursday night and more than 1,500 showed up with candles at a vigil in the parking lot of the shopping center where the salon stands.

The quaint, sun-splashed town of Seal Beach, with its Main Street of vintage shops, restaurants and boutiques, has had only had one homicide in the previous four years.

UCLA may allow coed dorm rooms

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LOS ANGELES Coed dorm rooms could be a reality for some UCLA students as soon as next year — but don't expect campus housing to turn into "Real World UCLA" with strangers of different genders being thrown into the same living situation.

The move is intended to better accommodate transgender students, as some other universities already have, including UC Berkeley and Stanford University, said Office of Residential Life director Suzanne Seplow.

"Given that most of our housing systems are structured under the concept of a binary gender — that there's male or female — for folks that don't fit into those categories, finding housing is challenging," said Seplow.

Seplow stressed that UCLA students would never be forced to room with a student of the opposite gender.

That's nothing like the MTV series "The Real World," which famously places seven strangers under one roof and tracks the drama that unfolds.

The policy change was recommended by student councils last year and housing officials could draft the policy to be implemented as soon as next fall.

Every year, there are a handful of transgender students who could benefit from the policy by living with a member of the gender they're transitioning to, said Seplow.

The policy hasn't been finalized, but it's not intended to accommodate romantic relationships between heterosexual couples in the dorms, said Seplow.

Student Alice Twu, 19, sees the policy change as a good thing, and could see herself living with a guy to avoid the drama of living with girls.

UCLA sophomore Patrick Malkoun said the policy could also offer options to gay students who, too often, deal with homophobia in housing arrangements.

"Living with someone that isn't gay can be like living with a hot pink elephant in the room," said Malkoun.

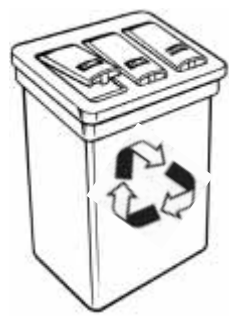
Malkoun's request to live with a lesbian friend earlier this year was denied under the current UCLA policy. He now lives in a dorm with a male student, and says his living situation is good.




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"I don't know if it's a good idea, and no one knows if it would work out," Rosenthal said.

The move would be the beginning of a long, complicated process that has already been attempted twice before, first in 2004 and then again in 2008, when the division of $299 million in bond money from Measure BB and other capital funds became contentious.

According to Matt Spies, spokesperson for the Los Angeles County Department of Education, division can start in one of two ways.

The first is by submitting a petition signed by 25 percent of the Malibu electorate. That would take time and work with the county to simply draft the petition, and then go and gather the required signatures.

The second is by a resolution passed by the Board of Education itself, authorizing the split.

"As I understand it, and I'm not the person who's spoken to them thus far on this, they intend to obtain the governing board's buy in on this," Spies said.

That resolution would remove the petition requirement, and clear the way for the request to go before the county's Committee on School District Reorganization.

If the petition method is used, the county superintendent has 30 days to verify the signatures. Then it goes to the committee on reorganization, which has 60 days to hold public hearings, and then another 120 days to make a recommendation to approve or deny the proposal.

To help with the analysis, county staff draft a study looking at nine specific conditions, including whether or not the move would negatively impact educational programming for either district, promote segregation of races or have a negative fiscal impact on either district.

"They might look at how much parcel tax money is pulled away compared to the amount of students," said Larry Shirey, spokesperson for the California Department of Education.

It also examines bond debt, he said.

Money has long been a bone of contention in the debate over schools between the residents of Santa Monica and Malibu, with Malibu residents claiming they pay more than their fair share for the infrastructure bond — Measure BB.

According to figures from the 2010-11 school year, Malibu residents do pay in more for the bond measure.

Bonds are based on the assessed value of property in the area. Although Malibu accounts for 31 percent of the bond revenue by that calculation, it has only 17 percent of the students, said Jan Maez.

Parcel taxes, which are assessed equally on each parcel, are also nominally Malibu-heavy by percentage, with 23 percent of parcels in Malibu and 77 percent in Santa Monica.

The difference, Maez said, comes in the amount of money each municipality gives to the district through joint-use agreements for facilities like playing fields.

The long-standing master facilities agreement between SMMUSD and the district yielded $7.9 million last year, and the new half-cent transaction and use tax — assessed only in Santa Monica — accounts for another $5.5 million.

That's roughly $13.4 million each year funneled into the district to benefit all schools, both inside and outside Santa Monica city limits.

In contrast, Malibu's joint-use agreement brings in $118,000 in revenue.

The Committee on District Reorganization can recommend that the proposal move forward, whether or not the conditions are met, Spies said.

If they choose to deny the recommendation, the decision can still be appealed to the state Department of Education.

That body can then decide to approve or deny the proposal.

It takes about a year to get it heard by the state Department of Education.

"If they vote it down, it's a dead issue," Spies said. There is no appeal.

If it's approved, the matter will appear on the ballot in the next election. The county Office of Education would then make a recommendation on who would be able to vote on the issue — Malibu and Santa Monica residents or just those in Malibu — and the state would either accept that recommendation or make its own.

A reorganization would have immediate impacts on both the old and new district. Two parcel taxes, combined into Measure R in 2010, would cease to be collected, striking a significant financial blow to both districts at a time when the state's coffers are lean. The bond liability would be divided between the two areas. The buildings would go to the new Malibu district, without compensation to the Santa Monica district.

A successful reorganization is rare, Spies said.

"This is the first time I'm aware of in many years, or decades, that this has been brought forward or considered," Spies said. "Usually it's just a transfer of territory to one district or another."

The idea is still in its earliest stages, Rosenthal said, although she personally believes there are a number of "compelling reasons" to split.

"I look forward to a really good, thorough analysis that the district has been unable or unwilling to do," Rosenthal said.

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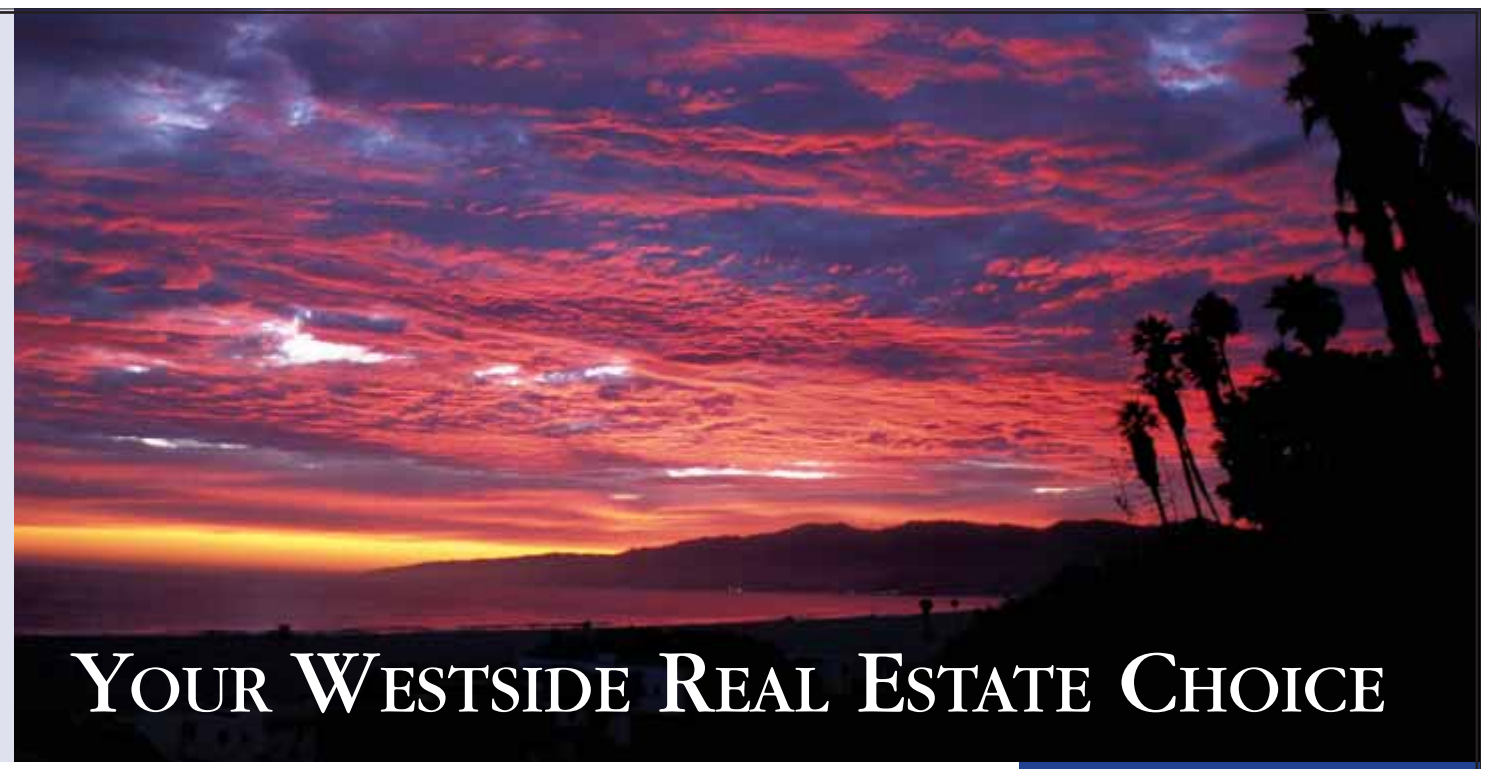


