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THE SICK AND TIRED ISSUE

Teen's alleged attacker arrested, along with three others

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY Police on Thursday night arrested four people they believe are responsible for two street robberies that occurred earlier in the day, one on Sixth Street near Santa Monica High School and one at Euclid Street and Michigan Avenue.

In the first robbery, a 16-year-old Samohi student was stabbed in the cheek about 9:10 a.m. after she resisted giving up her belongings, police said.

She had been approached by a female attacker in the 2000 block of Sixth Street as she was heading to campus, police said. The suspect took her purse and cell phone and escaped in a blue-green colored van, according to Sgt. Jay Trisler, a police department spokesman. The victim was treated on Thursday and released from the hospital.

The second robbery occurred about 10 minutes later when a male attacker allegedly approached a female Santa Monica College student, displayed a knife and demanded her

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

DOWNTOWN

Lohan's father injured during SM attack

Authorities say troubled actress Lindsay Lohan's father has been hurt in an attack in a Santa Monica parking lot.

Santa Monica police say Michael Lohan was getting into his car Thursday night when a man attacked him with a sharp object. He sustained minor lacerations to his neck and forearm.

Police say that during the altercation, the attacker fell to the ground, got up and fled. No suspects have been arrested.

Sgt. Jay Trisler says the suspect was 40 to 50 years old and used some sort of sharp-edged device.

The 50-year-old Michael Lohan lives in Santa Monica.

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NEW YORK

Icahn extends tender offer for Lions Gate

Billionaire investor Carl Icahn has extended his $7.50-per-share tender offer for Lions Gate Entertainment Corp. until Nov. 1.

Icahn has been trying to buy Lions Gate for more than a year, but has been rebuffed by the boutique film studio. His original offer was set to expire on Friday.

Lions Gate has also offered to combine its business with financially troubled Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Studios Inc., a deal which has Icahn's support. The investor owns stakes in both MGM and Lions Gate.

Lions Gate is based in Vancouver, Canada, though it operates out of Santa Monica. Its recent film releases include "The Expendables" and "The Last Exorcism."

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HEADS UP PLAY

Morgan Genser *news@smdp.com*

Gabriella Rodriguez (front) from Santa Monica College jumps in front of Angela Castellanos of Citrus College and heads the ball to a teammate Friday during a conference match at SMC. SMC won 2-1. With the win Santa Monica improves their record to 6 wins, 1 loss and 1 tie in conference play.

CAMPAIGN ROUNDUP

Measure Y supporters shell out for campaign

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN Supporters of Measure Y, the proposed half percent sales tax increase, have donated $229, 541 to the campaign to pass the tax hike, compared with just $5,708 raised by opponents of the measure.

With 10 days to go before election day, the pro-Measure Y campaign has nearly $91,000 on hand, according to a campaign disclosure document filed on Wednesday.

Many elected leaders have already agreed to spend half of the estimated $12 million Measure Y would raise on public schools, a pledge that has brought in big donations from pro-schools groups.

Big donors include the Santa Monica Malibu Action Committee for K-12 ($35,000), the Franklin Elementary PTA ($20,000), the Roosevelt Elementary PTA ($14,500) Santa Monica-Malibu Council of PTAs ($13,550) and the Lincoln Elementary PTA ($7,000).

The list of pro-Measure Y donors also includes several companies with recent or pending business with City Hall.

Among them is Hines, the Texas-based developer that is negotiating a development

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WHAT'S UP WESTSIDE

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA AND SURROUNDS



Saturday, Oct. 23, 2010

Suicide prevention walk

Santa Monica City Hall
1685 Main St., 9 a.m. — 11:30 p.m.

Looking for a morning workout that gets you out of bed for a good cause? Nonprofit organization American Foundation for Suicide Prevention is hosting Out of the Darkness Walk to raise funds for its programs. The L.A. County Department of Mental Health, Trevor Project and Angel City Derby Girls are expected to attend the 3 to 5 mile scenic walk. About one million Americans attempt suicide every year, with one succeeding every 15 minutes. For more information, visit afsp.donordrive.com.

Annual directors' showcase

Main Library, Martin Luther King, Jr. Auditorium
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 1:30 p.m. — 3:30 p.m.

Four award-winning directors present live theater vignettes on a variety of themes at this free event. There will be a Q & A at the end of each presentation. For more information, visit www.smpl.org.

20-20 vision

Kaufman Brentwood Branch Library
11820 San Vicente Blvd., 2 p.m.

Gloria Ginn, director of the School for Better Eyesight, will teach you how to improve your eyesight without the use of glasses, contact lenses, or surgery in this free lecture/workshop.

Antique show

Santa Monica Civic Auditorium
1855 Main St., 11 a.m. — 7 p.m.

Bustamante Enterprises is hosting the Dorothy Emerson Antique Show and Sale this weekend. Hark back to the good ole' days this Saturday and Sunday. Peruse the aisles for 17th century tapestries or art nouveau jewelry. Just remember to look over the code of ethics to avoid getting ripped off. General admission is $7, and senior citizens $4. For more information, visit bustamante-shows.com.

Sunday, Oct. 24, 2010

Going pink

McCabe's Bar & Grill
2455 Santa Monica Blvd., 4 p.m.

Barkeeps at this local watering hole will be dying their hair pink to support breast cancer research. This fundraising event will include live music and discounted drinks. For more information, call (310) 264-9704.

Historical moment

Santa Monica Historical Society Museum
1350 Seventh St., 2 p.m.

Join the city for another moment in history, as the Santa Monica History Museum opens its doors for the first time. The 5,200 square foot facility is located inside of the Main Branch Library, and will host a variety of historical artifacts and exhibits. For more information call (310) 395-2290 or visit www.santamonicahistory.org.

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

CORRECTION

In the Daily Press' endorsements of City Council candidates, published Oct. 22, page 4, it should have said that Jean McNeil-Wyner is running for a four-year term.

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CLEAN ENERGY: **Chevron Energy Solutions, a unit of Chevron Corp., and Santa Monica College recently completed an energy efficiency project that included these solar panels. The project is expected to save the college more than $14 million and reduce carbon emissions by more than 1,500 metric tons.**

SMC, Chevron join forces on solar project

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

SMC Chevron Energy Solutions, a unit of Chevron Corp., and Santa Monica College will hold a dedication ceremony on Oct. 29 for a newly completed solar and energy efficiency project, which is expected to save the college more than $14 million over the life of the project.

The project includes a 408-kilowatt solar system, which provides electricity through solar panels located on the top level of two parking structures that is generating power for the two garages and a significant portion of the Business Education Building. Chevron Energy Solutions designed, engineered, installed and operates the solar system and maintains and guarantees the system's performance. SMC has also improved its energy efficiency through a campus-wide lighting retrofit, variable speed drives, new heating hot water boilers, fire alarm system and emergency circuit upgrades that were also installed by Chevron Energy Solutions, college officials said.

"We are committed to academic excellence, global responsibility and educational, environmental and economical awareness," said Dr. Chui L. Tsang, president of SMC. "Our collaboration with Chevron Energy Solutions allows us to reduce the amount of energy used and lessen our college's carbon footprint."

Through the energy efficiency improvements and use of solar, SMC is reducing its purchase of util-

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Shark kills body boarder in Central California

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. A body boarder bled to death Friday at a beach northwest of Los Angeles after a shark mauled his leg, authorities said, prompting officials to close three beaches through the weekend.

Lucas Ransom, 19, was boogie-boarding in the surf line about 100 yards off of Surf Beach with a friend when a shark suddenly pulled him under the water shortly before 9 a.m., according to a statement from the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department.

Ransom's friend and others at the beach pulled Ransom from the water, but the University of California, Santa Barbara, student had a severe wound to his left leg and died a short time later, the statement said.

Ransom, who was from Romoland in Riverside County, was a junior at UCSB majoring in chemical engineering, school spokesman Paul Desruisseaux said.

Surf Beach, 130 miles northwest of Los Angeles, is on the property of Vandenberg Air Force Base but is open to the public. Vandenberg closed Surf Beach

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

MAIN LIBRARY

State of the schools address set

A community report on student achievement, initiatives, and the financial health of the local School District will be held in Santa Monica Monday.

The Fifth Annual State of Our Schools will be presented by the school district in partnership with the Santa Monica-Malibu Council of PTAs and Community for Excellent Public Schools (CEPS).

