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THE GOOD CHOICE ISSUE

City Hall ponders parking crunch

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN The planned renovation of Parking Structure 6, along with the AMC proposal for a new cinema on Fourth Street that would replace Parking Structure 3, could mean a fresh headache for commuters to Downtown in the form of 681 fewer parking spaces while construction of both projects is underway.

Though both projects are a ways off — the expected construction overlap isn't expected until sometime in 2012 — City Hall officials this month are starting to make plans to deal with the eventual reduction in parking space availability.

Parking Structure 6, which has 342 spaces at 1431 Second St., is expected to shut down for renovation sometime in 2011, and will eventually reopen with 710 spaces. The AMC theater project would replace Parking Structure 3, located at 1320 Fourth St., with a multiplex, eliminating 339 parking spaces.

AMC is in the midst of negotiating a development agreement for the project and could begin construction in 2012.

Once both projects are completed, Downtown will end up with a net gain of 29 parking spaces. But the construction phase could be painful.

Ideas on the table to offset the short-term parking space decrease include constructing a temporary two-story structure at Fifth Street and Arizona Avenue, setting up a valet program using privately owned garages and moving more than 500 monthly parkers to the Civic Center, according to a City Hall report.

Also up for debate are some more out-of-

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CHANGES? **More Downtown visitors may have to ditch their cars and walk like these folks when Parking Structures 6 and 3 will be closed in 2012 due to renovations and the construction of a new movie theater. City officials are developing a plan to ease the expected parking pinch.**



Morgan Genser *news@smdp.com*

NIFTY MOVE: **Santa Monica High School's Moriah Faulk makes a move against Canyon Springs during last season's CIF-SS girls' basketball playoffs. Faulk has made a verbal commitment to play for UCLA next season.**

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Samohi's Faulk picks UCLA

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

SAMOHI When Santa Monica High School's girls' basketball team takes the court this season it will be with a trio of NCAA Division 1 recruits on their side.

Senior guard Moriah Faulk, who transferred to Samohi last season, has made a verbal commitment to play for UCLA. She joins fellow future D-1 players Kristina "KJ" Johnson (University of the Pacific) and Bianka Balthazar (St. Mary's College), who announced their school choices last week.

"I picked UCLA because you can't beat the education," Faulk said. "Besides, some of my other choices were too far and too cold."

She decided on UCLA after considering offers from Kansas, Vanderbilt, Washington

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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA AND SURROUNDS



Tuesday, Oct. 19, 2010

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

Wednesday, Oct. 20, 2010

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

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

Thursday, Oct. 21, 2010

'Loveland'
Santa Monica PLayhouse
1211 Fourth St., 8 p.m.
Actress turns grief into hilarity in "Loveland." What's so funny about death? Plenty, if you're award-winning writer/performer, Ann Randolph, renowned for transforming horror into humor. For information, call (310) 394-9779.

Buddhism for addiction recovery
1001 #A Colorado Ave., 7:30 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.
Learn about Buddhist teachings, meditation techniques, and how to change habitual patterns to overcome addiction at the Against The Stream Buddhist Meditation Society.

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OLD SCHOOL SITCOM?: **'The Merry Wives of Windsor' will be playing at the Broad Stage through Oct. 24.**

'Merry Wives' have upper hand at the Broad Stage

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

BROAD STAGE For many a 21st century audience member, it may be a surprise to learn that the author of "Hamlet" and "King Lear" was, in his day, not an ivory tower type but something more akin to a pop culture prince.

Yet it's true: Shakespeare, the English language's foremost tragedian, also penned what amount to the late-16th century equivalent of prime-time sitcoms.

"The Merry Wives of Windsor," now being performed at Santa Monica's Broad Stage through Oct. 24, is a standout in the Bard's low-brow oeuvre.

With a plotline that wouldn't be much of a stretch as a "Three Stooges" episode, it's perhaps the most accessible of Shakespeare's plays, complete with a clueless Frenchman, a duped husband donning a wig in disguise, and, most memorably, the obese Sir John Falstaff managing a narrow escape via a laundry basket full of dirty clothes.

The production by the troupe from Shakespeare's Globe Theater in London plays up the silliness and milks the antiquated laugh lines for all they're worth, making for a fast-paced and thoroughly enjoyable, though far from edifying, experience.

The action centers on a plan hatched by two housewives to get the better of the conniving Falstaff, a would-be adulterer who aims to profit from his imagined amorous charms.

The protagonists here are not lovelorn nobles, but ordinary folk, making "Merry Wives" the lone Shakespeare play to be set amongst the middle classes.

While it doesn't offer the elevation of the Bard's best-known works, it's good fun — a pop-culture experience from 400 years ago that shows how little some things have changed.

The Broad Stage performance is a revival of the 2008 London production and the first stop on the company's tour, which next heads to New York and then to the UK for a string of performances.

True to its sitcom-like plot and tone, the pacing here is brisk, with a revolving two-sided set helping speed along scenery changes and letting the actors quickly whisk on and off the stage. Musicians decked out in period costumes supply the score from a bandstand perched atop the set, helping with the lighthearted mood that prevails throughout.

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SMPD offers bicycle safety tips

The Santa Monica Police Department is encouraging bicyclists and motorists to work together in keeping the roads safe. Below are some basic road rules.

Cyclists must:

- Ride on the street, not the sidewalk.
- Yield to pedestrians.
- Wear a helmet. Individuals under 18 must, but everyone else should.
- Obey all traffic signals, signs and pavement markings. For example, cyclists must come to a complete stop at red lights and stop signs.
- Use front and rear lights when traveling after dusk.
- Ride with the flow of traffic, not against it.
- Use marked bike lanes or paths whenever possible.
- Use a bell or horn and reflectors.
- Wear brightly-colored clothing.
- Do not wear more than one earphone, It's best to use none.
- Get a bicycle license. Register your bicycle with the city of Santa Monica License Division.

Drivers must:

- Slow down. The speed limit in residential areas is 25 mph. Also observe posted speed limits on other streets.
- Don't drive or park in the bike lane.
- Focus on driving. Don't talk or text on a cell phone.
- Look before you open your door. As the driver, use your right hand to open your door, so you turn and see if a cyclist is coming your way.

For more information or if you have any questions, contact the Santa Monica Police Department, Traffic Enforcement Unit at (310) 458-8993.

DAILY PRESS

DOWNTOWN

CVB noted for bright ideas

Santa Monica Convention & Visitors Bureau (SMCVB) took home two Best Idea Awards from the Western Association of Convention and Visitors Bureaus earlier this month.

The bureau was recognized for a social media contest that coincided with the opening of Santa Monica Place and the Mannequin Collective art exhibit. The bureau created "Sandy Monica," a British tourist, represented by a fashionable mannequin, who was visiting the city for a month. Using Twitter and Facebook, bureau staff would keep fans informed as to Sandy's activities. Fans were invited to submit an idea for a final adventure for Sandy for a chance to win a $500 gift card to stores at Santa Monica Place.

SMCVB's other winning Best Idea project was the development of a partnership with Striker Media in support of Santa Monica hotels and their marketing and sales efforts. The partnership provided each of the city's conference-style hotels with customized copies of a publication, which focused on their property specifically.

The customized sales pieces are unique to Santa Monica, and have not been created in any other destination, bureau officials said. Each of the hotel's customized marketing materials included a personalized cover featuring a photo of the hotel, as well as expanded property highlights with additional pages in the accommodations section.

This year's Best Idea Program awards were presented during the 2010 WACVB Annual Conference, held October 13-15, in Salt Lake City. Following receipt of the entry forms, a board-appointed task force reviewed the submissions and selected several ideas for presentation at the conference. Representatives from several bureaus presented their best ideas during the conference.

Throughout this year, SMCVB has been recognized for its many exemplary endeavors, netting them various honors and awards. One of the awards was first runner up for the 2010 Best Industries Reader's Choice Awards within the category of the Best Destination Marketing Organization from the Southern California Meetings + Events Magazine.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Politics played no role

Editor:

Contrary to suggestions in Nick Taborek's two articles ("Newcomer school board candidate Patel not discouraged by establishment's snub," Oct. 15; and "Bley bets on appetite for change," Oct. 16, 2010), LEAD adhered to an arduous, non-political process for determining its school board endorsements. We evaluated candidates based on their contributions to our students and to our district, irrespective of whether they are current board members. We carefully listened to them at multiple candidate forums and reviewed their answers to a rigorous LEAD questionnaire. Ultimately, our members valued records of accomplishment more than appealing rhetoric.