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SENIORS
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As prices go up, state and federal government expenditures on programs drops.

According to the California Department of Health Care Services, reductions to health care programs like Medi-Cal dropped $1.4 billion in the 2011-12 budget alone. Reductions in Adult Protective Services and In Home Supportive Services also directly impact seniors, particularly those less able to care for themselves.

In Santa Monica, one thing that the recession did not lessen was the cost of living, which has continued to rise. Even elderly in rent controlled apartments have seen their costs increase while their income stays the same or dwindles, Browning said.

There are programs in place to help, and every little bit counts, said Jeannette Hartman, benefits enrollment manager with WISE & Healthy Aging, a nonprofit organization dedicated to assisting seniors.

Every time a senior walks in the door, Hartman checks to see if they are enrolled in a multiplicity of cost-saving measures, like the Santa Monica Utility User's Tax exemption that saves 10 percent on utility bills; the lifeline program that allows unlimited local calls from a landline for a nominal monthly fee; or the CARE program, which offers further discounts on utilities.

Even if they don't mean much alone, each discount adds up to a significant amount, Hartman said.

"When you're a senior dealing with hot summers and cold winters, you shouldn't have to make the decision, 'Do I not turn on the heat because if I do I won't be able to eat, or won't be able to buy the prescription that my doctor ordered for me,'" Hartman said.

For instance, the Santa Monica Finance Department recently announced an increase in the income eligibility limit for the Utility User's Tax exemption, which knocks off the 10 percent charge on utilities put on by City Hall.

It increases the income qualification for a single-person household by $417 to $27,062, and the multi-person household by $478 to $31,011, in line with a 1.6 percent increase in the consumer price index for wage and clerical workers in the Los Angeles region.

The change is calculated each year, said Don Patterson, business and revenue manager with City Hall, and may not result in a large increase in the number of people eligible for the benefit.

"Any time you change eligibility or asset limits, more people can qualify for the benefit," Hartman said.

And every little bit helps.

Hartman spends time helping seniors through mountains of paperwork only to get $10 or $12 extra per month in food benefits from CalFresh, California's version of the food stamps program.

Only around 50 percent of applicants qualify for full benefits under the program.

It doesn't help that some of those benefit qualifications are calculated using a federal poverty measure that was developed in the 1960s by estimating the amount that food costs and multiplying that number by three.

The amount doesn't come close to approximating the money it takes for a senior to get by in California, said Michael Richard, associate state director for capitol action at the AARP.



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HELP NEEDED: **Nurses from The Center for the Partially Sighted give free vision screenings to seniors at the Santa Monica Senior Recreation Center in June. Organizations like this one help seniors make ends meet as they struggle on fixed incomes in the down economy.**

The UCLA Center for Health Policy and Research developed an alternate measure called the Elder Economic Planning Index, which looks at health care, housing, transportation and utility costs to get a picture of what it would take for an older Californian to meeting their basic needs, Richard said.

That number, in 2009, was almost twice the federal poverty threshold of $10,830 for a single-person household.

Despite the limitations imposed upon them, not all seniors are willing to take advantage of those programs, Hartman said.

"I can't tell you how many times I've had seniors who qualified for a benefit and said, 'No, other people need it more than I do,'" she said. "It's really hard, because if they need the benefit, they need the benefit."

Santa Monica is doing better by its seniors than many cities, Browning said, particularly with services like Dial-a-Ride.

However, transit and housing remain chief concerns for seniors in Santa Monica.

City Councilmember Kevin McKeown has in the past pushed for fees paid for new development to be used to help subsidize bus passes for elderly residents, similar to the "Any Line, Any Time" program offered to Santa Monica College students.

"Mobility is freedom, but my primary concern for Santa Monica seniors is stability and security in their housing," McKeown wrote in an e-mail. "Senior renters on fixed incomes need special protections."

Measure RR, which extended eviction protections to non-rent controlled housing, and other ordinances which increase the amount of money given to seniors and other residents when they are asked to leave their homes was part of that package.

Seniors who need help accessing needed programs or exemptions can go to WISE & Healthy Aging at the Ken Edwards Center on 1527 Fourth St.

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WATER
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Since 1983, areas along the California coastline have been protected from waste discharges by the California Ocean Plan.

In a 2003 survey, it was found that some 1,658 outfalls, mostly storm drains, were discharging into the ASBS.

On Oct. 18, 2004, the State Water Board notified dischargers that they would have to either cease discharging or request an exception under the Ocean Plan.

The Ocean Plan permits exceptions that do not compromise the protection of ocean waters for beneficial uses, and ultimately serve the public interest.

After the notification, the State Water Board received 27 applications from dischargers requesting exemptions.

The entities that are requesting exemption are largely governmental, Kostyrko said: Caltrans, state and federal parks, and municipal governments that operate along the coast.

"Basically, what's happening is on Tuesday there is a proposal for the board to consider a general exception to 27 entities," he said.

It's something that's been in planning for eight years, Kostyrko said.

The proposed changes evolved out of studying both the areas and taking in public opinion, he said.

According to the proposal, the 27 entities will receive special permission to discharge into the ASBS; however, they would have four years to eliminate dry weather run off into the ASBS, as well as ensure that wet weather run off doesn't negatively alter the water's quality, Kostyrko said.

"They have to monitor what's coming out of their storm drains, and they have to let us know," he said.

The entities would have to prove that they were not making the water quality worse, and in time, they would have to show improvements to the water quality, he added.

However, Baykeeper believes the board's proposal is a step backwards.

"The best possible outcome would be the board voting 'no' on the policy they have in front of them on Tuesday," said Liz Crosson, executive director of Santa Monica Baykeeper.

"It's a very ambiguous and vague policy, as proposed," Crossen said.

The proposal contains loopholes concerning compliance dates, she said.

Keeping water clean of storm drain discharge might also be an issue.

"The proposal does not ensure that water quality will be maintained," Crosson said.

A key position of Baykeeper is that storm drain discharge is one of the biggest threats to coastal waters.

"One of the ASBS is about 27 miles between Latigo Point and Point Mugu, and 11 miles of that are in the northern area of Malibu," Crosson said.

It's an area that is popular with people in Santa Monica, she said.

The spot is evidence that the current protection the ASBS receive under the Ocean Plan doesn't always hold water, Crossen said.

In 2008, Baykeeper and the National Resources Defense Council filed a joint lawsuit against Malibu, in part concerning discharging storm drain waste into the ASBS.

"Malibu has recently proposed to address some of those discharges, which I think will result in some positives effects for the ASBS," Crossen said.