City Manager Rod Gould will speak about the importance and benefits of a strong relationship between a city and its public schools at the meeting, which is scheduled from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Main Library's Martin Luther King Jr. Auditorium.

Superintendent Tim Cuneo, Board of Education President Barry Snell, Vice President Kelly Pye, and representatives from the PTA Council and CEPS will speak at both the Santa Monica event and the meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 26, at the Malibu High School Library, 30215 Morning View Dr.

"Our Santa Monica-Malibu schools pride themselves on excellence and accomplishment – but the district is facing significant challenges," Cuneo said.

"As parents, community leaders, and concerned citizens, I hope you will take this opportunity to hear the very latest information about our schools and the challenges they face, while being entertained by some of our award-winning student musicians," Cuneo said. "I look forward to seeing you at one of these events."

The two educational forums are free and open to all members of the public. Spanish translation is available and light refreshments will be served.

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DOWNTOWN

Local students embrace Bike It Day

Over 3,000 school-age children – over 30 percent of the total enrollment in the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified school District – chose to ride a bike, a scooter or walk to school earlier this month as part of Bike It!, Walk It! Day, sponsors of the effort said Friday.

The annual event, which started in 2005 at Santa Monica High School, has grown over the years to include both Lincoln and John Adams middle schools, every elementary school in Santa Monica, and Point Dume Elementary in Malibu. Over 700 students biked to school, with 229 bikes filling the quad at Santa Monica High, 102 at Lincoln and 94 at JAMS, said Richard McKinnon, Bike It Day chair.

The Bike It! Walk It! event was supported by numerous parent, teacher, student and staff volunteers at each school as a way to encourage regular physical exercise, reduce traffic congestion around schools, and promote "safe routes to school," a nationwide movement to reinstitute healthy and safe active transportation by school children. The SMMUSD supported such efforts in a 2009 resolution, and participation has been growing each year, McKinnon said.

Students in Samohi Solar Alliance, an environmentalist club, started the event as a way to encourage Samohi students to combat global warming.

The October event tied in with International Walk to School Day, and provided a chance to establish walking or biking to school habits at the start of the school year. City staff helped prepare with maps of safe routes for each school found on the bikeitday.com website, and Santa Monica police and transportation staff kept an eye on safety issues at each school. PTSA members also sold bike helmets on school grounds to make sure students and parents were aware that helmets are required for cyclists under 18.

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Do the math

Editor:

I read with interest your article about the Republican Coming Out Day ("Westside Republicans come out," page 1, Oct. 20). We certainly know that there are many closeted Republicans, and coming out and declaring who and what one is must be applauded. Good for them!

But local Republicans seem to be a little challenged in their counting and calculating skills. Perhaps their reluctance to adequately fund public education is to blame. Here's a reality check on actual registration numbers -- straight from the California Secretary of State's website:

In 2000, Republicans in Santa Monica numbered 12,561. In 2006: 10,679. In 2010: 9,672. Sorry to turn their claimed multiplication tables on them, but it looks like subtraction more accurately describes their loss of almost 23 percent in just the last decade.

Perhaps local Republicans might want to rethink their position on education funding and come out in support of our local public schools?

Chris Braun
Political Vice President
Santa Monica Democratic Club

The need is great

Editor:

In response to Dr. Lisette Gold's letter about shutting down smaller schools in Santa Monica ("Consolidate schools, Letters to the Editor, page 4, Oct. 20)

Ms. Gold asserts that a large public school in the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District has the best test scores, so we should shut down schools that are smaller and don't have as high test scores. I would submit that the school she is referring to is probably Franklin Elementary in the highly coveted north of Montana area of Santa Monica.

Research suggests that higher family income levels and parents' level of college education is the single best indicator of how well a child will do in school. It is no secret that wealthier areas/schools have higher test scores in this country.

Her statement is borderline racist and ridiculous. To close a Santa Monica school when over 40 kindergarten children are on the wait list for (public school) Santa Monica Alternative Schoolhouse shows that we have a long way to go to fill the need out there.

Margaret Torley
Santa Monica

Ad overload

Editor:

Now I'm no fan of political advertising on TV. Goodness knows that we're all sick of it by now, but has anyone out there seen any advertising by Barbara Boxer touting her accomplishments over the last six years? Yeah, me neither!

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Don't get tricked when treating

Q. HALLOWEEN IS RIGHT AROUND THE corner. Are there any special events going on around Santa Monica? If we decide to trick-or-treat, is there anything we should watch out for?

A. The Santa Monica Police Activities League (PAL) is hosting their annual, "Paloween Carnival" at Barker Hanger (located at Santa Monica Airport). The event features a costume contest, picture booths, games, and many other amusing activities. I strongly recommend taking your children to this event. It's a great alternative to trick-or-treating and is fun and safe for the whole family. Local places of worship and other community organizations also organize secure Halloween events. If you decide to trick-or-treat door to door, safety is the key to a good time.

Here are some tips for a safe Halloween:

- Children should always be accompanied by a responsible adult
- Be visible and carry a flashlight
- Don't wear masks or costumes that obscure vision or restrict mobility
- Make sure props (like swords, knives, or pitchforks) have blunted tips in case someone falls or won't interfere with costumes
- Be very careful crossing the street, use intersections and crosswalks. Watch for cars. Never cross mid-block
- Know your neighborhood, plan where you are going to go
- Never enter anyone's home
- Don't approach homes that are dark and not clearly participating in Halloween festivities
- Carry a cell phone and call the Police immediately if you observe illegal activity
- Carefully inspect candy before you eat it. Discard any open or unpackaged treats
- Enforce curfew rules with your teens. Curfew is 10 p.m. in Santa Monica

Have a fun and safe Halloween. Whether you attend an organized function or go door to door make sure safety is your primary concern. For more Halloween safety check SMPD's website at www.santamonicapd.org.

Q. A friend of mine had her car broken into. What can I do to prevent this?

A. Coming back to your car and finding your door open, or your window broken out and all your stuff missing can really be maddening. Preventing this from happening is easy. Auto burglaries can occur anywhere at any time. Most vehicles that are broken into are left unlocked. Here are five common sense rules to preventing auto burglary:

Rule 1: Always lock your vehicle. Even if you are only going to be away for a moment.

Rule 2: Take everything you are not willing to lose out of your vehicle; it should look like it did in the showroom. All electronics — cell phones, GPS units, computers, should never be left in the car. Even the power cables to electronic equipment left visible are clues to a would-be thief there is something of value within the car. Containers, Duffel or gym bags, even visible change in the cup-holder can prompt a break in. There have been several instances recently where people have left spare keys or keys to other cars they own in their vehicle; thieves have found the keys and taken the whole car. Remove all paperwork that has identifying information about you or where you live (bills, mail, etc.).

Rule 3: Don't rely on the trunk to safeguard your valuables. Most vehicles have trunk releases within the passenger compartment that can be activated even without the ignition being on. Don't park then put your valuables in the trunk. A thief may be watching. Hide items before you reach your destination.

Rule 4: Be selective about where you park. Park in well-lit, highly visible areas. Set your alarm or security device. It only takes a moment to break into a car. Thieves pick areas where it is unlikely they will be seen by citizens and caught by the police.

Rule 5: Be observant. When you park carefully check your surroundings. Be aware of people who are watching you or are acting suspiciously. Report all suspicious activity immediately to the police.

Q. What are the parking rules for a green painted curb?

A. Green zones are usually around public facilities, like hospitals and schools and should be marked, "15-Minute Limit." They are intended for loading and unloading only. Occasionally these spaces can be metered with the same 15-minute limit. (3.12.730 SMMC)

Q. What are the parking rules for a white zone?

A. White zones are typically found around large hotels and must include the words, "Passenger Loading Only." Vehicles are not allowed to park for any length of time and may only stop long enough to pick up or drop off passengers. (Same as the Airport) (3.12.760 SMMC)

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Remember Clarence Thomas?

WHY DO WE ASK SOMEONE ELSE TO apologize? If they really felt they were sorry, they'd apologize on their own. Apparently Virginia Thomas, the wife of Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas, doesn't agree. She says she wants an apology from Professor Anita Hill for allegedly lying about her husband 20 years ago, and even left a message to that effect on Hill's answering machine.

In case you're too young — or too old — to remember, Thomas was nominated by the first President Bush. During Thomas' confirmation hearing, Hill accused him of sexual harassment in the workplace. She referred to all kinds of lurid details, the most memorable involving a Coke can. Why is it so important to Mrs. Thomas to get this apology? And why now, after all these years?