Over several hours last month, a quorum of members considered LEAD's endorsements. Following our open, spirited discussions, which focused on accomplishments and qualifications, we voted. I can assure you that politics played no role in our deliberations.

LEAD endorsed those candidates we believe will be the best school board members and future policy makers. We adhered to what LEAD stands for (Leadership, Effectiveness, Accountability, and Direction for SMMUSD). Being new – or an incumbent – wasn't sufficient to win our endorsement.

But candidates did have to be in it to have a chance to win LEAD's endorsement. One school board candidate, Chris Bley, specifically asked that LEAD not consider him and he did not participate in the endorsement process. We respected his wishes.

We congratulate all those who participated and wish all the candidates well and stand by the LEAD-endorsed ones: Pat Cady, Laurie Lieberman, and Barry Snell for Santa Monica-Malibu school board.

Debbie Mulvaney
Chair, LEAD

Outside support

Editor:

I will be voting yes on Y and YY. Every day the population of Santa Monica doubles with people who come here for the beach, to shop, to work and to go out to eat. When I go to Third Street Promenade on the weekend the place is really packed with people going to the movies, eating out and buying a few things. I will vote yes on Y and YY because I really love our schools and I want to live in a community that values education. However, I also really like the idea that all of these people will pay a few pennies a day for our schools as I think they should contribute to our community. Why didn't someone think of this before? Next time when I am driving along Ocean Park Boulevard during rush hour and the road is jam packed with cars belonging to people who do not live in Santa Monica, I will feel a little less annoyed as I will remember that these people are helping to pay for our schools.

Nora Mackey
Santa Monica

Subsidizing the rich

Editor:

Please clarify something for me and the rest of the hard-working taxpayers of Santa Monica. If both Measures Y and YY pass, does that mean that all us "rich" people in Santa Monica will be subsidizing all those "poor folk" in Malibu, whose kids attend the schools of the Santa Monica Unified School District but who don't have to pay the extra sales taxes since they don't live in Santa Monica? Just a question.

Kent Cullom
Santa Monica

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Back to Nature

Reese Halter — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Global warming, drought and the feared grim reaper

WILL THE OPULENT FOUNTAINS IN LAS Vegas be a thing of the past? Every drop of water in Las Vegas is now precious as a relentless 11-year drought in the southwest begins to imperil the way 25 million people live.

Welcome to a drier world.

And it's not just the southern half of the U.S. that's feeling the bite. Bolivia is enduring its worst drought in 30 years as over 50,000 wildfires have scorched the forests. Although parts of Australia have received rainfall after an 11-year epic drought that continent is far from out of the woods as Earth's temperatures continue to rise.

History teaches us that prolonged droughts decimated the Pueblo peoples of the American southwest and the Angkor of southeast Asia. Repeated drought cycles annihilated millions of Mayans in Middle America.

Over the last decade, the southwest has suffered the sharpest temperature increase on the continent, declining late season snowpack, loss of vegetation, billions of bark beetles and rampant wildfires; all the while growing faster than any other region in the United States.

Global warming is predicted to heavily reduce snowfall along the Southern Rocky Mountains by as much as 45 percent over the next four decades.

Winter snowfall accumulates as a snowpack and the high elevation Engelmann spruce, subalpine fir and limber pine forests provide an essential cover so that the snow melts slowly in the springtime and feeds the headwaters of the mighty Colorado River which drains one tenth of the land base in the lower 48 states.

Global warming has not only significantly reduced the Southern Rockies snowpack but it's melting it three weeks earlier in the springtime. And the result over the past decade has been a startling increase in the number and size of hot-burning wildfires.

In the early 1930s Lake Mead was created to hold back the Colorado River to create power from the Hoover Dam. Lake Mead also supplies water to Arizona, California, Nevada and Northern Mexico.

In the late 1920s scientists estimated the Colorado River volume to be 16.4 million-acre feet a year. Today, scientists studying tree ring growth patterns, which are an accurate indicator of moisture, concluded that the 20th century was one of the wettest in the west in the last millennium. It turns out that the water allocation of the Colorado River was overestimated by at least 2 million-acre feet a year.

In 2008 scientists from San Diego's Scripps Institute released bold projections on the future of Lake Mead. They based their predictions on 1 million-acre feet a year deficit of the Colorado River, massive amounts of evaporation from the lake and the viscous effects of a warming world from climate change.

They predicted that by 2017 there was a 50 percent chance that the Hoover Dam would not be generating power. Currently, the lake is at 1,083 feet, it's dropping at 10 feet a year and the turbines stop spinning when the level reaches 1,050 feet. In 2000, Lake Mead's level was 1,215 feet above sea level.

The Scripp's scientists also predicted a 50 percent chance that Lake Mead would run dry by 2021. And although this may seem rather farfetched some very recent research from UCLA clearly shows that the next couple years could be even drier across the southern half of the U.S.

It seems a perfect storm driven by climate over the short, medium and long term is brewing in both the Atlantic and Pacific oceans; the three climate patterns are all set to collide and produce a major drought.

Ancient tree rings from pinyon pines have been used as sensitive "listening posts" to determine climate variability and in particular drought.

This is what the tree rings are telling us: When Pacific Ocean sea-surface temperatures plummet as much as 18 degrees La Nina's occur, lasting for up to 18 months and the Southwest experiences a drought. There's a 30-year Pacific Decadal Oscillation pattern which also affects climate, when its negative it extends the La Nina and prolongs droughts. There's a third climate pattern that lasts 60 years called the Atlantic Multidecadal Oscillation, which changes the surface temperature of the North Atlantic. If it's positive it has little effect on California but when it's linked up with a negative Pacific Decadal Oscillation, snowpacks in the west decline on average 10 percent and the Colorado River decreases discharge by as much as 18 percent. Incidentally, a positive Atlantic Multidecadal Oscillation also strongly correlates to major droughts in the Midwest, Southwest and the 1930s Dust Bowl.

Las Vegas draws 90 percent of its water from Lake Mead. Strict water conservation measures have reduced the cities demand by 20 percent but that's not going to be enough. Southern California is also, by law, reducing its water use by 20 percent or 1.7 million-acre feet a year (more than two years the supply for Los Angeles).

Clearly, we all are going to become far more efficient at how we consume water. Across America we use 7 billion gallons of water a day during the summer on urban landscape vegetation. That will change and quickly.

Global warming is a citizen's issue. Therefore we are all required to lend a helping hand.

It's not just the southern half of the U.S. — the world is running out of fresh water. Unless we all become very efficient at water conservation, within a few short decades, humans are set to create a freshwater demand that will far outstrip a warming Earth's supply.

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What's the Point?

David Pisarra
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Calculating the actual costs of domestic violence

THE VAST MAJORITY OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE cases that the courts see are handled under the Domestic Violence Prevention Act. It is a summary process for establishing what happened, and what the restrained person can and cannot do. In Santa Monica's Department E, Commissioner David Cowan sees a regular parade of petitions for restraining orders; usually it's boyfriend and girlfriend, or husband and wife, and the relationship is over. The allegation of domestic violence is sometimes the final stake in the heart of the relationship, and sometimes not.

It is not unusual for a couple to continue the "dance of death" as it is called, and remain in the dysfunctional relationship until something further happens. Eminem writes about it in his latest hit, "Love The Way You Lie"

"Wait, where you going? I'm leaving you, no, you aint, come back, we're running right back, here we go again. It's so insane, 'cause when it's going good, it's going great"

These type of cases are on the civil side of the law and the restraining orders can have some quasi-criminal effects, restraints on movement and gun ownership being the two big ones, which can effect a person's ability to earn a living. But in general, a civil restraining order is an embarrassing fact, but not too cumbersome on someone's life once the triggering behavior has been stopped.