Kostyrko said that environmental agencies like Baykeeper are often present at hearings, and that their position will be taken into account on Tuesday.

Crossen plans to make sure that Baykeeper's position is clearly understood by the State Water Board.

"I will be in Sacramento to testify, and we are also encouraging our members and constituents to send messages to the state board, encouraging them to vote no," she said.

Ultimately, she hopes the board will come to recognize the California coast as important to California's economy, as well as a natural resource, Crossen said.

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PINK
FROM PAGE 3

ized AIDS awareness. "There had been no publicity about breast cancer, but a confluence of events — the pink ribbon, the color, the press, partnering with Elizabeth Hurley, having Estee Lauder as an advertiser in so magazines and persuading so many of my friends who are health and beauty editors to do stories about breast health — got people talking," says Evelyn Lauder, senior corporate vice president of The Estee Lauder Companies and founder of the Breast Cancer Awareness Campaign.

Lauder, the daughter-in-law of the late Estee Lauder, who founded the brand, recalls a bellwether moment in the evolution of the cause. At first, she had to explain her own pink pin everywhere she went. Then, three years after distributing the first one, a flight attendant noted it on Lauder's lapel and said, "I know that's for breast cancer."

"From there, it became ubiquitous," she says.

Since the efforts began, $330 million has been raised in Breast Cancer Research Foundation donations-turned-research grants, including $50 million from Estee Lauder products, employees and retail partners. Other breast-cancer initiatives rooted in the fashion and beauty industries include the Susan G. Komen Foundation, Avon Foundation for Women Breast Cancer Crusade and Fashion Targets Breast Cancer from the Council of Fashion Designers of America.

Bloomingdale's is a prominent Breast Cancer Awareness partner with pink products, pink bags, and pink rebate cards and gift cards. Last year, it raised $1.3 million, giving out four $250,000 research grants with the rest distributed to 16 local organizations.

Countless requests for charity partnerships cross her desk in any given week, says Anne Keating, senior vice president of public relations, events and corporate philanthropy. And at other times of the year, Bloomingdale's turns its attention to Child Mind Institute and the National Colorectal Cancer Research Alliance, among others.

But charities associated with breast cancer offer opportunities for retailers to support efforts in communities where their stores are located.

"Everything is a good cause. It's the small grants in the communities that mean a lot," she says.

And breast cancer is a cause that many consumers can relate to.

Lauder, meanwhile, is proud of the success of her cause and its symbol.

"The pink ribbon," she says, "is an example of how one thing can become symbolic to a cause."

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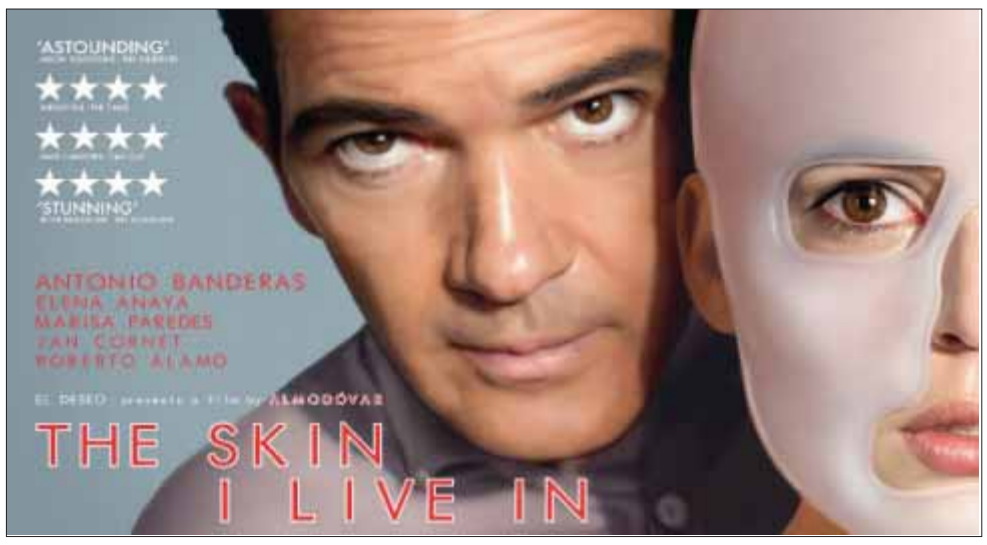
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THE SKIN I LIVE IN

MOVIE REVIEW

She's got him under her skin

BY CYNTHIA CITRON
Special to the Daily Press

Pedro Almodovar's imaginative new film, "The Skin I Live In," is a bizarre amalgam of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde and Pygmalion. Shot in the glowing sunshine of an idyllic Spanish country estate, it is a brooding, dark fantasy of love, hate and revenge.

A strikingly handsome Antonio Banderas (an actor who seems to get more handsome and more credible as he ages) is a prominent plastic surgeon who has veered off into research and experimentation on growing and transplanting human skin. Having failed to save his beloved wife, whose skin had been disastrously burned in a car accident, he embarks on a six-year odyssey to transform a local reprobate into a demure duplicate of his dead wife.

Banderas, as Dr. Robert Ledgard, is a humorless psychopath whose life has been dominated by strong women: his ruthless, adoring mother, his faithless wife, a psychologically troubled daughter, and the placid young woman who has managed to survive his surgical manipulations while being restrained in a silent, solitary room within his opulent villa.

The film includes several scenes of passionless sex, some interesting CSI-like maneuvers in an immaculate laboratory, and all the wonders of technology that a wealthy but maniacal loner can equip himself with. It appears that the only thing he lacks is scruples.

"The Skin I Live In" is a fascinating film, but not one that grips the viewer emotionally. Each of the characters is singularly one-dimensional; their individual personalities and predicaments remain in the middle distance and do not evoke empathy — or even sympathy. So in the end, when everyone gets his just deserts, the results, unfortunately, are neither particularly triumphant nor satisfying.

"The Skin I Live In" was selected for the 2011 Cannes Film Festival, the Toronto International Film Festival, and for a gala screening at the New York Film Festival. Written and directed by Almodovar, it also stars Elena Anaya, Marisa Paredes, Jan Cornet, and Roberto Alamo, and features the luminous cinematography of Jose Luis Alcaine.

It opened in selected theaters in Los Angeles and New York this week.

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Hulu off the block

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LOS ANGELES After months of being courted by technology giants and TV signal providers, online video service Hulu is no longer for sale, its media company owners said Thursday.

The Walt Disney Co., News Corp., Comcast Corp. and Providence Equity Partners had been shopping the site since June after receiving an unsolicited takeover offer.

They tested the waters for other interest, and dozens of companies, from Internet giants Google Inc. and Yahoo Inc. to satellite TV providers Dish Network Corp. and DirecTV, began circling.

But the owners said in a joint statement Thursday that Hulu "holds a unique and compelling strategic value to each of its owners" and that they would refocus on "mapping out its path to even greater success."

Bidding on the service reached as high as around $2 billion, according to a person familiar with the matter.

The owners decided collectively that it would be better to build out Hulu than sell it for a short-term gain, the person said.

The site had been bulking up on content to top up its roster of reruns from Disney's ABC, News Corp.'s Fox and Comcast's NBC. It recently said it would add Spanish-language programming from Univision, adding to a whole host of content from rival media companies including Viacom Inc.'s MTV and film studio Miramax.

It had even teamed up with documentary maker Morgan Spurlock on an original show series.

The service has been gaining traction while online streaming rival Netflix Inc. has stumbled badly.

Hulu said last month it had more than a million subscribers who pay $8 a month for a deep catalog of TV shows, less than a year after launching the premium tier last November. CEO Jason Kilar has said Hulu is on track to make around $500 million in revenue this year, up from $263 million in 2010, and that the company is profitable.

In comparison, Netflix had 24.6 million paying subscribers at the end of June, but it warned last month that it expected a net 600,000 to leave by the end of September after a series of unpopular decisions. They included hiking prices as much as 60 percent on millions of customers and splitting its streaming and DVD-by-mail services into two separately-billed operations, a move it has since reversed.