It's human nature that we remember the disgraceful, the outrageous, the sensational, and forget about the mundane. The example that people often use is a page one headline when somebody is accused of doing something awful, but just a tiny story on page 38 when it turns out that the accused really didn't do it. So why is Mrs. Thomas bringing this up? All it will do is remind people of the charges that Anita Hill made: sexy jokes, names of pornographic movies, and Thomas allegedly referring to his sexual prowess. We're finally enough years away from the hearing that at least some people probably don't automatically think of possible raunchiness when they hear Clarence Thomas' name. He hasn't been accused of doing anything untoward since he became a justice, so why would she jog America's collective memory and bring back the jokes and the giggles that ridiculed her husband? Mrs. Thomas must have known that by bringing this up, people aren't going to think about Justice Thomas' legal philosophy. They are going to think about that famous Coke can.

After both Thomas and Hill wrote books professing that they told the truth, each of them has been wisely silent about the whole controversial event. Who would want the whole country, maybe the whole world, revisiting their most embarrassing moment? Would you want everyone to find out about that one unfortunate night in college when you thought the door was locked? However, I guess getting this apology is more important to Mrs. Thomas than worrying about the public and her husband reliving the embarrassing and mortifying details of the hearing.

It's been 20 years since the event. Is it possible that Mrs. Thomas just loves big anniversaries? I'm not sure what would be appropriate to buy your spouse who was accused of sexual harassment 20 years ago. Traditionally, the 20th anniversary is the china anniversary, but I can't see her buying him a commemorative plate that reads something like, "She Told An Obvious Lie. 'Sexual Prowess?' Hah!"

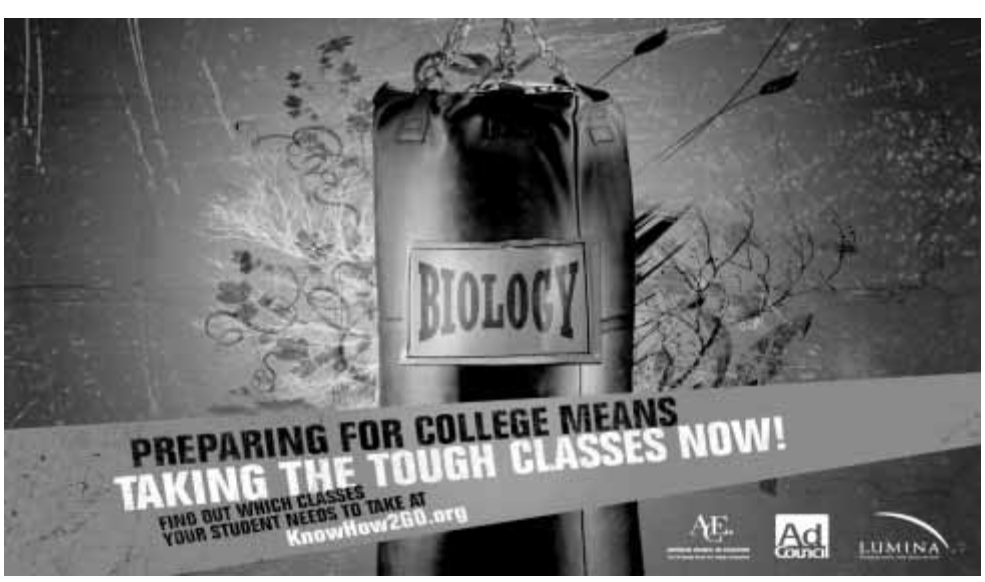
One possible reason is that Mrs. Thomas wanted some attention. Let's face it. She didn't really expect an apology, and I don't think she really wanted to talk to Anita Hill. When you want to talk to someone, you don't call her at 7:30 a.m. on her office phone. You know you're going to get a message machine if you do that.

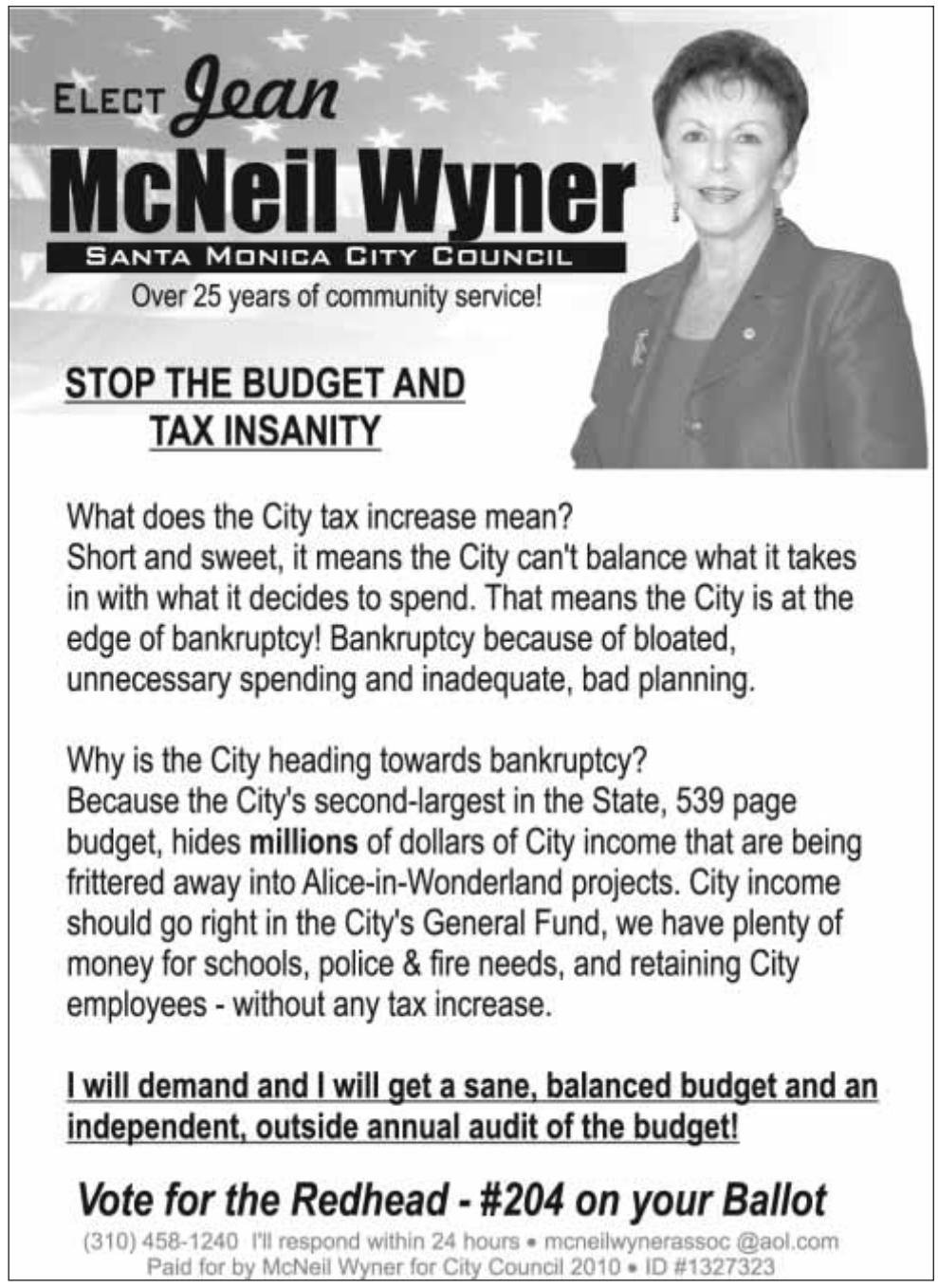
IT'S HUMAN NATURE THAT WE REMEMBER THE DISGRACEFUL, THE OUTRAGEOUS, THE SENSATIONAL, AND FORGET ABOUT THE MUNDANE.

But wait a minute. What if she doesn't want attention? What if it's the opposite? Maybe she wants to deflect interest away from her? Currently, she is the founder of an activist group called Liberty Central. It's an organization dedicated to opposing the "tyranny" of the Obama administration and Congressional Democrats. Some people are upset because it's certainly unusual for a spouse of a sitting Supreme Court justice to draw a salary from a group financed by anonymous donors. So maybe she is "throwing her husband under the bus," to take attention away from her questionable activities.