On the other side of the aisle, is the criminal side of the law. This is where things have escalated way beyond the loud argument and throwing of a television remote. The criminal cases are more violent, and have farther ranging effects — for both the victim and the abuser. These cases are the Chris Brown vs. Rihanna type of abuse that is so extreme, so violent, that not only do the police arrest someone, but the district attorney decides to prosecute the crime. The types of crimes classified as domestic violence are sexual assault, rape, and battery.

Battery is the legal term for actual physical contact between two people. It is defined as an "unwanted touching," which leaves a lot of room for interpretation. However, courts still engage in some level of rationality, they understand humans are going to bump into each other. Gently nudging someone to indicate that you need them to move slightly in the elevator to make room for you to exit is not going to result in a charge of battery.

A woman slapping a man can be a battery, a man hitting another man is a battery. In the criminal courts battery is taken very seriously and is what most people who are charged with domestic violence must defend against.

The difference between a misdemeanor and a felony is one of degree. A "simple battery" may be classified as a misdemeanor. A more serious battery will be a felony.

I explain it to my family law clients this way. You punch your buddy on the arm and it bruises — think misdemeanor. You knock out that jerk at the end of the bar who's insulting your team and he loses three teeth — think felony.

When someone is arrested for domestic violence, usually they will be facing a felony bail situation as police officers will charge them with the highest crime they can. The police push for as serious a crime as possible, because the district attorney can always reduce charges.

IN SANTA MONICA'S DEPARTMENT E, COMMISSIONER DAVID COWAN SEES A REGULAR PARADE OF PETITIONS FOR RESTRAINING ORDERS; USUALLY IT'S BOYFRIEND AND GIRLFRIEND, OR HUSBAND AND WIFE, AND THE RELATIONSHIP IS OVER.

Felony bail usually begins for domestic violence at $50,000, which means that it will cost an immediate $5,000 just to get out of jail. That's the bond premium that the bail bondsman will want to get someone out of jail.

Criminal defense attorneys representing defendants on felony domestic violence charges, depending on where you are, and what the facts of the case are, will start at $15,000 and there is almost no limit to what can be spent on a criminal defense.

The convicted domestic abuser will have to complete a 52-week batterer's prevention program, be on probation, and make restitution, at a minimum. As the abuse becomes more serious, jail time, and possibly prison, are potential sentences.

Once convicted a person will be under criminal restraining orders, which carry with them the possibility of further jail time should they be violated. Criminal restraining orders are considered to be more powerful than the standard domestic violence prevention orders.

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The Q Line

What's bugging you?

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

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

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What to tell kids about Ben Roethlisberger?

MELISSA RAYWORTH
For The Associated Press

ALLISON PARK, Pa. To any parent, the story is a familiar one: He wasn't nice to girls he knew. He couldn't control his impulses. He thought the world revolved around him and didn't respect his peers. He took advantage of people and made bad decisions.

Except that the person in question wasn't a child. He was the star quarterback of the Pittsburgh Steelers, Ben Roethlisberger.

Last spring, at age 28, Roethlisberger was accused of sexual assault after a night of carousing in a Georgia college town, then suspended by National Football League Commissioner Roger Goodell. It wasn't the first accusation to surface.

There wasn't enough evidence to file charges, and Roethlisberger proclaimed his innocence, but the district attorney's message to the athlete was blunt: "Grow up."

We've become accustomed to seeing young celebrities risk their careers and flirt with jail time because they're living without the basic rules of childhood: Things like, "You have to listen when somebody says no," or, "You can't have everything all at once."

But the troubles of young stars can have a purpose beyond selling tabloids. For parents, they are hugely useful teaching moments — particularly if the celebrity in question is a local hero, as Roethlisberger is to my 7-year-old.

When Roethlisberger's story erupted here in Pittsburgh in March, I had to talk to my son about it. Like just about every little boy in our sports-obsessed city, he wore a Roethlisberger jersey not just during football season but year-round. In the wake of these accusations, I didn't want him wearing it. But I couldn't take it away without an explanation.

I kept it brief. Ben, I said, had been mean to several girls. My son was with me there: He said he didn't want to wear Ben's number if Ben wasn't nice.

He did still want a Steelers jersey, though, so I did a mental background check on the fly. Santonio Holmes? Domestic violence charges, dropped. James Harrison? Domestic violence charges, also dropped. Troy Polamalu? No history of arrest, fabulous hair.

We went with Polamalu, and I thought we were done with the subject. But everywhere we've gone, there have been reminders. Here in our township in Pittsburgh's northern suburbs — the same small community where Roethlisberger happens to live — neighbors were discussing it in endless detail.

To make things more complicated, Roethlisberger, banned from contact with his team during his four-game suspension, began practicing at our own high school's football field as fall approached.

And then there was the week that his glowering face landed on the cover of Sports Illustrated, displayed prominently at our Target and supermarket. "Bad behavior," the headline said — a phrase any child would recognize.

The more we discussed it, the more I realized: My son, who has struggled with impulse control and delayed gratification, was noticing real parallels between Roethlisberger's situation and his own. And he was learning from them.

He was struck by the fact that a major star — a grown-up — could wrestle with the same things, and had lost millions of dollars and nearly been jailed because of it.

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Babies learning to sign before potty training

MELISSA NELSON
Associated Press Writer

PENSACOLA, Fla. Teacher Robyn Gates places three chubby babies in their highchairs at Malena's Mini School and begins sign language lessons.

"Can you say 'Thank you?'" she asks. Her students drool, laugh and squirm, then baby Haley reaches a tiny hand to her mouth and touches it to her outstretched palm, making the proper sign.

Sign language has long been a technique for psychologists working with very young children, but parents over the last decade or so have embraced the practice with special classes, books, DVDs and online programs. Interest is so intense, in fact, that infant and toddler psychologist Rahil D. Briggs wonders whether some parents now see it as a must-do milestone.

"I worry it is being seized upon as panacea in child rearing by marketers wanting to capitalize on very innocent parental desires for their children to do well," said Briggs, from Montefiore Medical Center in the New York City borough of the Bronx.

Parents don't need to spend hundreds of dollars and hours each day on baby sign language, she said. Instead, she suggested starting with a few signs. Patty cake is a sort of sign language, she said.

"When you say 'yeah' and they clap because they are happy, that is a sign," she said.

Briggs and other experts, however, do believe that basic signing reduces frustration for babies and toddlers by helping them express some of their needs and wants before than can say the words.

"It does work," said Mary Benson McMullen, an early childhood education professor at Indiana University with more than 30 years of experience in the field.

Within weeks after they are born, babies begin to understand a bit of what is being said around them, she said. "At 6 months, they are learning more and more words and within a year they are learning hundreds and hundreds of words," McMullen said.

But most children can't speak clearly until around 2. By showing infants the simple signs for words such as hungry, milk and more, most infants will eventually start to use those signs to tell the parents what they need.



The Quackers

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I wish it was a dream

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

THE WATER IS FOUL AND FULL OF OIL rainbows that swirl and widen with the current. Determined, I keep struggling toward shore. The water turns darker and thicker with each lapping wave.

I cringe as another wave showers me with more sticky, rust colored oil. Already I am exhausted.

Worried, I talk to myself, "Sidney! Quit swimming and fly before it is too late." I raise my wings to prepare for flight but they are heavy, saturated with oil. It is already too late.

The oil oozes and drips down my head clouding my vision. It slides into my nostrils hampering my breathing. I clamp my mouth tightly shut but the noxious taste still seeps into my mouth. The smell and taste of the oil makes me sick and dizzy.

The oil weighs me down causing me to sink lower and lower in the water. I can no longer fight the waves as they push and tumble me farther from shore.

I shiver, miserable and cold. The oil has ruined the insulation of my feathers. A crashing wave sends me swirling away in the wet, oily darkness.

Startled, I force my eyes open. Richard and Rusty are shaking me awake. My nightmare about the Gulf oil spill had come again.

Like the rest of the world, we watched in horror as the disastrous BP Gulf oil spill unfolded in front of our eyes. We felt powerless to help. That robbed us of our spirit. Later, the terrible photos of helpless birds blanketed with thick, gooey oil sickened us and robbed us of our will.