Hulu's value may have fallen after consumers were seen railing against Netflix's price increase and Netflix balked at paying an estimated $300 million a year for Disney and Sony movies through pay TV channel Starz, said Needham & Co. analyst Laura Martin.

With the market to pay to stream movies and TV shows cooling, media companies may have decided they could no longer cash out their stakes in Hulu and continue to sell content for top dollar to buyers like Netflix and Amazon.com Inc.

It may have seemed more profitable for Hulu to try to add subscribers and sell more advertising over the long haul.

"Suddenly, when those other entities can offer less cash ... then owning Hulu looks more attractive," she said.

Starz' shows are still in search of an online home and could migrate to Hulu after its deal with Netflix expires in March, she said.

Hulu's advertising model also has promise.

Despite lagging far behind online video sites like YouTube in terms of monthly visitors, Hulu viewers watch more ads than patrons of other sites. Hulu accounted for nearly a billion of the 5.7 billion ads viewed in the United States in August, the most of any entity, according to tracking firm comScore Inc.



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‘Threequels’ latest gaming trend

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LOS ANGELES Cliff Bleszinski was initially hesitant to think of "Gears of War" as a trilogy. The design director at Epic Games and mastermind behind the chainsaw-slicing video game shooter series knew that gamers were a particularly judgmental bunch, especially when it comes to the interactive industry's gluttonous strategy of constructing franchises from the ground up.

"I think if you come out and say, 'This is the start of a trilogy,' gamers get defensive, cross their arms and say, 'We'll see,'" said Bleszinski. "You have to play it game by game. We had ideas of where each game could go in the series, but until we had confirmation, we never really started work on a sequel, except for coming up with pie-in-the-sky ideas."

Churning out three "Gears of War" titles over the past five years paid off.

"Gears of War 3" sold more than 3 million copies in its first week and was the second best-selling game in September behind "Madden NFL 12," propelling the entire Xbox 360 series past the $1 billion mark, according to Microsoft Corp. and NPD Group, which tracks retail game sales. Microsoft also said more than 4.5 million gamers played it online since it debuted.

"For some reason, three is the magic number," said Bleszinski of the omnipresence of trilogies in pop culture. "I can't explain it. Narratively, they make sense because you've got that 'Lord of the Rings' vibe where there's a definitive beginning, middle and ending. There's something about that contained pack-of-three that's just incredibly gratifying."

Other game developers and publishers seem to agree, too.

Sequels have always been an important part of the gaming world, but with the release of "Gears of War 3" last month and games like superhero brawler "Marvel vs. Capcom 3: Fate of Two Worlds," first-person shooter "Killzone 3," horror shoot-'em-up "F.E.A.R. 3" and alien blaster "Resistance 3" earlier this year, it seems 2011 is the year of the threequel.

The trend continues this holiday season — or should that be holiday threeson? — with the arrival of such third installments as the epic action-adventure title "Uncharted 3: Drake's Deception," bawdy open-world gang war saga "Saints Row: The Third" and explosive first-person military shooters "Battlefield 3" and "Call of Duty: Modern Warfare 3."

For some of this year's threequels, the third outing is less about the story moving forward and more about the technology leaping ahead. "Battlefield 3" from developer Digital Illusions CE will be the first game to utilize the Frostbite 2 game engine, promising players more realistic graphics, fuller sound and amplified environmental destruction.

"'Battlefield 3' is the true next-generation successor to 'Battlefield 2,'" said DICE producer Patrick Liu. "We're utilizing the latest technology with our new Frostbite 2 engine. It's by far the most ambitious game we've ever made. It's a bigger game with a single-player campaign, co-op and multiplayer. It's the most pressure we've ever felt making a game."

Six years have passed since Electronic Arts Inc. deployed "Battlefield 2" for the PC, though there have been other entries in the 9-year-old series. This time, the publisher is positioning "Battlefield 3," which will be available for the PC, PlayStation 3 and Xbox 360 on Oct. 25, as a combatant to "Call of Duty: Modern Warfare 3" from Activision Inc., which is based in Santa Monica.

The marketing campaign for "Battlefield 3" cleverly suggests that the game goes "above and beyond the call."

The original "Modern Warfare," which was developed by Infinity Ward and released in 2007, transformed Activision's aging "Call of Duty" series into the most successful gaming franchise. "Modern Warfare 3," which is due out Nov. 8, is expected to top the previous two installments, as well as last year's top-selling "Black Ops" edition from Treyarch.

"From a commercial standpoint, as far as 'Modern Warfare 3' is concerned, it's a one-shot kill," said Scott Steinberg, CEO of game consulting company TechSavvy Global. "The competition is not in a good position because millions and millions of players have been playing 'Call of Duty' online with their friends and are already hungry for the next installment."



GEARS OF WAR

"Modern Warfare 3," "Gears of War 3," "Resistance 3," "Uncharted 3," "Saints Row: The Third" and "Mass Effect 3" are among the threequels on the same platforms as their predecessors, a striking difference from past gaming franchises that spanned consoles. Steinberg blames a combination of the economy and "dumb luck" for the one-two-three punch.

"Traditionally, you don't see three iterations of a series on the same console because previous sales cycles and technical evolutions have moved more quickly," said Steinberg. "In the past, publishers used console launches as a reboot point for new installments. This longer cycle has given developers the chance to eek more horsepower out of the systems."

Steinberg thinks the third time on the same platform will ultimately charm gamers because developers have honed both their technical talents and storytelling skills without the burden of figuring out how to create games for a completely new system, an issue developers tackled when transitioning from such consoles as the Xbox to Xbox 360 and the PS2 to PS3.

"When you've got a stable technology platform underneath you, it's nice because you can focus on design elements and storytelling aspects," said Aaryn Flynn, general manager at developer BioWare. "I think anyone who has developed multiple games on these platforms is doing what we're doing — honing their craft and getting better and better each time."

Flynn and his colleagues at BioWare are currently preparing for the launch of "Mass Effect 3" next March. The third chapter of the intergalactic sci-fi saga centers on the ominous alien Reapers invading Earth. Flynn said the trilogy, which features a highly customizable protagonist named Commander Shepard, was always envisioned as a three-part series.

"Certainly, when we first imagined 'Mass Effect' as a story for Commander Shepard, we did think of it as a trilogy," said Flynn. "That said, we've made tweaks and adjustments all the way along as we've heard from fans what they want to see, but certainly the story has been building to the Reaper invasion and to Shepard's ultimate battle against them."

In addition to "Mass Effect 3," other threequels expected in 2012 include Ubisoft's open-world shooter "Far Cry 3," Blizzard's fantasy title "Diablo III" and Rockstar Games' third-person shooter "Max Payne 3." As long-running franchises like "Super Mario," "Final Fantasy" and "Resident Evil" have proven, the third time out doesn't always mark the end.

"When it comes to video games, never say never," said Steinberg. "Players aren't dense. They realize that as long as there is interest left in a franchise, it will make an inevitable return. There's usually so many holes left open in a plot, that it's of no consequence when you reach the end of a trilogy. There are a thousand other stories that can be told."

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‘Occupy’ protests create issues for Dems, GOP

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WASHINGTON Democrats and Republicans alike are struggling to make sense of the Wall Street protests and figure out how to respond to the growing nationwide movement a month after young people pitched a tent in front of the New York Stock Exchange and began demonstrating against economic inequality.

The political establishment's quandary centers on this question: Will the protests have long-lasting political consequences or are they simply a temporary reflection of voter frustration with the economy?

Democrats have been largely supportive of the so-called Occupy Wall Street movement, which has drawn attention to the economic concerns of the country's middle class, accusations of Wall Street greed and high unemployment. The protesters have referred to themselves as the "99 percent," or the vast majority of Americans who do not fall into the wealthiest 1 percent of the population.

The spontaneous protests have taken root in New York's Zuccotti Park and spread to other U.S. cities, including Boston, Chicago and Los Angeles, at a time when President Barack Obama's poll numbers have declined and Democrats have privately grown wary that they may be suffering from an enthusiasm gap compared with Republicans.