Or maybe I'm wrong. Maybe she actually, and naïvely, expected an apology. Maybe she's been dreaming of the day that Anita Hill would finally say she was sorry for allegedly not telling the truth. Finally, Mrs. Thomas would get to quiz her on whether she had lied. But I have the feeling it would go something like this: Virginia Thomas: "You were lying, weren't you? There was no Coke can, was there?" Anita Hill: "You're right. There was no Coke can. It was a Pepsi."

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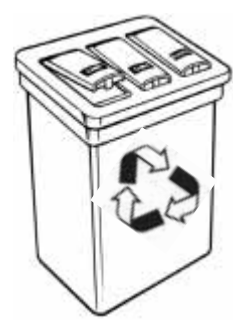
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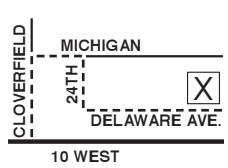


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Sushi without much personality

THE NEXT STOP ON MY CULINARY TOUR of Santa Monica Place is the first place I tried to enter but was rejected because it was "too close to closing time." But we went back, and this time we brought our secret weapon, number two son Spencer-san, a professor of Japanese poetry at Yokohama U. We sat at the sushi bar in the main dining room, and Spencer quickly bonded with the only Japanese person in sight, Toshi-san, who seemed to be in charge of the sushi bar. Our server was a pleasant young man born in Mongolia. Various other serving people came and went.

We were impressed with the beauty of the main dining room which includes the sushi bar. With beautiful wood themes and stylish Japanese accents it's just what one would expect from a high-end designer asked to create a Japanese effect. The only problem is that when business is slow the back room is closed and customers are relegated to a small, uncomfortable table in the front room, around the sake bar. Had they hired me instead to organize the restaurant, I would have put the sushi bar in the front room, and the sake bar in the back room. That way you could grab a seat at the sushi bar and chat up the people there during a quick lunch, but linger in the soft light of the dining room, or at the sake bar in the evenings.

The salads are moderately Japanese, but I guess "contemporary" means "western influenced." There's a Caesar salad, an asparagus salad, a tomato salad, all with Asian accents, most notably the seaweed salad, plus some other common Japanese dishes like miso soup.

Also available is a selection of various tempura dishes in the $9 to $13 range. I was too suspicious of the tempura nasu, described as "crispy fried eggplant served in soy dashi broth," because typically the breading on tempura doesn't do well in broth.

The sushi menu, abbreviated on the regular dinner menu, features special creations, which generally run in the $4 to $5 range per piece, about twice the price of a lot of fine sushi houses in the area.

The menu certainly has something for everyone. There are a half-dozen seafood dishes, a half-dozen vegetarian dishes, grilled fish and grilled meats. The two "hot-pots," sukiyaki and shabu-shabu, round out the traditional offerings and I'll be back to try those. And there are various menus, some lunch, some dinner, some sushi, some with noodles and bento boxes. I had a bento box recently, and it was quite good. The bento boxes are perhaps the best values on the menu.

There is an extensive sake menu for those who love trying different sakes, and a long wine list, but the prices of the wines are so overpriced that I would always choose to drink a beer and sake. The draft Kirin beer is particularly good there.

One lunch there consisted of two very beautiful plates, a tuna and crab sushi roll cut into eight pieces and served on and long plate, and the hanabi dish, slices of yellowtail and avocado in a ponzu sauce. We finished by splitting an order of shrimp tempura, which was nicely battered with a touch of spice added. We each had a beer. Everything was delicious and well presented by knowledgeable waiters. The bill with tax and a generous tip came to $100. That was a lot less per person than when Spencer-san, my wife and I had eaten there the time before. On the other hand, I had lunch there recently, on a Friday when the main room was well occupied, and two of us had bento boxes and beers, with a total check of $60 with tip.

I really like Ozumo, but I'm worried about it. The sushi craze is ending, and what people look for in a sushi bar is an informal setting with a "hero" behind the bar giving a personality to the place, recognizing the regulars, and dishing up something unique each time you come in. Ozumo really doesn't have much personality or any personal touch; it's the typical corporate clone restaurant with a couple of local cuties at the door and a California bartender behind the bar. The Japanese-looking guy behind the sushi bar (working with the young man from Mongolia) turned out to be from Ohio, born of parents from Beijing.

The wide-ranging eclectic menu is a plus, but it makes it hard for the restaurant to establish itself as a unique place that one thinks of when one thinks about where to go to dinner. It's not a seafood restaurant, nor a meat specialty place. Yes it's Japanese, but much more expensive than so many other Japanese places in town.

But the location is good, the food is good, and it's a beautiful, relaxing atmosphere (when the main room is open). We wish it good luck, and we intend to include it in our regular places for dining.

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A healthy overhaul for cheese-stuffed chicken

BY JIM ROMANOFF
For The Associated Press

Any meal that is golden and crunchy on the outside and oozes rich melted cheese from inside is bound to be a diet buster, right?

Not always. Though cheddar- and Gorgonzola-stuffed chicken breasts sounds like a health hazard, this recipe is totally reasonable.

To start with, boneless, skinless chicken breasts have almost no fat. Stuffing them with cheese changes that, so keeping it healthy is a matter of selecting the right cheeses.

Reduced-fat cheeses on their own can be short on flavor and not melt well. But blended with a full-fat, intensely flavored cheese such as Gorgonzola, lighter cheeses work well to create a filling that's plenty melty and quite tasty.

Of course, breading and frying the stuffed breasts in half an inch of oil or more, as many of the traditional recipes calls for, will put you over a day's recommended fat intake right off.

Instead, the cheese-stuffed chicken breasts here are dipped in egg whites, coated in breadcrumbs, then browned in just a bit of oil swirled over the bottom of a skillet. Then the stuffed breasts are "oven fried" to cook them through and crisp the crumbs to a crunchy golden finish.

To compensate for the flavor that the frying oil would have given the breasts, the coating — made from seasoned breadcrumbs — is amended with a prudent amount of freshly grated Parmesan cheese. To get the best flavor in your crumbs, use a high quality cheese such as Parmigiano-Reggiano.

Chicken stuffed with cheddar, Gorgonzola and spinach

Start to finish: 40 minutes (20 minutes active)
Servings: 4

1 1/2 tablespoons olive oil, divided
1 small yellow onion, diced
2 cloves garlic, minced
1 cup frozen chopped spinach, thawed and squeezed to drain excess water
1 teaspoon Italian seasoning
1 ounce shredded reduced-fat cheddar cheese
1 ounce crumbled Gorgonzola cheese
4 boneless, skinless chicken breasts, trimmed of fat (about 1 pound)
1/3 cup seasoned Italian-style breadcrumbs
2 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese
2 tablespoons chopped flat-leaf parsley
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper
2 large egg whites

Heat the oven to 400 degrees.

In a medium skillet over medium-high, heat 1 tablespoon of the olive oil. Add the onion and garlic and saute until translucent, 5 to 7 minutes. Add the spinach and Italian seasoning, then cook until all of the liquid has evaporated. Mix in both cheeses. Set aside.

One at a time, lay each chicken breast flat on a cutting board. Use a paring knife to make a horizontal slit along one side to create a pocket in the meat. Do not cut all the way through. Place a quarter of the cheese mixture in the pocket, then press the meat together over it. Repeat with the remaining breasts and set aside.

In a shallow dish or pie plate, mix the breadcrumbs, Parmesan, parsley, salt and pepper. In another bowl, lightly beat the egg whites with a fork. Holding a stuffed breast together firmly, dip in the egg whites, then roll in the breadcrumbs. Repeat with the remaining breasts and set aside.

In a large ovenproof skillet over high, heat the remaining 1/2 tablespoon of oil until shimmering hot. Swirl the oil around the bottom of the pan and carefully add the chicken. Cook until browned on one side, about 2 minutes. Turn breasts over and place the skillet in the oven. Bake until the chicken is no longer pink at the center, about 20 minutes.

Nutrition information per serving (values are rounded to the nearest whole number): 296 calories; 103 calories from fat (35 percent of total calories); 11 g fat (4 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 79 mg cholesterol; 11 g carbohydrate; 37 g protein; 2 g fiber; 832 mg sodium.

Tips and tricks for canning jam

MICHELE KAYAL
For The Associated Press

Admit it — you're simply afraid.

The jam will be runny. The equipment might take over your cabinets. And probably your biggest fear about canning, jamming or preserving is that your pickled green beans or delicious blueberry jam will absolutely, positively kill someone.

Time for a voice of reason.