Today I decided we had been feeling hopeless and downhearted long enough. The time had come to get our mojo working again. We needed to get back to being men; I mean ducks, of action.

As we ate breakfast a news report came over the radio saying, "Tar Sands threaten ducks."

That lit Rusty's fuse. He jumped up shouting, "Where does Tarzan get off threatening ducks? I will never watch a Tarzan movie again, never!"

"Geez, Rusty. Calm yourself," Richard said. "He said Tar Sands, not Tarzan."

From the report, we learned that Canadian energy companies are trying to build a tar sands oil pipeline from Alberta, Canada through the American heartland and all the way down to the Gulf Coast! The proposal is actually in the hands of our State Department now and is quickly moving forward.

"Are they crazy?" Now I was the one shouting.

"We have oil spewing uncontrollably in the gulf with no end in sight and our state department is considering this? Someone really missed the wake up call," Richard said shaking his head.

He knew about tar sands oil because mining it had already threatened 3 billion land, water and shore birds that use the Canadian boreal forest for breeding.

"Tar sand mining is bad news," Richard said. "Not only does it use massive amounts of energy it also requires large amounts of water, something the world really can't afford to waste. It takes 2 to 4 1/2 barrels of water to make one barrel of oil from tar sands. The process also releases tons of dangerous carbon pollution into the atmosphere.

"You guys don't want to see what tar sand mining does to the land. It is like strip mining, only for oil. Huge areas of Canadian boreal forest have already been destroyed and more than 50 square miles of polluted water called 'tailing ponds' has been created and left behind."

Richard continued, "Beautiful, pristine forest has been replaced by a toxic moonscape of earthworks, tailing ponds and 80 foot piles of sulphur. It is one of the most environmentally destructive fossil fuel resources to extract and refine."

The mention of toxic tailing ponds triggered something in my memory. I told my brothers I was sure I read that two years ago 1600 ducks lost their lives when they got stuck in toxic tar sand sludge. They weren't the only ones. Black bears, deer, red fox, moose beavers, wolves and bats also became victims because of the toxic sludge and tailing ponds left behind.

That really fired Rusty up. He jumped on the computer for more information. He learned that the National Wildlife Federation had mounted a campaign to stop the proposed pipeline before it has a chance to get underway. Rusty pumped his fist and yelled, "Yes! We can help!"

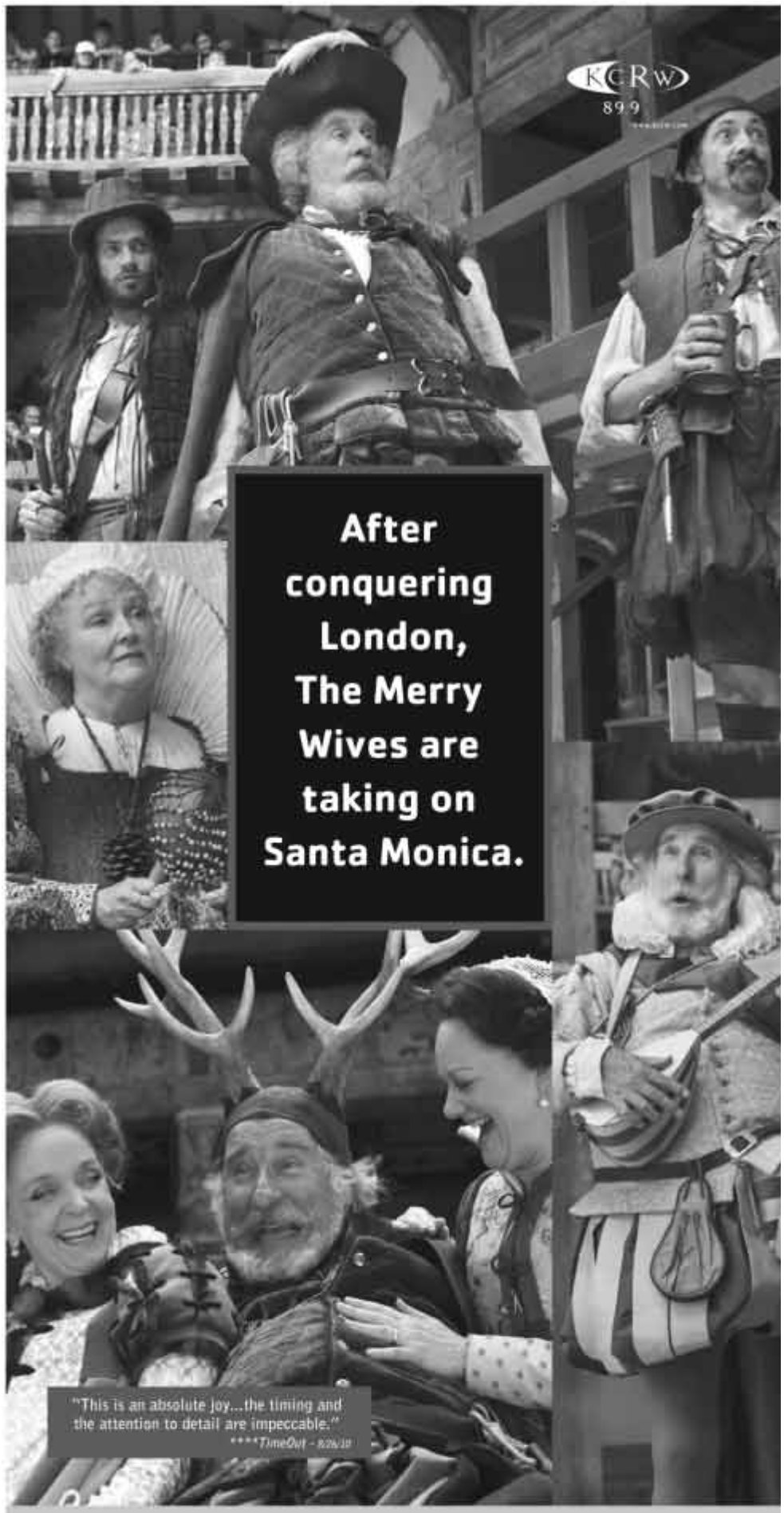
Suddenly we were energized and feeling hopeful again. Maybe we couldn't stop the spill in the Gulf but we sure could work on other ways to protect our environment and wildlife.

Letter writing, e-mails and talking with everyone about stopping the tar sands proposal in its tracks would start today.

Smiles returned to our faces as we worked and planned. We felt better than we had in a very long time. Being ducks of action again sure felt good.

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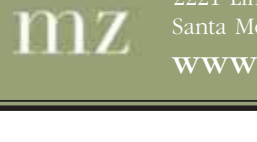
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READY FOR THE BIG TIME: **Santa Monica High School's Bianka Balthazar (center) has made a verbal commitment to play basketball for St. Mary's College next season.**

SAMOHI
FROM PAGE 1

and Boston College. Faulk, who is originally from Arizona, said that proximity to Santa Monica wasn't as much a factor as the potential for early playing time.

"Of course I want to go to collage and play, it played a big role," Faulk said. "But, it depends on how hard I work in practice."

Faulk is coming off a junior season that saw the Samohi Vikings win their first ever California Interscholastic Federation Southern Section girls' basketball title. She averaged just under 10 points a game once she was cleared by CIF-SS brass to play last season.

Also working in UCLA's favor was the fact that Thea Lemberger, who helped lead the Vikings last season, will be a Bruin teammate.

While Faulk said that Lemberger's influence didn't factor into her choice, she did admit that it would be fun playing together again.

"She knows the game really well," Faulk said of Lemberger. "She's a hard worker."

The verbal commitment is non-binding, but Faulk said she intends to honor her choice come national signing day.

"It will be a good fit," Samohi Head Coach Marty Verdugo said. "Coach Nikki [Caldwell] runs a great program."

Verdugo said that Caldwell immediately recognized Faulk's athletic talent and began pursuing her during the off-season.

"I had a pretty good part to play," Verdugo said of the recruiting process, "but, obviously her talent took over and she did the rest."

Samohi is expected to begin the preseason in a tournament hosted by fellow Ocean League member Inglewood in early December.