With the focus on the middle class, some Democrats say the protests could amplify the party's message leading up to the 2012 elections. But others caution that they should not try to co-opt the movement, which includes many protesters who have criticized Obama's handling of big banks in the aftermath of the 2008 financial crisis.

"The people are raising serious concerns ... they have every reason to be angry," said Rep. Keith Ellison, D-Minn., who recently visited a protest in his home state. "My advice to any elected official is don't go down there and try to take over, don't ask for the microphone. Just listen to the people."

Said Rep. Luis Gutierrez, D-Ill.: "This is not something you can exploit politically because you cannot control it."

Obama struck a sympathetic tone last week, saying "people are frustrated, and the people are giving voice to a more broad-based frustration about how our financial system works." But he reiterated that the nation needs a "strong, effective financial sector in order for us to grow."

On Friday, Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton told business leaders in midtown Manhattan that the protests "ought to be a reminder to all of us that we have a great deal of work to do to live up to the expectations of the American people."

Other Democrats have spoken in support of the protesters, including House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., and Rep. John Larson of Connecticut, the fourth highest-ranking House Democrat. The Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee, the House Democrats' fundraising arm, began circulating a petition on Monday asking people to state that they "stand with the Occupy Wall Street protests."

Several protests are planned this weekend in the U.S., Canada and Europe, as well as in Asia and Africa. Plans to clean up the New York plaza where protesters have camped out were postponed Friday, a boost to demonstrators who had worried it would be the first step in evicting them.

In some ways, the movement mirrors the early days of the tea party, a populist reaction against the $787 billion economic stimulus plan, the bank and auto bailouts and Obama's health care plan. While tea party activists eventually became a key part of the Republican Party and fueled a GOP takeover of the House in 2010, it remains unclear if the Wall Street protesters will become a potent force in electoral politics.

Republicans were critical of the movement at first but have shifted their tone in recent days.

House Majority Leader Eric Cantor, R-Va., said he was concerned about the "growing mobs" occupying Wall Street and U.S. cities but then changed course, saying the protesters were "justifiably frustrated." He urged elected officials to refrain from "the pitting of Americans against Americans."

Former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney even used the protesters' language during a recent town hall meeting in New Hampshire, saying he doesn't "stay up nights worrying" about the top 1 percent. "I worry about the 99 percent in America," Romney said. "I want America, once again, to be the best place in the world to be middle class."

During Tuesday's Republican presidential debate, former House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., drew a distinction between "left-wing agitators" and "sincere middle-class people who, frankly, are very close to the tea party people and actually care."

Liberal Democrats think the movement draws bright lines between Democrats and Republicans, arguing that the Republican presidential candidates have uniformly supported tax breaks for corporations and the wealthy. The growth of the movement has prompted speculation about what role the protests could play in the fall debate in Congress on the economy and spending — and whether Obama should try to meet with the protesters as a way to show that he is listening to them.

"It would be a super bold move on his part. I can't imagine his political advisers ever telling him to do it," said Justin Ruben, executive director of MoveOn.org. "But there are voices down there with important perspectives that have mostly not been heard in American politics and the president, just going there, would open up some spaces for those (voices)."

Van Jones, a former Obama administration official who has helped organize an effort by liberal activists and unions to recapture the American Dream, said the movement "is about a wholesale political failure of the entire political class and the financial elite to respond to the American people. That creates opportunities and dangers for all politicians."

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The permanent record from our youth may have been a ruse cooked up to keep children in line, but these days, we are close to having permanent records due to our rapidly all encompassing digital world. Thankfully, personnel files are not yet in digital format. While we still can, we should at least always be prepared to have access to these records to check and to fix any wrong information. We may also want access when we think we should get a raise and want to use former evaluations, client letters, or training records to get it.

The Why:

More often than not, employees do not even know how to access this information until they talk to a lawyer. And if you are talking to a lawyer about work, something's already gone wrong. Lawyers want to see what your performance record is, any personnel actions and the basis, or any other records that could help determine whether, say, a termination was legally wrongful or justifiable in light of the bigger history. Most of these employment cases turn on performance, the reason the employer gives for the termination, versus whatever you as a plaintiff will show. For example, one good way to maintain better records in your file is to put in writing what you disagree with, such as in a negative evaluation. Later when these are reviewed, and the employee has these notes, it will be more difficult for a bad employer to justify their wrongful behavior through performance issues.

Another reason to keep track is that personnel records can be subpoenaed by a third party, which is something that could happen in any type of legal action where you are involved. The law does require that you are given a notice and opportunity to object to the subpoena. If any of it is relevant to whatever legal action is happening, not necessarily even an employment case, then usually the subpoena is allowed.

The How:

There are no federal laws about these records, but California has very clear laws. Still, some employers do not know them or follow them properly so it is better to know your rights and educate your employer if needed. Here are the types of records that you are legally entitled to get: Pay Records: Employers have to keep for at least three years of your pay records and give their employees a copy within 21 days of request or face civil penalties (Labor Code 226). Personnel Files: Employers have to keep records and give you access to them within a reasonable time (Labor Code 1198.5). All documents you signed: These are the ones signed at hire or as continuing term and condition of employment (not documents signed in the course of conducting business). (Labor Code 432).

Tips: Though these requests do not have to be in writing, it is usually better so that you can keep track of the response time. Employers may have part of your personnel file in different offices. Be sure to know where yours is kept so when the time comes you know how to find it without being given the run around. Ask for or make copies of all personnel documents as they come up and hold on to the hiring paperwork so that you have your own set for comparison later.

Unemployment Benefits: Do I Qualify?

The news is not getting better about the economy and the unemployment office has to be really picky when it comes to claims. You were not laid off, but instead quit or were terminated. How can you file for unemployment and be approved? This is one of the most often asked questions from my clients. Some who are still working want to know if they should quit or wait to be terminated. The decision will vary from person to person to situation. The decision can also be personal or health related or that you just want to be out of there. Here are some legalities to consider in your decision.

The Quit:

In a situation with a quit, there is generally just one type of circumstance that will get you these benefits. If you can show that you quit because the work conditions were such that no reasonable person could be expected to work there, then you can still qualify for the benefits. This is a high standard limited to what the law requires of the workplace, such as safe conditions, free from harassment, being paid, and free from retaliation. This is not an easy showing to make and so arguments based on personality, rudeness, bad bosses, etc, will not fly.

The Termination:

Most people think that if you have been terminated, there is no unemployment for you. However, there are exceptions to this. Of course, if you have been terminated based on policy violations, gross misconduct, and other severe actions, then you are disqualified. One way to overcome that, if the facts are there, is the exception that the conduct may not have been appropriate but it was an isolated instance of poor judgment, or something excusable that happened the one time for a good reason. Criminal activity at work or assault or harassment is never excusable.

The Wrongful Termination:

If you have been "wrongfully terminated" in the legal sense, you may still qualify for unemployment. Most employees who file lawsuits have been terminated. If the facts are there for a lawsuit, then they should be there to qualify you for unemployment. You need to show that the termination was not based on whatever the employer is claiming, but because of some legal violation they have committed. For example, if you complain of sexual harassment, then a week later, you are terminated for some work issue that happened two months ago, then the termination was retaliation. When an employer retaliates for your report of a prohibited workplace activity, that employer just violated anti-retaliation laws.

Tip: If you are unemployed but develop a disability and you can't work, then you no longer qualify for unemployment. At this point, apply for State Disability Benefits. Again, these is not easy to get and you will need medical proof, but it is one safety we are lucky to have here in California.