"Botulism doesn't like acid or sugar or salt," says jam maker Pam Corbin, whose "River Cottage Preserves Handbook" demystifies making your own preserves.

Killing Grandma? Probably not going to happen. So let's run through the list of potential problems with Corbin.

Runny jam. Don't start with strawberries.

"Strawberry is the one that trips people up," Corbin says. "Strawberry jam is one of the most difficult to make." Low in pectin, the substance that makes jellies gel, strawberries will need a boost from powdered pectin or from another fruit. For an easier first attempt, try apples, gooseberries, black currants, raspberries or plums (or a combination). These high-pectin fruits will give you the success you're looking for right out of the box.

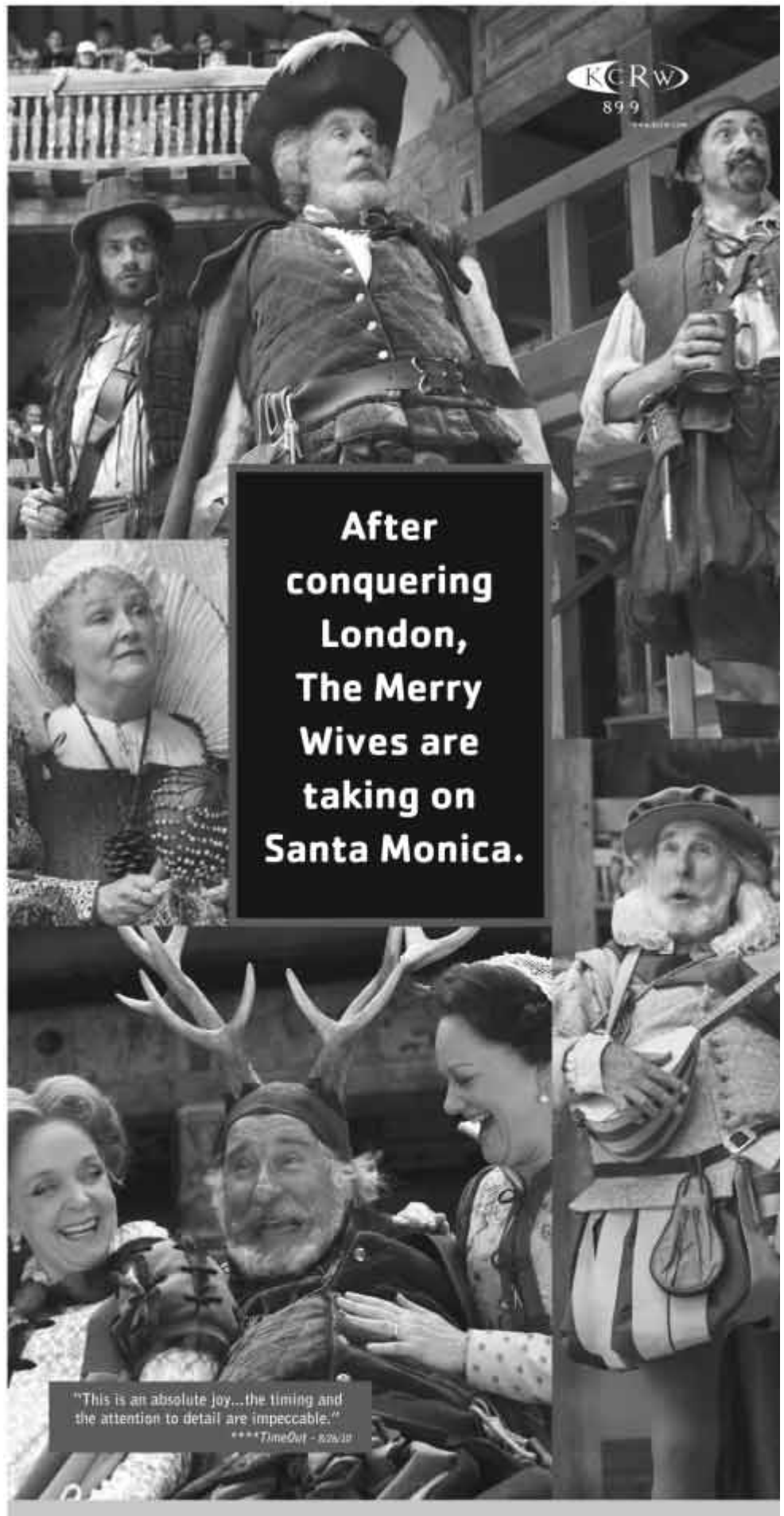
Equipment? Well, you will need some of that. A thermometer is helpful because, Corbin says, the safest, most successful jams are those put into sterilized jars when the jam temperature is at least 190 F. "You pour it right to the top of your lovely clean jar and put a lid on it, and the heat gives you a good seal," she says.

And yes, you need the jars. Jams and jellies have their own, flat-lidded contraptions called "jelly jars," and pickles and preserves can be made in either screw top or latched jars with a rubber seal. Either way, you've got to hit the hardware store or kitchen shop for them.

"But once you've got them, you've got them for life," Corbin says. "You can use the jars for 30 years."

As for botulism? With improperly processed canned goods, it can be a problem. Most recipes for canning in the U.S. call for boiling the jars once they have been filled and sealed.

Sounds like too much trouble? There is an easier way. Try freezer jam. By storing the jam in the freezer, no boiling is needed. Jams can be safely stored in the freezer for six months or more. Simply thaw overnight in the refrigerator.



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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.

This past week, Q-line asked:
What poses the greatest threat to the quality of life in this city, and what can be done about it?
Here are your responses:

"THE GREATEST THREAT IS THE deterioration of the quality of our amazing public schools because of the scathing and continuing budget cuts in Sacramento. The fact that as a city we have the opportunity to pass Measures Y and YY to combat against those cuts is a chance we cannot afford to not pass! The continued lack of regard and funding by our state to public education is a travesty and without passing Y and YY we will face far reaching negative consequences as a community."

"THE BIGGEST THREAT IS THE STATE Legislature's decisions to close chronic budget deficits by underfunding public education, especially our local K-12 schools, and taking away local government revenues that support public safety, social service and infrastructure expenditures. But city voters can take a positive step to help preserve our high quality of life in Santa Monica by voting yes on Measures Y and YY on Nov. 2."

"THE GREATEST THREAT TO SANTA MONICA is the deterioration of our local public schools. Our schools have been hit hard by Sacramento's endless cuts. Sacramento has cut at least $30 million to our school district in the last few years. Our classes are overcrowded. Our facilities are extremely old. If Y and YY don't pass, I am moving. I have school-age children and I cannot afford to live in Santa Monica and send my kids to private school. I am sure the housing prices in Santa Monica will plummet if our Santa Monica schools don't get additional funds with Y and YY."

"THE GREATEST THREAT TO OUR QUALITY of life here is the potential deterioration in the quality of our excellent public schools due to severe budget cuts from Sacramento. The best thing we can do about this is to vote yes on Measures Y and YY."

HERE ARE RESPONSES LEFT OVER FROM last week's question:
How are you voting on Measures Y and YY?

"I AM VOTING YES ON Y AND YY. IF YOU supported Measure A and/or the efforts of the Save Our Schools effort over the summer you should also vote yes on Y and YY. Santa Monica has such a high quality of life and real estate values because of our excellent public schools and excellent public safety services. Y and YY will maintain that quality and Sacramento will not be able to take that money away. Basic services and other necessities such as rent, groceries and prescription drugs will not be taxed. If the quality of our public schools and public services decreases, the quality of life, the local economy and real estate values will also decrease. Excellent public schools and excellent public safety services are what keep Santa Monica a great community in which to live. Vote yes on Y and YY."

"NO AND NO. THIS PROPOSITION IS completely flawed in that the revenue is not required to be spent on a specific purpose and the tax never expires. City Hall has a budget of over $500 million and I see no reason it needs to get a small additional 1 to 2 percent revenue increase through a tax which will devastate our local businesses and harm our lower income residents. I don't know to what special interest this money would ever go, but our school district has shown itself to be irresponsible and not worthy of additional funds. Only once it makes cuts in administration costs, eliminates the hugely expensive voucher system for non-resident students and stops paying nearly 50 employees over $100,000 per year (not to mention the superintendent who is one of the highest paid in the country and earns $270,000 and is quitting after only two years and will receive a pension based on that amount) should the school district ask for additional funds. I suspect if it took those simple measure thought, the district would have a budget surplus."