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McCourts make final pitch to judge

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES Attorneys for Jamie and Frank McCourt on Monday made their last pitch to a judge on whether a post-nuptial marital agreement the couple signed is valid and could decide the future ownership of the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Both sides in the couple's divorce case submitted their filings, known as a "statement of decision," in which lawyers frame how they would like Superior Court Judge Scott Gordon to rule.

Gordon presided over an 11-day trial that centered on the disputed document. Frank McCourt's lawyers argued the agreement gives him sole ownership of the Dodgers and a half-dozen luxury homes to his estranged wife.

Jamie McCourt's legal team contend their client never read the pact and she would never have willingly signed away her purported stake in the Dodgers, the stadium and the surrounding property, worth hundreds of millions of dollars.

Gordon has a little more than two months to make his ruling. Settlement talks have occurred in recent weeks, but no deal has been reached.

In her filing, Jamie McCourt argued the pact isn't valid because there are two versions, one that included the team as Frank McCourt's separate assets and one that didn't.

Her lawyers believe fraud was committed when family attorney Larry Silverstein testified he swapped a key portion of the marital agreement that went from excluding the Dodgers from Frank McCourt's separate property to including the team and failed to tell the couple.

Frank McCourt's lawyers maintain Jamie McCourt was the driving force behind the agreement because she wanted to protect the couple's homes from his business creditors. They said it was implausible to believe that Jamie McCourt, a family law attorney herself, didn't understand the terms of the agreement.

PARKING
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the-box solutions, like a possible smart phone application that would direct commuters to lots with open spaces.

"At this point everything is under consideration," said Don Patterson, City Hall's parking guru.

City Hall is holding a study session to discuss possible Downtown parking changes on Monday, Oct. 25 at 6 p.m. at the Civic Auditorium East Wing. Staff is also set to meet with the Chamber of Commerce's Land Use and Assets Committee to discuss parking this Thursday.

Patterson said the idea is to begin meeting with stakeholders early so the best solutions can be put in place.

"Starting a year in advance of when we have to implement anything gives us time to vet different ideas and make sure we're taking into consideration the various needs of the people who use the Downtown structures," Patterson said.

Also up for discussion are ways to add additional transportation demand management programs or possibly change parking rates or add new on-street and off-street parking technologies.

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> City Hall's business and operations revenue manager

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BROAD
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Indeed, even Falstaff's inevitable public shaming that concludes the play is more about celebrating a well-executed hoax than about preserving the social order from a credible threat, as the fat knight himself is invited to take part in the ensuing festivities.

"Merry Wives" probably didn't make the syllabus in your AP English class, and just as well: the pleasure here comes mainly from the visual gags and the vivaciousness of the cast, rather than from the poetry or the characters' psychological complexity.

One word of warning: Despite its relative simplicity, the old English lines come at you quickly, so a pre-performance reading of the synopsis is highly recommended.

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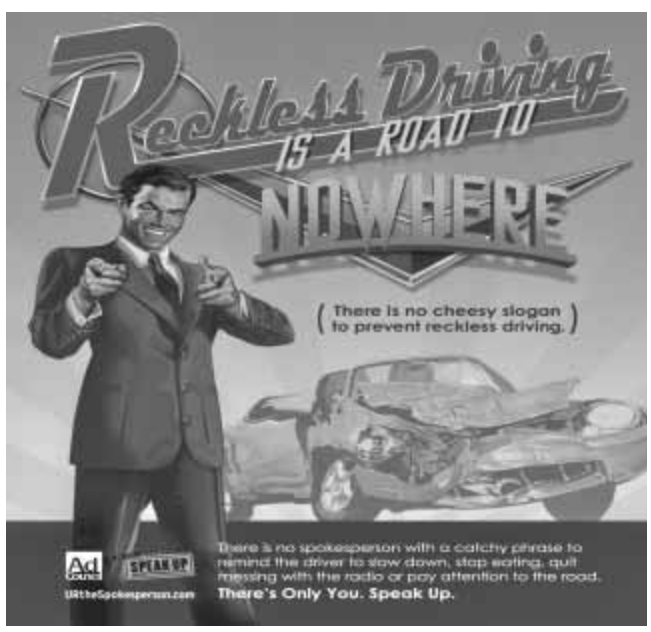
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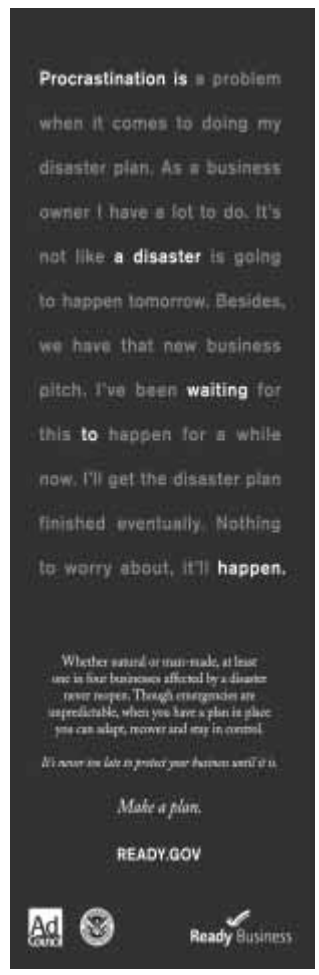
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County caring for boy lost by drunken dad

A 3-year-old boy who was lost for 25 hours after his drunken father left him strapped in a car seat was in protective custody Monday, authorities said.

Dylan Kurihara of West Covina was found asleep in a Lexus in a Pasadena parking garage Sunday night.

Dylan was slightly dehydrated but in good shape and was being held Monday by Los Angeles County child welfare officials until his home life is investigated, police Sgt. Ed Calatayud said.

"They had to verify some of the living conditions," he said. "It's typical in the neglect case."

The father, 23-year-old Joe Kurihara, remained jailed on suspicion of child endangerment. It was not immediately clear whether he had obtained an attorney.

The boy and his parents, who are not married, attended a wedding on Saturday night at a Masonic temple in the northeastern Los Angeles suburb, police said.

Dylan and his father were seen leaving after the reception. The father apparently placed the child in a car seat and drove about a quarter-mile to the parking garage, Calatayud said.

About an hour later, he was spotted walking alone on a street and arrested on suspicion of public intoxication and obstructing his arrest.

He did not mention the boy and apparently had no memory of having placed him in the car seat, Calatayud said.

"It wasn't until the mother called...that it came to light that a child was missing," he said.

The mother, whose name was not released, had been calling hospitals and police stations looking for her son, her wayward domestic partner and his car, police said.

Rowdy Metzger, 39, heard about the missing boy and began searching for him. He found the boy in the car, tapped on the window and woke him up, he told KTLA-TV.

"The door was open. I opened it. He got a little scared. I called out his name. I told him he'd be OK," Metzger said. "I kept giving a thumb's up signal because I didn't know if he would understand me, if he was in shock or whatever. I called 911. I just talking to him until the police came."

"He acted on his compassion. I guess he has kids of his own," Calatayud said.

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GARDEN GROVE

Crystal Cathedral megachurch files for bankruptcy

Crystal Cathedral has filed for bankruptcy in Southern California after months of trying to overcome mounting debt.

The megachurch, birthplace of the "Hour of Power" televangelist broadcast, announced its filing Monday as it deals with a $55 million debt.

The Orange County-based church, founded in the mid-1950s by Robert H. Schuller, earlier this year ordered major layoffs. It also cut the number of stations airing the "Hour of Power" and sold property to stay afloat.

In addition, the 10,000-member church canceled this year's "Glory of Easter" pageant, which attracts thousands of visitors and is a regional holiday staple.

AP

BURBANK

Charge dropped in SoCal airport applesauce scuffle

A judge has dismissed charges against a woman who scuffled with a Southern California airport security officer who wouldn't let her bring applesauce and other snacks to her elderly mother.

The misdemeanor battery case against Nadine Kay Hays was dismissed Monday.

Hays tried to take a cooler of snacks for her 93-year-old mother aboard the plane they were flying out of Bob Hope Airport in Burbank last year.

Hays was arrested and handcuffed after a videotaped scuffle with a Transportation Security Administration agent.