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5:00–6:00pm	(1st & 3rd Monday/Month) Tenant Rights, Auto accidents, Products Liability, Insurance & Business Disputes, Personal Injury & Small Claims with Attorney Mark Palmer
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9:00-12:00noon	Patent, Trademark and Copyright Law with Attorney Marcus Risso (By appointment only)
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WEDNESDAY	
5:00-6:30pm	Divorce and Legal Separation; Domestic Partnerships; Child Custody, Support and Visitation; Spousal Support; Prenuptial Agreements & Mediation with Family Law Specialist Attorney Elizabeth Fields at the Novel Café located at 2901 Ocean Park Blvd. in Santa Monica, 90405.
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SATURDAY	
10am-12noon	(1st, 3rd, & 5th Saturday/Month) Estate Planning, Trust & Will Contests Probate, Elder Law, Business Litigation, Formation & Dissolution, Contracts, HOA & Personal Injury with Attorney Richard Ruman
10am-11:30am	(2nd & 4th Sat/Month) Employment/Labor Law including wrongful termination, sexual harassment, wage & hour claims, severance issues; and Family Law/Divorce including support, custody, & prenuptial agreements with Attorney Todd Smilovitz.

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Surf Conditions **Water Temp:** 61°

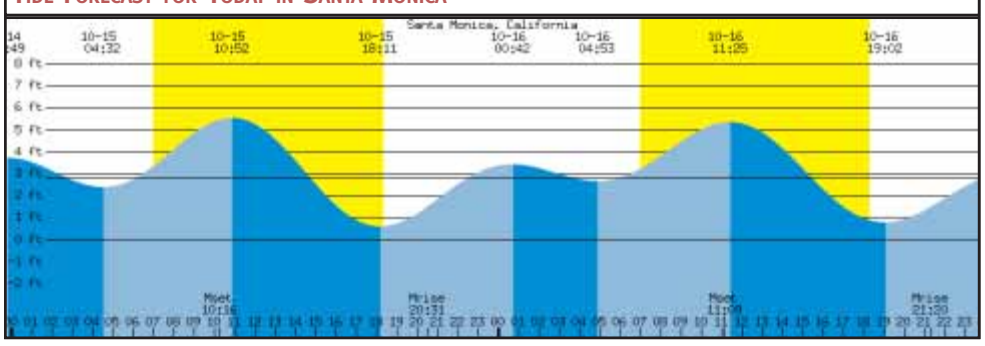
Swell Forecast

NW swell come ashore, hitting SB/VC early in the day, and finally SD mid to late morning. Size should run head high at most west facing breaks with pluses at standouts going about 2' overhead.

Long Range Synopsis

NW is expected to back off a bit, more along the lines of chest to at times head high for west facing breaks.

Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica



BEACH REPORT CARD

NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous 30 days up to the ending date of **October 12, 2011**

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QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 0
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 4
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 21 / 1
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 0 / 0

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

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

LEGEND

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

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The Wave still a fan favorite

JANIE MCCAULEY
AP Sports Writer

OAKLAND Love it or loathe it, Krazy George Henderson doesn't much care.

"The Wave" cheer he created is still rocking 30 years after he first performed it during the 1981 baseball playoffs.

"The Wave has still been going for 30 years and I still have my incredibly gorgeous good looks," joked the bald, 67-year-old Krazy George, who for decades has made his living as a for-hire cheerleader.

The Wave went off without a hitch at a San Francisco Giants game last month. Fans did it in Detroit on Thursday during Game 5 of the AL championship series between the Tigers and Texas Rangers. It's still a staple at Michigan Stadium, where the 100,000-plus Wolverines football fans have a fast, slow and reverse version as well as the more conventional rendition — all of which look best in the Big House when everybody's on the same plane in the bowl-shaped venue.

"I just have a theory: It takes 95 percent of the people to do it to make it look good — 95 percent of sports pundits hate the Wave," Krazy George said in a recent telephone interview. "I always make the statement that they must not be fans.

"Being a professional cheerleader, I just know how the energy increases after you do the Wave. Every cheer I do after it, it raises the energy level for the fans that much more."

While the Wave has taken a beating on sports talk radio and among those who debate its value or just consider it obnoxious, many purists still appreciate the move. An informal survey of members of the San Francisco 49ers this week showed that many players still find it plenty entertaining.

"I love the Wave. That's awesome," tight end Delanie Walker said. "It looks so sweet when they do it. I kind of forget the play and look. The Chiefs do it real good."

Krazy George spent three years perfecting the Wave. He first pulled off the move — in which fans take turns, by section, standing up and waving their arms in an upward sweeping motion — on Oct. 15, 1981, at the Yankees-A's AL championship series game in the Coliseum. The University of Washington, meanwhile, did it two weeks later, on Oct. 31.

Former Husky yell leader Robb Weller had returned to campus for a homecoming game against Stanford. He began a vertical version of the Wave in the '70s, but first did the horizontal Wave that day.

Officials at Washington have acknowledged Krazy George as being first with the current Wave, but what they are certain of is that the Huskies popularized the cheer. It soon caught on at Seattle Seahawks games, too.

What's meaningful to George is that the cheer is still relevant.

"I love it," said San Diego-bred 49ers quarterback Alex Smith. "One of the best things going to games as a kid was being part of the Wave, especially at Qualcomm."

Kicker David Akers' son, 9-year-old Luke, was ecstatic when he first participated in the Wave in Philadelphia at age 4 or 5. It can take a couple of tries to figure out the timing.

"Why would you not like it?" Akers asked. "Do people not like the organ at baseball games? Lighten up."

In that first Wave game, the Yankees eliminated the A's 4-0 to reach the World Series. Dave Righetti, now the San Francisco Giants' pitching coach, was the winning pitcher. A crowd of 47,302 was on hand for the first Wave.

These days, Krazy George does just more than a dozen gigs a year — from college and arena football, to minor league baseball and Major League Soccer. He's also working to publish a book.

"I'm jumping in when I can," he said, acknowledging, "I think I'm phasing out. I think a couple of teams will keep hiring."

On his website, www.krazygeorge.com, the former high school shop teacher boasts of performing in front of 25 million fans during his much-hyped career as arguably the world's most famous cheerleader.

Krazy George insists it took a year and a half for the Huskies to admit they had seen the Wave on television and given it their own twist. George has his evidence on tape: The Wave was part of the A's 1981 highlight video shown to potential season ticket holders for the following year.

That hardly matters now, those debates are in the past. Krazy George got into it with Washington about the Wave before the 20th anniversary, and has called the university's athletic director and president over the years, along with various media outlets.

He never envisioned his cheer becoming such a hit, and eventual sports trend spanning the world.

"They were rioting because of the Wave in Australia at a rugby game — they were actually having riots and fights over it. It was good. They called me to get my opinion," he said. "I didn't even think about it (lasting so long). After four or five years of really going good, it started to spread.

"It will stand the test of time and I guess they'll do it forever at sporting events. Here and there it will pop up. It's pretty funny to see that."

Krazy George himself is pretty funny.

Those signature blond curls above his ears have turned white. A drum always in hand, he often wore his striped athletic socks pulled up with a jersey and cutoff jeans.

He's a California native who moved north to Napa from Southern California at age 17. He left for the East Coast close to a decade ago and now lives outside Baltimore.

That Yankees-A's game in Oakland was Krazy George's biggest crowd.

He had a simpler version of the Wave that originated at San Jose State several years earlier. Krazy George would call for the three student sections to chant — one word for each group — "San!" "Jose!" "State!" He would point to each section signaling those students' turn.

San Francisco punter Andy Lee points out that when it comes to the Wave, proper technique and timing are paramount.

"When it's done right, it looks awesome," he said with a smile.

And Krazy George hopes people have similar sentiments for years to come.

"The 25th anniversary was big — 30 is pretty good, too," he said. "Call me back on the 50th. It will be enormous."

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MOVIE TIMES

Aero Theatre
1328 Montana Ave.
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Saturday, Oct. 15
Female Trouble (NC-17) 1hr 29min
Serial Mom (R) 1hr 35min
7:30pm
John Waters in person.