"I AM A SMMUSD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL teacher and Santa Monica resident. I enthusiastically support Y and YY. Our schools have experienced massive cuts from Sacramento. There is nothing left to cut in our district. If Y and YY does not pass, it will be devastating."

"I WILL NOT VOTE FOR EITHER OF THESE measures. Sales taxes are regressive; while I can escape the tax by shopping in L.A., our poor, elderly, and disabled citizens have more difficulty doing so. My elderly next door neighbors, living on a fixed income (and not receiving any COLA increases in their Social Security for the last two years), do not have the luxury of paying the city's bills. No humanitarian Democrat would vote for a regressive tax. Measure YY would ensure half the money goes to the school district. Malibu stopped last year's property tax from being enacted yet they stand to gain from Santa Monica's sales tax increase because that money will go into the school district's general fund. I am not paying for their wealthy children to go to public school."

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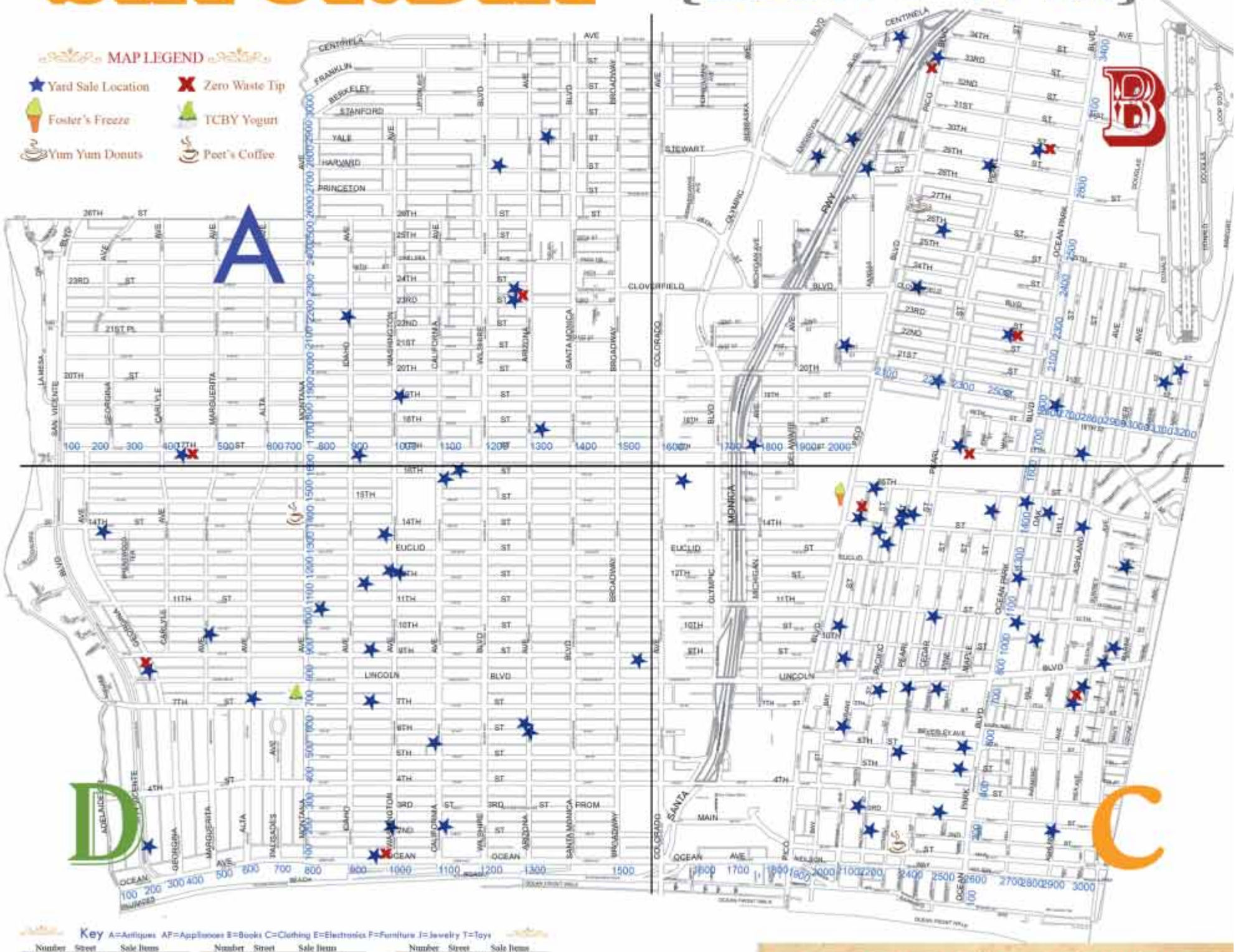


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Toyota, Honda issue recall for brake fluid leaks

SOME OF THE PEOPLE WHO ENGINEER our massively complicated cars and trucks seem to have blown it … again. What might happen this time out? Your brakes could fail.

Honda said Friday nearly a half-million sedans and minivans in the United States were involved in this week's recall to fix brake fluid leaks.

The action, announced earlier, involved the same issue that led Toyota to recall 1.5 million vehicles.

It's important to emphasize that there have not been any accidents or injuries related to the recall problem, at least as far as Toyota corporate in the U.S. knows.

We were not able to contact Honda, but other sources confirm their recall will be for 2005 to 2007 models of Acura RL, and 2005 to 2007 Honda Odysseys (with drivetrains similar to those of the Toyotas called back home by their maker).

Brian Lyons, Toyota's director of Safety and Quality Communications, told us exclusively that both the Toyota and Honda problem, as similar as they seem on the surface, could be related to the same parts coming from the same Japan-based supplier. To my eye, it's a real responsibility; at least that was one of the first questions I asked Lyons who was, when we spoke Friday morning, a little busy … as you might expect.

Here's what they think causes the trouble (based on, Lyons said, the research they've done so far, from Toyota's point of view): It comes down to a problem with the brake system master cylinder and the fluid which it holds. You know it and have seen it; the little, clear plastic reservoir is usually located at the top of the engine and might be mounted on either side. And it holds that mysterious dark fluid.

That's the brake fluid vital to stopping the car; it needs to be free as possible from any air and/or other contamination. Brake fluid (aka hydraulic fluid) is created with special lubricating properties including the inability to absorb moisture. A lot of these types of "magic" items were originally developed for the military (such as Mobil 1 engine oil, created for the Space Shuttle).

Five years ago, the first reports of "spongy brake pedals" started trickling into Japan's Toyota dealerships. Then more reports, and more ever since, though there's been a slowing in the most-recent years (Toyota says that's probably because dealers have been making a "fix" on their own and/or owners are pouring in upgraded, thicker brake fluid on their own, which can work for a time — like thicker engine oil cutting back on leaks out of the engine's top end).

Research began. Soon we'll know whether it began too late to avoid property and/or vehicle damage, or if there will be claims of injuries or worse. Those who have committed document shredding and obfuscation as part of their jobs will be asked to raise their hands for the traditional, humiliating wrist slap (car-maker and customer alike).

Toyota was using different brake system parts and fluids from one supplier. The problem was showing up in one of the master cylinders using a specific, single type of brake fluid (of the two Toyota was using in these cars).

Toyota found the fluid in one type of cylinder contained polymers (extremely sophisticated lubricants) of a certain type and quality. The polymer "content" varies with the fluid being used, much like the "10-50" numbers, for example, you decide to use when changing your engine oil.

After a time, this fluid level drops, the brake warning light comes on, some people visit their dealers and a fix is done. Ignore the light, the fluid leaks more and drops to a point where the pedal gets very spongy and the potential for a failing hydraulic brake system is certainly possible.

This all gets very complicated as there are questions to all the cars affected by the recall. Do they merely lose their anti-lock brake systems and everything reverts back to simple, safely-working hydraulics? And what about the brake-by-wire, involved in the recalls earlier this year? It dramatically cuts the number of components and the complexity of the brake system. Does it, too, revert to a no-worry back-up, too?

All this will come to light as the story unfolds.

Back in the system, the pesky brake/hydraulic fluid leaks into something called the "brake booster" and also gets absorbed in other system components. It all lowers the level of this important fluid which, when operating correctly, allows 90-year old Grandma to literally, after all is said and done, push on the brakes as hard as her 16-year old great-grandchild.

The fix takes two hours, is absolutely free and involves new fluid and one part. All dealers ask is that you make a reservation with them; first you and the dealer should determine absolutely that your car is among the damned … uh, I mean, recalled. Registered owners will start getting those dreaded recall notices within the next two weeks.