Her mother died last month at 94.

Her attorney, Mary Frances Prevost, tells City News Service that Hays still faces a $2,500 fine from the TSA but will fight it.

AP

MURRIETA

SoCal trial ordered in teen's killing, burning

An 18-year-old man has been ordered to stand trial for the murder of a teenager whose body was dismembered and burned in a Riverside County backyard.

A judge on Monday found there's sufficient evidence to try Jose Manual Campos for the November 2009 killing.

The Hemet man faces 25 years to life in state prison if convicted. He remained jailed Monday.

At his preliminary hearing this week, a witness testified that Campos shot 17-year-old Adrian Rios in the face with a rifle during an argument at the Campos home.

Prosecutors claim Campos dismembered and burned the body in a backyard pit, buried some remains there and threw others into a lake.

Campos was arrested in Mexico in March and returned to the U.S.

AP

BARSTOW

Barstow hopes ride on Mojave Desert tourist train

The Mojave Desert town of Barstow has its hopes riding on a tourist train.

A special train carrying 254 rail fans, civic leaders and others rolled into the San Bernardino County Sunday morning. Paying guests then took a 90-minute ride past salt flats, sand dunes and other features of the Mojave National Preserve in what organizers hope will become an ongoing tourist excursion.

The so-called Kelso Flyer will need to find investors to become a regular service. Supporters tell the Los Angeles Times that millions of people drive through Barstow on their way to Las Vegas each year — and if just 500 a day take the train tour, it will be a success.

AP

Bank stocks give market slight push

DAVID K. RANDALL
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK Upbeat news for banks and homebuilders pushed stocks higher Monday as investors waited for two heavily-followed technology companies to announce earnings after the bell.

Citigroup Inc.'s better-than-expected results drove financial stocks up by more than 2 percent, halting a recent slide brought on by questions into how banks have handled foreclosures. The Dow Jones industrial average rose 89 points in late afternoon trading.

Citigroup said fewer of its customers defaulted on loans, an encouraging sign that borrowers may be returning to financial health. Citi's shares rose 6 percent, lifting shares of other banks along with it including Wells Fargo & Co. and JPMorgan Chase & Co. Bank shares had swooned last week as fallout spread from accusations that banks had improperly processed large amounts of foreclosures.

Investors will be turning their attention to corporate earnings this week as dozens of large companies report their results. Broad economic reports have been the main factor driving stock trading in recent months.

"Earnings will be at the forefront," said Mike Schenk, vice president of economics and statistics at the Credit Union National Association. "Underlying that will be any information we get out of the consumer sector."

Schenk said that the health of the consumer will likely be more apparent in earnings outlooks from consumer goods companies and Thursday's weekly unemployment report.

Apple Inc.'s results, due out after the market closes Monday, will be seen as an indicator of how much appetite consumers have for new gadgets. The iPod and iPad have been popular this year even as shoppers cut back spending elsewhere.

The National Association of Home Builders reported that its housing market index, which measures builder confidence in the sales of new, single-family homes, rose by three points in October. It was the first time that the measure had risen since June, which came shortly after the end of a federal tax rebate for first-time homebuyers.

The stock market is up more than 3 percent this month, which is leading some investors to conclude that traders are buying on any sign of good news. "It seems like these days that every little bit of good information, no matter how materially irrelevant, is something that the market latches on to," said Peter Zunger, the manager of the Touchstone Mid-Cap Value fund.

The Dow rose 89.08, or 0.81 percent, to 11,151.86 in late afternoon trading.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 8.72, or 0.74 percent, to 1,184.91, while the Nasdaq composite index rose 10.19, or 0.41 percent, to 2,478.96.

In other earnings reports, Halliburton Co.'s profit rose. But its revenue fell short of expectations, sending its shares lower. The oil services company has been hampered by a ban on drilling in the Gulf of Mexico.

IBM Corp. announces its results after the closing bell. IBM's earnings report will be studied for clues about whether companies are spending more to upgrade technology and computers. Signs that companies are ramping up technology spending would be a good indication that they expect business to pick up.

Improved treatments give disabled pets life

TOM BREEN
Associated Press Writer

RALEIGH, N.C. When Beverly Tucker's dog Tobi ruptured a disc in his back, the veterinarian gave her a stark choice: expensive surgery with little chance of success, or euthanasia.

Like a growing number of pet owners, Tucker opted for a third choice thanks to medical advances and shifting attitudes about animal care. She bought a wheeled cart specially fitted for Tobi's hind legs, restoring mobility to her paralyzed pooch.

"I would never have my dog put down," Tucker said. "Our option was the wheels, and we're going strong ever since."

Pets with disabilities ranging from spinal injuries to deafness still struggle more than healthy counterparts, but their futures are no longer as grim as before. An industry catering to owners of disabled pets has sprung up, offering everything from carts to chiropractors specializing in canine spines.

Even in an economic slump, people are willing to pamper their pets.

Total spending on pets has grown each year since the recession began, rising from $41.2 billion in 2007 to an estimated $47.7 billion this year, according to the American Pet Products Association.

"The pet business has evolved greatly, especially over the last five years," said Leslie May, founder of industry consultant Pawsible Marketing. "When people think of pets as family members, they look for resources to meet their pets' needs."

Animal health specialists, rescue volunteers and medical supply makers all say they've seen a growing willingness in the American public to adopt or care for pets with ailments that once would have met with certain euthanization.

Dianne Dunning, director of the Animal Welfare, Ethics and Public Policy Program at N.C. State University, said that shift has shadowed breakthroughs in veterinary medicine.

"You're seeing in many cases now that pets are equivalent in status to children within a family," she said.

It was much different 21 years ago, when Buddha, a Doberman owned by Ed and Leslie Grinnell, awoke one morning unable to use her hind legs.

There were no online support groups, no doggy physical therapists. The only options offered by the vet were $5,000 back surgery with a 50-50 shot at recovery — or immediate euthanasia.

Instead, Ed Grinnell put his skills to work as a mechanical engineer and designed a wheeled cart for Buddha, who lived three more years. Ten years later, vets were referring so many people to the Grinnells that they went into canine cart manufacturing full-time.

Since 1999, Eddie's Wheels has expanded to 14 workers at their facility in Shelburne Falls, Mass., and now ships its carts worldwide for dogs, cats, bunnies, goats, sheep — even alpacas.

"I don't think people felt any differently about their animals 20 or 30 years ago," Leslie Grinnell said. "It's just the culture didn't support the view that this is an important member of the family."

That isolation the Grinnells felt was similar to what Joyce Darrell and her husband, Mike Dickerson, experienced when their dog Duke severed his spinal cord in an accident in 1999. Instead of euthanizing Duke, the Grinnells got him a wheeled cart.

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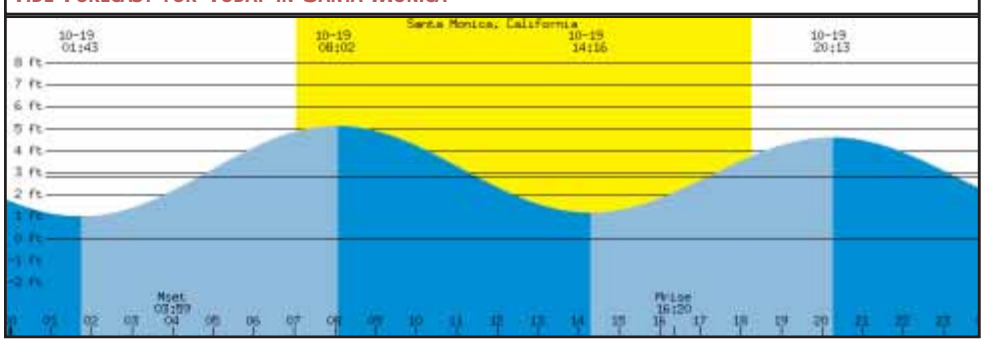
Swell Forecast

The southern hemi swell is expected to back down further to waist high. NW energy is looking nil.

Long Range Synopsis

Looks smaller as southern hemi backs off and NW remains next to nothing. Knee to maybe waist high most everywhere seems like a reasonable expectation.