AMC Loews Broadway 4
1441 Third Street Promenade
(888) 262-4386

Dirty Girl (R) 1hr 30min
11:45am, 2:15pm, 4:45pm, 7:15pm, 9:50pm

Moneyball (PG-13) 2hrs 06min
12:15pm, 3:40pm, 7:00pm, 10:00pm

Ides of March (R) 1hr 42min
11:00am, 1:35pm, 4:05pm, 6:50pm, 9:25pm

Trespass (R) 1hr 25min
11:35am, 2:30pm, 5:05pm, 7:40pm, 10:05pm

AMC 7 Santa Monica
1310 Third St.
(310) 451-9440

Footloose (PG-13) 1hr 53min
10:30am, 11:45am, 1:25pm, 2:30pm, 4:20pm, 5:20pm, 7:15pm, 8:00pm, 10:00pm, 10:35pm

Real Steel (PG-13) 2hrs 07min
10:35am, 11:30am, 1:35pm, 2:45pm, 4:30pm, 6:45pm, 7:30pm, 9:30pm, 10:30pm

Dolphin Tale 3D (PG) 1hr 52min
10:45am, 1:30pm, 4:15pm, 7:00pm, 9:45pm

Moneyball (PG-13) 2hrs 06min
10:35am, 1:45pm, 4:45pm, 7:50pm, 10:50pm

Ides of March (R) 1hr 42min
11:50am, 2:20pm, 5:00pm, 7:40pm, 10:10pm

Laemmle's Monica Fourplex
1332 Second St.
(310) 478-3836

Hedgehog (Le herisson) (NR) 1hr 40min
11:00am

Father of Invention (PG-13) 1hr 33min
1:20pm, 4:10pm, 7:00pm, 9:50pm

My Afternoons With Marguerite (La Tete en friche) (NR) 1hr 22min
11:00am, 5:30pm

Benda Bilili! (PG-13) 1hr 26min
3:15pm, 9:55pm

Whale (G) 1hr 29min
11:00am

Hell and Back Again (NR) 1hr 28min
1:00pm, 3:10pm, 5:20pm, 7:30pm, 10:00pm

El Bulli: Cooking in Progress (NR) 1hr 28min
11:00am

Weekend (2011/II) (NR) 1hr 36min
2:20pm, 4:50pm, 7:20pm, 9:45pm

Finding Joe (NR) 1hr 20min
1:00pm, 7:45pm

AMC Criterion 6
1313 Third St.
(310) 395-1599

Thing (R) 1hr 43min
11:50am, 2:50pm, 5:30pm, 8:15pm, 10:45pm

Way (PG-13) 1hr 55min
11:35am, 2:25pm, 5:00pm, 7:35pm, 10:10pm

Drive (R) 1hr 40min
11:40am, 2:45pm, 5:15pm, 7:45pm, 10:15pm

Big Year (PG)
11:40am, 2:20pm, 4:55pm, 7:25pm, 10:00pm

50/50 (R) 1hr 39min
11:55am, 2:40pm, 5:15pm, 8:00pm, 10:35pm

Lion King 3D (G) 1hr 29min
11:30am, 2:00pm, 4:30pm, 7:00pm, 9:15pm

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Follow the natural course, Gem

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Your energy soars, especially when you realize what day it is. Be spontaneous and slightly less organized. The end results will be far more fun, for you and for those around you. A conversation comes out of left field. Follow it through -- this talk means a lot to the other party. Tonight: Hang out.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ The week catches up with you. Whether you decide it is time to relax or a situation changes makes no difference. Slow down and get some much-needed R and R. Tonight: Treat a loved one.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ How you fare when dealing with another person could be very different from what you expect. You might not be aware of how very different you are and how you come off. A scheduled get-together with friends could perk up your mood even more. Tonight: Follow the natural course.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Someone acts out, forcing you to take a stand. You might not appreciate the demand this situation puts on you. Lighten up and have a much-needed discussion with a loved one. You don't need to reveal all your thoughts. Remain sensitive to those around you. Tonight: Be subtle.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ Zero in on what works. You'll see results that you might have only dreamt about before. Begin conversations and be willing to share more openly. News from a distance could stun you, but when you think about it, you are OK. Tonight: Be where there is a party!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Handle responsibilities first. You might need to check in on or visit an older relative. You wonder how you can lighten this person's day. Your sheer presence adds to his or her happiness. A partner reverses his or her course out of the blue. Tonight: Out on the town.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Be willing to take off out of the blue or investigate an event that normally might not be your cup of tea. A partner acts in a most unexpected manner. Try not to overreact, and take the situation with a grain of salt. Tonight: Off to the movies or a concert.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ Remain sure of yourself and in your dealings. Question less and trust your sixth sense. A partner or dear friend will respond in kind. Together you can take on nearly any project or just take off like birds. This interaction renews you. Tonight: Be with a favorite person.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ Others could exasperate you with their high energy and visibility. You don't need to react to those feelings. You do know how to get another person's attention. Do just that. You actually flatter this person. Together you will have a ball. Tonight: Go with another's plans.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ Pace yourself. You might want to squeeze in all you want to do in too little time. You might get a lot done, but slow down; otherwise, you won't be able to visit with someone or take your time with a decision. Why push if it takes away from the quality of your life? Tonight: Don't push too hard!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ You'll enjoy yourself to the max if you just let go and be spontaneous. You could hear some surprising news or have the unexpected occur. This little surprise only adds to the quality of your life. Be more kidlike. Tonight: Full of naughtiness.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Stay close to home, perhaps to complete a project or support a roommate in a particular venture. Though you might not be at a fun party, you still can have fun. Tonight: Do more of what you want.

Happy birthday

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

This year you are full of surprises. You often draw out the unexpected from others. Life tends toward excitement. Trust your mental facilities to figure out problems. Try not to get so emotional, and you will do better. Detach before responding. If you are single, your dating life could be wild. You are best off avoiding a formal commitment this year. If you are attached, know that you cannot change a partner. So go for the roller-coaster ride. GEMINI is full of fun.



MYSTERY REVEALED!

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Alejandra Casas, a former student at Santa Monica High School, correctly identified this photo of the Cesar Chavez mural on campus. She will receive a reusable shopping bag courtesy of the Daily Press. Send your mystery photos to *editor@smdp.com* to be used in future issues.

Speed Bump
By Dave Coverly



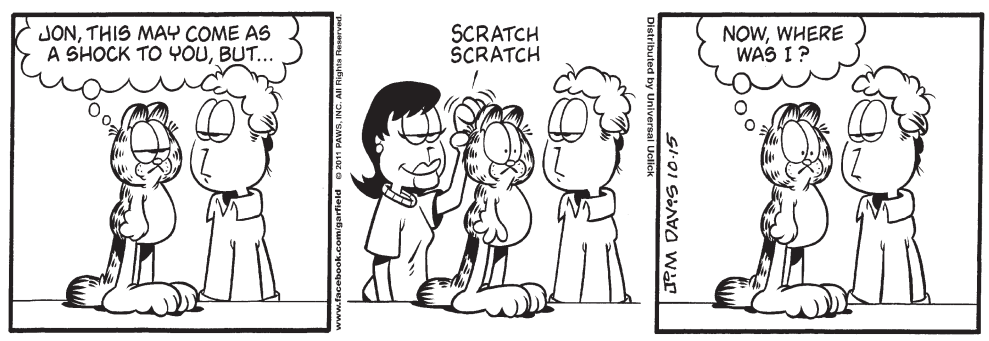
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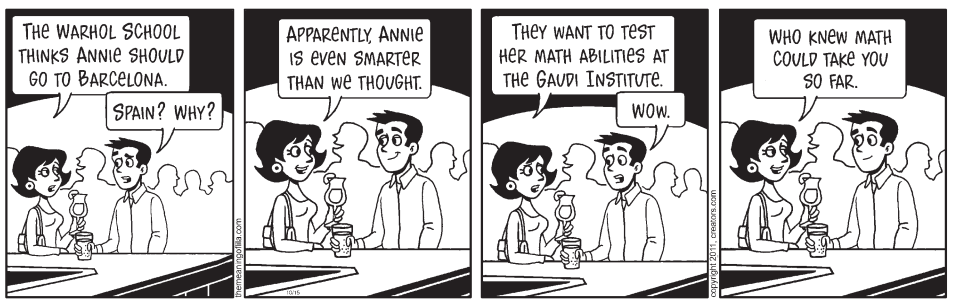
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Sudoku

Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column, and 3x3 block. Use logic and process of elimination to solve the puzzle. The difficulty level ranges from ★ (easiest) to ★★★★★ (hardest).