One thing in Toyota's favor: they got right out in front of this one, taking the lead in "coverage" of "their problem." Toyota's Communication Manager Lyons told me right off the bat during our lengthy conversation that, "We never stop investigations in our systems" and even if it's ultimately found the problem lies with the brake system or fluid manufacturer, these types of things are "not supplier based, but ours."

Which is exactly what Dr. W. Edwards Deming, the very tall and patrician man who developed the secret train schedules for the U.S. during WW II, would have said, and meant it. And is why the Japanese auto industry turned into the giant it's become, until it admittedly gave into the arrogance and greed which some claim is inevitable.

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MONEY
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agreement for a mixed-use project at Olympic Boulevard and Stewart Street, which donated $10,000 to the campaign.

Dale Goldsmith, the attorney who recently negotiated a development agreement for bio-tech company Agensys also contributed $5,000 to the Measure Y cause.

Regis Properties donated $5,000, as did the law firm of Harding Kutcher & Kozal (individual attorneys at the firm also kicked in additional donations totaling several thousand dollars).

Southern California Disposal & Recycling Co. donated $15,000, as did the Committee for Safety and Modernization at Santa Monica College.

The top two City Hall officials also are donors to the pro-Measure Y campaign. City Manager Rod Gould contributed $300, and Assistant City Manager Elaine Polachek donated $250.

The No on Y campaign, meanwhile, has primarily been funded by a small group of retailers who sell big ticket items and who have argued a half percent sales tax increase could hurt sales. Donors to the anti-Measure Y effort include Bourget Bros. Building Materials, Readers Fine Jewelers, Carlson's Appliance, White & Co. Insurance and the Santa Monica Republican Headquarters Committee.

CANDIDATES CASHING THEIR FINAL CHECKS

As candidates for City Council and school board head into the final stretch, new fundraising figures showed early money leaders had mostly maintained their advantages.

In the race for two-year council seats, Terry O'Day had the most cash with $63,550 raised through mid-October. Gleam Davis had $31,841 and had loaned her campaign an additional $2,500, while Robert Kronovet had raised $8,838 (and loaned his campaign an additional $2,000) and Susan Hartley had $3,605.

In the four-year race, five-term incumbent Bob Holbrook had raised the most, with $58,079, followed by challenger Ted Winterer, who raised $39,750 and loaned his campaign an additional $5,000.

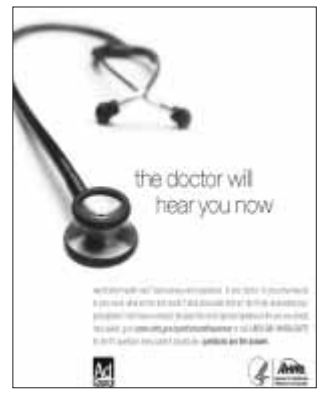
Incumbents Pam O'Connor and Kevin McKeown had raised $28,582 and $27,313, respectively. Challenger Jean McNeil-Wyner had raised $20,488.

In the contest for four school board seats, challenger Nimish Patel had received a record-setting $71,732 by Oct. 16. Laurie Lieberman had raised $30,961. The latest disclosure form on record for challenger Chris Bley showed he had raised $25,003.

The incumbents were far behind. Ralph Mechur had raised $8,202 and loaned his campaign an additional $1,000, while Oscar de la Torre had raised $4,000 by the latest filing deadline. School board president Barry Snell raised $2,640.

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ity power, which is expected to reduce carbon emissions by more than 1,500 metric tons, equivalent to preserving 13 acres of forest from deforestation each year, college officials said. The project is paid for exclusively by energy savings on utility bills.

The $3.6 million project generates approximately 50,660 kilowatt hours each month and is saving the college about $8,100 month, according to SMC.

"The comprehensive energy efficiency and solar project at Santa Monica College is an example of how budget relief can be maximized by combining energy efficiency with renewable power," said Dave Stone, senior vice president for Chevron Energy Solutions. "We are pleased to have the opportunity to work with Santa Monica College on this project."

The dedication ceremony will be held on Oct. 29 at 3 p.m. under the solar panels on the top level of Parking Structure 3, located on Pico Boulevard at 17th Street.

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ARREST
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belongings. The suspect made off with the victim's purse, cell phone and jewelry, according to police.

The suspects were arrested about 10 p.m. Thursday at 47th and Main streets near South Central Los Angeles after officers identified the van, Trisler said. Detectives found the vehicle using a partial license plate number a witness provided.

Trisler said property belonging to both of the victims was discovered in the suspects' possession.

Three of the suspects were adults and were identified as Mary Montes, 18, Roberto Rodriguez, 28, Crystal Marquez, 20. The fourth suspect was a 17-year-old juvenile whose name was not released. All of the suspects were residents of Los Angeles.

The three adults will face robbery and street gang charges. Montes also will be charged with assault with a deadly weapon in connection with the first robbery, Trisler said. The juvenile suspect is charged with possession of stolen property.

The suspects were being held at the Santa Monica Jail and were expected to be arraigned at the LAX Courthouse on Monday, Trisler said.

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ATTACK
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and adjoining Wall and Minuteman beaches for at least three days.

There have been nearly 100 shark attacks in California since the 1920s, including a dozen that were fatal, according to the California Department of Fish and Game. But attacks have remained relatively rare even as the population of swimmers, divers and surfers sharing the waters has soared.

The last shark attack on Surf Beach was in 2008, when what was believed to be a great white shark bit a surfer's board. The surfer was not harmed.

The last fatal attack in California was that same year, when triathlete David Martin, 66, bled to death after a great white shark bit his legs about 150 yards off of a San Diego County beach.

Randy Fry, 50, died from a great white attack in 2004 while diving off the coast of Mendocino, north of San Francisco Bay.

In 2003, a great white shark killed Deborah Franzman, 50, as she swam at Avila Beach, about 30 miles north of Vandenberg.

Many attacks are attributed to great white sharks, which can grow to 21 feet long. They live in the cold waters of Northern California and are rarer in Central and Southern California, although they do visit there to give birth.

The type of shark that attacked Ransom was not immediately determined, but witnesses said it was 14 to 20 feet long.

Authorities have issued several warnings this year after great white shark sightings up and down the California coast.

Juvenile sharks eat fish, rays and other sea life, and the adults also eat seals and sea lions — which can pose a problem for ocean-goers, especially if they venture near marine mammal colonies.

The Fish and Game Department said sharks sometimes mistake people for seals or sea lions when swimmers wear a wet suit and fins or lay on a surfboard.

California breeder keeps perfecting peaches, plums

RAQUEL MARIA DILLON
Associated Press Writer

MODESTO, Calif. Enjoyed a crisp white peach or a juicy plum this past summer?

Chances are that 85-year-old Floyd Zaiger was behind them in some way, through his disease-resistant root stocks, groundbreaking hybrids or commercial varieties that arrive in East Coast grocery stores unblemished.

"He eats, breathes and sleeps his trees, constantly thinking about their characteristics," his daughter Leith Gardner said. "For my dad, it's the love of his life, besides my mother."

Zaiger's 140-acre property on the outskirts of the California Central Valley city of Modesto is his laboratory. He and his family develop new varieties the old-fashioned way, by cross-pollinating his acres of leafy breeding stock and selecting for certain traits.

The painstaking process has paid off, with a hybrid plum-apricot he trademarked as the Pluot, and in Zaiger's international reputation as a premiere developer of stone fruit, which are named for their hard pits.

Despite his age, Zaiger cruises the grove in a golf cart, working on new varieties that will be ready for market in several years.

"The Pluot was game-changing in my mind," said Tom Gradziel, a pomologist at the University of California, Davis. "The plumcot cross-existed, but he saw potential in the plum's sweetness and the apricot's aromatics and crossed it back with the parent tree many times to bring out those characteristics — sweet but no bitter skin."

Zaiger developed interspecies varieties like the aprium (part apricot and part plum), the peacotum (a hybrid of peach, apricot and plum) and the cherub (a cross between a cherry and a plum).

Gary Van Sickle, president of the California Tree Fruit growers organization, said Zaiger is the most prolific stone fruit breeder in the modern era.

What started as a hobby for Zaiger 55 years ago grew into an international business that is still family run. His daughter is the operation's general manager. One son, Gary, runs the nursery and the other, Grant, tends the mature trees.

On a weekly field tasting tour with growers, Gardner squeezed a wedge of a fruit onto a handheld device that measures sugar in the juice.