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 14, 2010**

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QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 1
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 4
- Number of wet days -- 4
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 16/ns
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 6/8

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

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

LEGEND

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

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MLB PLAYOFFS

Giants struggle for runs in NLCS

DAN GELSTON
AP Sports Writer

PHILADELPHIA Cody Ross is going to miss that familiar spot in the left-center seats where his homers landed in the hands of Phillies fans.

His surprising postseason power surge was about the only spark for a San Francisco offense that's headed west looking for rally-igniting hits. Ross has three solo homers in two NLCS games, equal the amount he hit in 33 games with the Giants since he was selected off waivers in August.

The Giants need more than his solo homers to advance to the World Series, though.

Ross' fifth-inning blast was one of only three hits against Roy Oswalt in Philadelphia's 6-1 win over the Giants on Sunday night. The Giants earned a nice split in Philadelphia, but they couldn't give Jonathan Sanchez much run support in Game 2.

The Giants received no production at the top of the order — leadoff hitter Andres Torres struck out swinging in all four at-bats.

"It's obvious, his timing is off," Giants manager Bruce Bochy said. "He's had a great year for us, and he's one of the reasons we're here. But it'd be nice to get him going."

Torres isn't alone in the punchless lineup.

The 3-4-5 batters of Aubrey Huff, Buster Posey and Pat Burrell went a woeful 0 for 11, and the Giants struck out 10 times overall. They had just four hits, tied for the fewest in team history in 23 NLCS games.

But hey, it wasn't all bad news. Freddy Sanchez singled in the sixth and eighth inning.

"We've got to find a way to manufacture more runs," Huff said.

One way might be a new-look lineup in Game 3 against left-hander Cole Hamels. After facing right-handers Roy Halladay and Oswalt, Aaron Rowand and Pablo Sandoval could get starts against a lefty. Rowand could start for Torres in center and Sandoval at third for Mike Fontenot.

"You'll see a couple of changes," Bochy said.

The Giants fizzled against Oswalt a night after doing just enough to get by Halladay. Ross, who grew up wanting to be a rodeo clown, has three homers all to a similar spot a few rows deep in left-center.

His two solo shots helped beat Halladay 4-3 in Game 1. In the NL division series, he drove in the only run in Tim Lincecum's 1-0 Game 1 win over Atlanta.

The offense all but crippled any chance Sanchez had of winning. He was solid, allowing five hits and three runs with seven strikeouts in 6-plus innings. He threw 100 pitches. Sanchez defeated the Phillies twice during the regular season, holding them to two runs in 13 innings. That still wouldn't have been enough for a win in Game 2.

Ross did give San Francisco a moment of brief hope when his fourth homer of the postseason with one out in the fifth tied the game at 1. Ross had a little hop in his step as he watched the ball fly out again, but it was the last time the Giants would celebrate.

"He's been amazing, the way he's been swinging," Huff said. "He's carried this team the whole postseason. He's getting the pitches to hit. We're all getting some of them, but we're fouling them off and he's hitting them."

Ross is one of four players in Giants history with at least four home runs in a single postseason. This from a player who made only 17 starts in his 33 regular-season games with San Francisco and batted .288 with three home runs and seven RBIs. Bochy named him the starting right fielder in the NL division series anyway against Atlanta in place of the injured Jose Guillen.

Oswalt had one tip for Hamels in Game 3, with regards to Ross: "Don't throw it down and in."

"If you miss down and in," Oswalt said, "that's pretty much where he's hitting them."

While the timing is poor, San Francisco's offensive funk is hardly a surprise. The Giants hit a league-low .248 with runners in scoring position overall, and only .212 with runners in scoring position and two outs.

Only twice did they put two runners on base in an inning. They had runners on first and second in the eighth, but Huff flied out to center to end a rally. By then, the Giants already trailed 6-1.

They put runners on the corners in the ninth, but Edgar Renteria grounded out to end the game.

Hitting woes aside, the trip wasn't a total loss.

"We're 1-1," Huff said. "And we can't ask for much more than that."

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12:30 3:30 6:30 9:30

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12:35 2:50 5:15 7:40 9:55

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1:30 4:30 7:30 10:30

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1:55pm, 4:40pm, 7:30pm, 10:00pm

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

Tamara Drewe (R) 1hr 49min
1:20pm, 4:10pm, 7:00pm, 9:45pm

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Town (R) 2hr 5min
12:50pm, 4:00pm, 7:00pm, 10:05pm

Secretariat (PG) 1hr 56min
11:00am, 1:50pm, 4:40pm, 7:30pm, 10:20pm

Social Network (PG-13) 2hr 1min
12:30pm, 3:30pm, 6:30pm, 9:30pm

Red (PG-13) 1hr 51min
2:05pm, 4:50pm, 7:40pm, 10:30pm

Stone (R) 1hr 45min
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My Soul to Take 3D (R) 1hr 46min
11:35am, 2:25pm, 5:15pm, 8:00pm, 10:40pm

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Where people are, Taurus

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ You are subject to inspiring thoughts after a meeting. Still, you might decide not to share any more until you have a better grasp on what you think. Consider your options, though others seem very sure of themselves. Tonight: Take some personal time.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Remain upbeat and direct with others. Someone you count on who can be feisty at times could push harder than you might like. Use a meeting as a buffer. Know what you want and expect. Tonight: Where people are.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Stay on top of your responsibilities. A partner presents a challenging opinion. You might want to weigh the pros and cons. A brainstorming session might be just what the doctor ordered. Clear the air quickly, looking to new possibilities. Tonight: Working late.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Keep reaching for new ideas and possibilities. You might not be as satisfied when you hear another person's point of view. Let your imagination take over. You suddenly see an unusual path. Tonight: Where your mind can roam.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ Let your mind wander. Ideas pop and accomplish what you need to happen. Listen to advice you are getting from a partner. Your creativity flows and draws many to you. Revise a project with new understanding. Know what you must do. Tonight: Say "yes."

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ Defer to others, and don't worry so much about control or who is right. Creativity will surge in a happier environment, allowing greater give-and-take. How you let someone know that you disagree could make a big difference. Tonight: Sort through invitations.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ Allow greater flow into a situation, knowing full well what is going on. You'll see someone very differently after you negotiate a truce where there has been disagreement. Tonight: Squeeze in some exercise.

SCORPIO (Oct 23 -Nov 21)
★★★★ Open up to new possibilities. Though someone's idea could strike you as unusual, work with it. Dedicate some quality time to someone you never have enough time for. Tonight: Let the good times roll.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Honor your priorities, but understand that others might not agree. Stay on top of a problem and allow your instincts to play a role. How you deal with someone could define the quality of your relationship. Tonight: At home.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Keep reaching out for others. You will understand exactly what is going to happen when an issue is discussed more openly. How much guidance you want to give is your choice. Your fiery ways and style get you far. Tonight: Hang out with friends.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ You understand a lot more than in the past, as others seem ready to reveal more. Maintain a caring and open attitude. A strong stand also might be necessary if you are going to move forward. Tonight: Treat yourself well.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Your instincts guide you well, but know that you cannot get past an issue that a key associate presents. He or she might put a lot of logic and thought behind what is being said. You'll come out on top of a problem because of needed research. Tonight: Whatever puts a smile on your face.

Happy birthday

You often go overboard with spending and other such indulgences. This year, this tendency will be up for change. Look at the long-term ramifications, and self-discipline might be more easily called upon. Your daily life might need more reviving. You are facing a profound transformation in your life. As a result, you will be happier -- though the process might not be easy. If you are single, you could meet someone in your daily travels. Take your time dating and getting to know this person. If you are attached, share more of your free time together or develop a new mutual hobby. Smile, and both of you will lighten up. PISCES understands you. Be more open with this person.