Difficulty Level ★★★★

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GETTING STARTED

There are many strategies to solving Sudoku. One way to begin is to examine each 3x3 grid and figure out which numbers are missing. Then, based on the other numbers in the row and column of each blank cell, find which of the missing numbers will work. Eliminating numbers will eventually lead you to the answer.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

7	5	8	2	4	9	1	6	3
3	9	4	6	5	1	2	7	8
2	1	6	8	3	7	5	9	4
9	4	2	3	1	6	8	5	7
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8	6	5	4	7	2	3	1	9
5	8	9	1	6	3	7	4	2
4	3	7	9	2	5	6	8	1
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34 Cut drastically
35 Huck's pal
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38 "Pygmalion" heroine
40 Put up
41 Arrested
42 Colorings
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44 Barflies

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2 Making a choice
3 Spotted
4 Airport announcement
5 Utah city
6 Is for two?
7 Make '60s shirts
8 Christmas tree, often
9 Brimless hat
11 Looks for
15 Neighbor of Botswana
19 552, in old Rome
21 Crazy talk
24 DVD buys
25 Copying
26 Dinero
27 Kingly fur
29 Bemoan
30 Demands
31 Takes a flat
33 College VIPs
37 Small group
39 California red, for short

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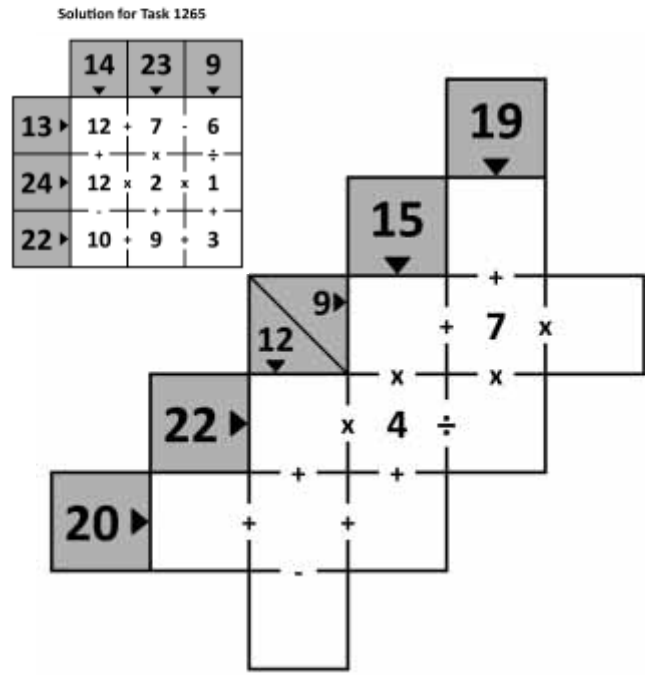
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ An inquest in Yorkshire, England, in September found that the February death of Brian Depledge, 38, was accidental -- that he had inadvertently strangled himself after falling onto a folding clothes horse (of the kind often used to hang recently washed laundry on to dry). The coroner concluded that Depledge's body had become trapped between rungs in such a way that the more he moved his arms to extricate himself, the tighter was the pressure that was unavoidably placed on his neck.

■ After Emmalee Bauer, 25, was fired by the Sheraton hotel company in late 2006, she sought unemployment compensation under Iowa law that affords benefits to employees terminated through no fault of their own. However, the judge decided Bauer did not qualify. She had written a 300-page journal, during office hours, describing in detail her efforts to avoid work. Among her entries: "This typing thing seems to be doing the trick. It just looks like I am hard at work on something," and "Once lunch is over, I will come right back to writing to piddle away the rest of the afternoon," and "Accomplishment is overrated, anyway."

TODAY IN HISTORY

2003 China launches Shenzhou 5, its first manned space mission.

2003 The Staten Island Ferry boat Andrew J. Barberi runs into a pier at the St. George Ferry Terminal in Staten Island, killing 11 people and injuring 43.

2005 A riot in Toledo, Ohio breaks out during a National Socialist/Neo-Nazi protest; over 100 are arrested.

2007 Seventeen activists in New Zealand are arrested in the country's first post 9/11 anti-terrorism raids.

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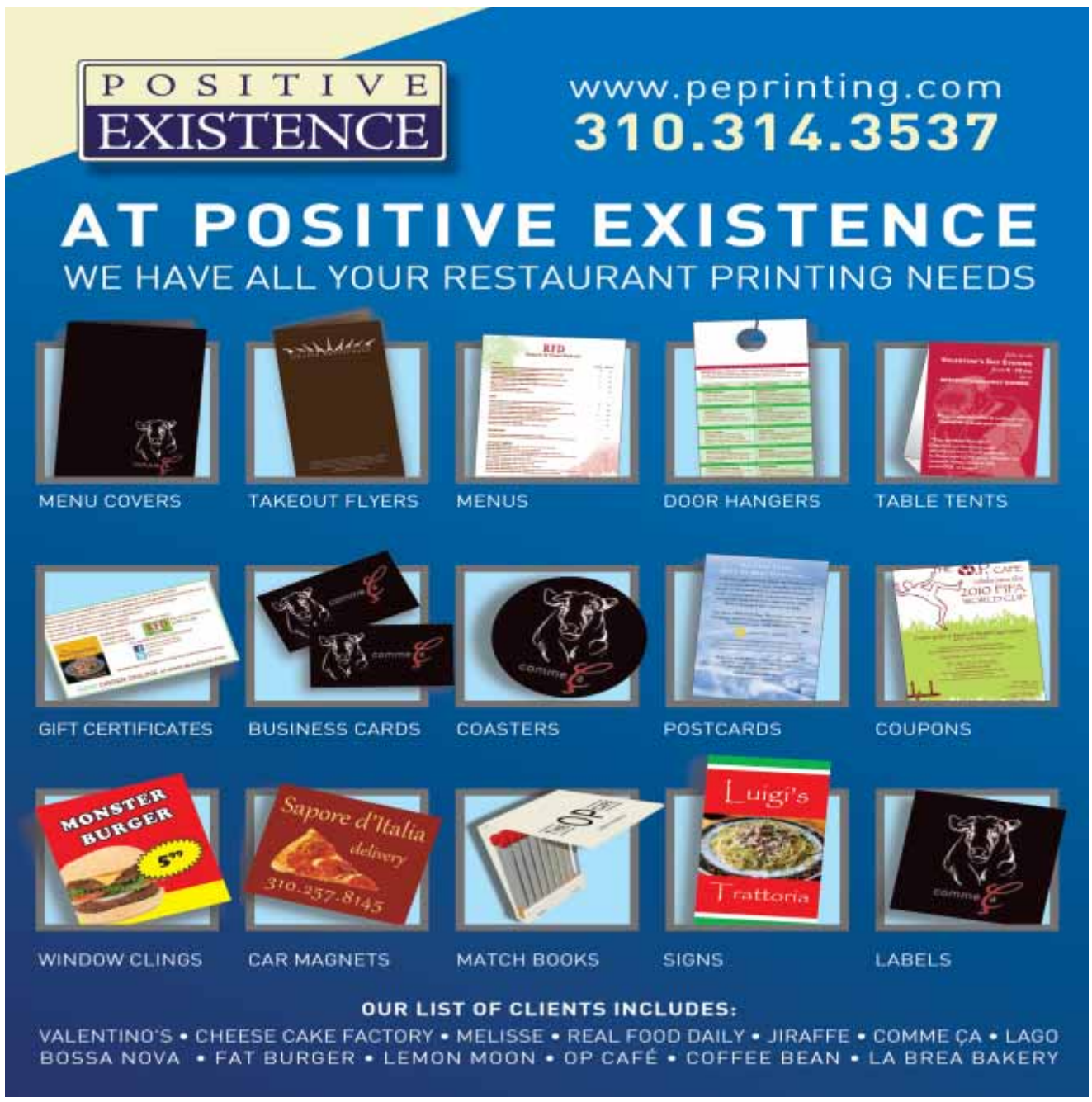


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