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

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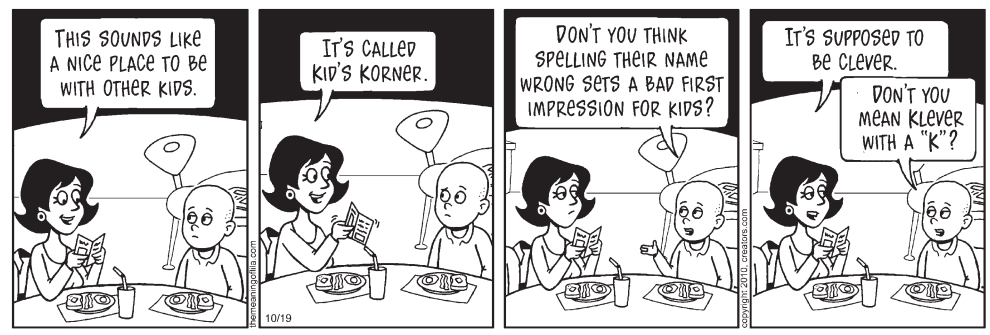
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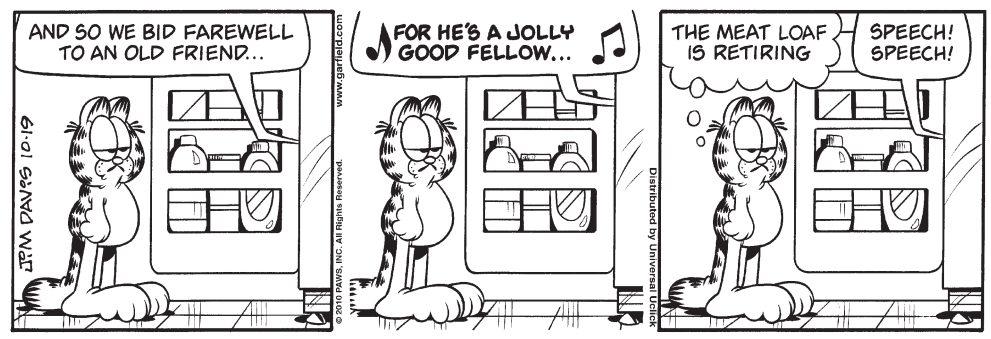
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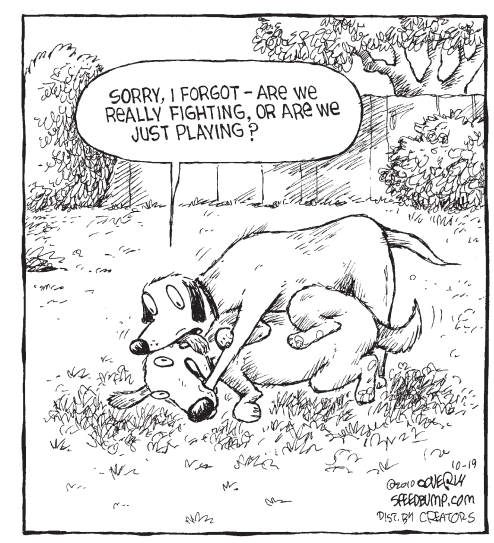
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Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★

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

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GETTING STARTED

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

5	8	2	3	7	1	4	6	9
7	9	3	5	6	4	8	2	1
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9	7	5	6	8	2	1	4	3
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 — Loa
6 Hooded snake
11 Early Mexican
12 Luminous glows
13 Tabloids
15 Hot blood
16 Overly
17 Cry of insight
18 Positive
20 Writer Follett
21 Pac.'s counterpart
22 Punch ingredient?
23 Unclear
26 Inferno chronicler
27 Horned goddess
28 Shark feature
29 Pester
30 Swindle
34 Pitcher's stat
35 Embrace
36 Went ahead
37 They miss the pins
40 Standoffish
41 Pueblo material
42 Holds a lease
43 Complete

DOWN

1 Orlando team
2 Sky blue
3 Complete
4 Butterfly catcher
5 Artwork overlay
6 Poultry buy
7 Owned by us
8 Burglar's entry
9 Most impulsive
10 Actor Armand
14 Muddy up
19 Greek letters
22 Vampire feature
23 Salad-dressing ingredient
24 Generally
25 Explosive unit
26 Typographical symbol
28 Quartet
30 Restaurant VIPs
31 Parcel out
32 Singer Nellie
33 Car of the '50s
38 Youngster
39 Commotion

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Yesterday's answer

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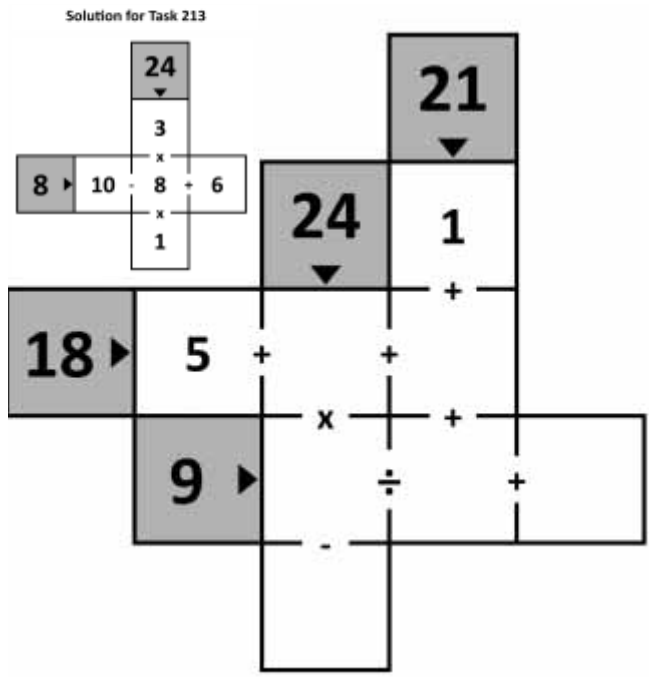
- Fill the grid with the set of given numbers (1 to 12) to satisfy the Equa demands (7 to 24) in the shaded boxes. The Equa demands represent the sum of the digits that you will insert into the empty squares.
- Each horizontal row has one Equa demand to satisfy; each vertical column also has one demand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

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Fill in the empty fields with the given numbers so when calculated together they satisfy all Equas in the gray boxes:

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Solution for Task 213



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DAILY 3: MIDDAY: 9 0 9 EVENING: 9 4 8

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Sports Fans Over the Line: (1) Marie Murphy, a fifth-grade teacher in Stratford, N.J., and her husband lost almost everything in a house fire in April, but when she arrived at the burning home, she defied firefighters and dashed inside to retrieve a single prized possession: her Philadelphia Phillies season tickets. "My husband was so mad at me..." (Later, a Phillies representative gently informed her that the team would have reprinted her tickets for free.) (2) Justin Witcombe, 31, showed a reporter in Geelong, Australia, in September his full body of tattoos of his three idols in life: boxer Mike Tyson, the rock group KISS, and his local Collingwood soccer team, whose mascot is inked prominently on Witcombe's penis.

■ At least 13 percent of U.S. teenagers report having intentionally injured themselves as cries for help, and among the more extreme manifestations is "embedding" -- the insertion of glass, wood, metal and other material, just under the skin. Writing in the October issue of the journal Radiology, a doctor at Nationwide Children's Hospital in Columbus, Ohio, followed up on 11 cases involving 76 self-embedded objects in arms, neck, feet and hands, including an astonishing 35 placed by one boy (staples, parts of a comb, parts of a fork).

TODAY IN HISTORY

1974 Niue becomes a self-governing colony of New Zealand.

1976 Battle of Aishiya in Lebanon.

1983 Maurice Bishop, Prime Minister of Grenada, is overthrown and executed in a military coup d'état led by Bernard Coard.

1986 Samora Machel, President of Mozambique and a prominent leader of FRELIMO, and 33 others die when their Tupolev 134 plane crashes into the Lebombo Mountains.

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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: BEAUTY BASIXX DISTRIBUTING; BEAUTY BASIXX, 8011 STEWART & GRAY RD., DOWNEY, CA 90241. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ARTURO GARCIA, 1022 W. 25th ST. #2, SAN PEDRO, CA 90731, HERLINDA KEARBY, 7501 ARNETT ST., DOWNEY, CA 90241. This Business is conducted by: A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP. Signed: ARTURO GARCIA. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 09/16/10. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 6/1/10. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Pub. Sept. 27, Oct. 4, 11, 18, 2010
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