Robert Woolley, the owner of Dave Wilson Nursery, plucked a plum from a high, sunny branch and took a bite.

"Whoa! That's a sugar bomb," he said. "It's got everything except size."

Even though researchers have made breakthroughs in fruit tree genome mapping recently — and despite the company's name — Zaiger Genetics doesn't splice genes or manipulate DNA to develop new plants.

It took researchers across the country and Europe 10 years to build a map of the peach genome, Gradziel said. But genomics has its limitations, he said. The field is in its infancy and might never duplicate Zaiger's work.







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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF REPLACEMENT HOUSING PLAN FOR 520 COLORADO AVENUE, SANTA MONICA

Step Up on Second ("SUOS") is preparing for the demolition and redevelopment of the property at 520 Colorado Avenue, Santa Monica, California. One (1) building containing sixteen (16) non-rent controlled residential boarding units will be demolished to develop approximately 24 new affordable rental housing units using funds from the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Santa Monica (the "Agency"). Approval of a replacement housing plan for this property is scheduled for consideration by the City Council and Agency Board on November 9, 2010.

SUOS and the Agency have prepared a Replacement Housing Plan in accordance with State Law.

The Replacement Housing Plan has been prepared pursuant to California Relocation Assistance Law and California Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Guidelines. It describes the assistance and benefits that are being made available to persons who must relocate in order to allow the project to move forward.

The Replacement Housing Plan is available for review at the following location:

Redevelopment Agency of the City of Santa Monica
1901 Main Street, Suite D
Santa Monica, CA 90405

Monday through Thursday 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Alternate Fridays 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Interested persons may submit written comments on the Replacement Housing Plan by 5 p.m. Tuesday, November 2, 2010 to the Redevelopment Agency at the address listed above.

Number of diabetic Americans could grow to 1 in 3 in 2050

BY MIKE STOBBE
AP Medical Writer

ATLANTA As many as 1 in 3 U.S. adults could have diabetes by the year 2050, federal officials announced Friday, in a dramatic revision of earlier projections.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimate that 1 in 10 have diabetes now, but the number could grow to 1 in 5 or even 1 in 3 by mid-century if current trends continue.

"This is alarming," said Ann Albright, director of the CDC's Division of Diabetes Translation.

The agency's projections have been a work in progress. The last revision put the number at 39 million in 2050. The new estimate takes it to the range of 76 million to 100 million.

An estimated 24 million Americans have diabetes currently.

The new CDC calculation accounts for people who have diabetes but are undiagnosed — a group that wasn't figured into earlier estimates, explained Edward W. Gregg, chief of the CDC branch that handles diabetes epidemiology and statistics.

Also, the researchers used new population growth estimates for the elderly and minorities, who have higher rates of Type 2 diabetes, he said.

One more factor: Diabetics are living longer, thanks to improvements in medical care, he added.

"Not all of the increase in prevalence is a bad thing," said Dr. Sue Kirkman, the American Diabetes Association's senior vice president of medical affairs and community information.

Diabetes is a disease in which the body has trouble processing sugar. It was the nation's seventh leading cause of death in 2007.

In the classic form of diabetes, traditionally diagnosed in children or young adults, the body does not produce enough of a hormone called insulin to help sugar get into cells. That's Type 1 diabetes.

Another form of diabetes, Type 2, now accounts for about 95 percent of cases. In that kind, the body's cells resist insulin's attempts to transport sugar. Type 2 is most common in people who are overweight and obese, in people 60 and older, and in African-Americans and other minority groups.

The growth in U.S. diabetes cases has been closely tied to escalating obesity rates. Recent CDC data suggests obesity rates may have recently leveled off. But the new estimates should hold up even if obesity rates remain static, CDC officials said.

The CDC is the main source for national disease statistics, and the agency seems to have done a thoughtful job in putting together these latest projections, Kirkman said. Still, she acknowledged being a little startled by the size of the new numbers.

"The magnitude is a bit surprising. But the trend is not" she said.

The new estimates were published online Friday by the journal Population Health Metrics.

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Bodies, mass graves found on Iwo Jima

ERIC TALMADGE
Associated Press Writer

TOKYO Two mass graves that may hold the remains of up to 2,000 Japanese soldiers have been discovered on the island of Iwo Jima, one of the bloodiest and most iconic battlesites of World War II, a report and officials said Friday.

A team of Japanese searchers has discovered 51 remains in two areas listed by the U.S. military after the war as enemy cemeteries, one of which could contain as many as 2,000 bodies, Japan's Kyodo news agency said Friday.

The team was to report its findings later Friday to the prime minister's office.

Officials at Japan's health ministry, which supervises search efforts on the remote island, confirmed that 51 bodies had been recovered and two sites believed to be burial grounds had been found. But they could not immediately confirm the potential size of the mass graves or other details of the Kyodo report.

The discovery of the remains would be one of the biggest breakthroughs in decades toward finding the bodies of roughly 12,000 Japanese who remain missing and presumed dead after the 1945 battle on the island, which has been renamed Iwoto by the Japanese government.

The island was seen as key to the United States because it had three airfields that could be used to launch raids on Tokyo and Japan's main islands.

Virtually all of the 22,000 Japanese soldiers tasked with defending the rugged, volcanic crag were killed in the battle, which became a symbol and rallying point for the United States in the Pacific war after the U.S. flag was raised on its highest ground, Mount Suribachi.

The battle claimed 6,821 American and 21,570 Japanese lives. Dozens of remains are recovered every year, but about 12,000 Japanese are still classified as missing in action and presumed killed on the island, along with 218 Americans.

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NOTICE OF NOMINEES FOR PUBLIC OFFICE
NOVEMBER 2, 2010, MUNICIPAL ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following persons have been nominated for the offices designated to be filled at the General Municipal Election to be held in the City of Santa Monica on Tuesday, November 2, 2010.

For Member of the City Council (4-yr term)Vote for no more than Three

Jerry Rubin, Daniel Cody, Ted Winterer, Pam O'Connor, Terence Later, Kevin McKeown, Jean McNeil Wyner, Jon Louis Mann, Linda Armstrong, Bob Holbrook, Jeff Decker (Write-in Candidate)

For Member of the City Council (2-yr term) Vote for no more than Two

Terry O'Day, Robert Kronovet, David Ganezer, Gleam Olivia Davis, Susan Hartley

For Commissioner of the Rent Control Board (4-yr term)Vote for no more than Three

Bill Winslow, Marilyn Korade Wilson, Todd Flora

For Commissioner of the Rent Control Board (2-yr term)Vote for no more than One

Chris Braun

For Member of the Board of Education (4-yr term)Vote for no more than Four

Patrick Cady, Jake Wachtel, Chris Bley, Laurie Lieberman, Barry A. Snell Nimish Patel, Ralph Mechur, Oscar de la Torre

Measures to be Voted On:

Measure Y: Shall an ordinance be adopted to offset severe state budget cuts, protect and stabilize City finances, and maintain essential services including: police, fire, paramedic and emergency 911 response, school, educational and afterschool programs, public transit, services for the disabled, gang and drug prevention programs, environmental, library and other general fund services, by enacting a City of Santa Monica ? percent transactions and use tax, subject to independent annual audits, and no money going to Sacramento?

Yes, No

MEASURE YY: ADVISORY VOTE ONLY: If a local transactions and use tax is enacted in the City of Santa Monica, should half of its revenue be used to support school, educational and afterschool programs, with half of its revenue being used for general City services such as: police, fire, paramedic and emergency 911 response, public transit, services for the disabled, gang and drug prevention programs, environmental, library and other general fund services?

Yes, No

MEASURE RR: "Shall the City Charter be amended to protect all tenants and preserve community stability and diversity by adding requirements that a landlord show good cause to evict any tenant and serve a warning notice giving reasonable time to correct a rental agreement violation, except nonpayment of rent, and adding a prohibition against evicting long-term elderly, disabled or terminally ill tenants for owner occupancy unless the proposed owner-occupant is also elderly, disabled or terminally ill?"

Yes, No

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA DECLARING ITS INTENT TO GRANT TAXICAB FRANCHISES TO BELL CAB COMPANY, INDEPENDENT TAXI OWNERS ASSOCIATION, METRO CAB COMPANY, TAXI TAXI, AND YELLOW CAB COMPANY

WHEREAS, on July 28, 2009, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 2292 (CCS), establishing a taxicab franchise system in order to assure reliable, safe, quality taxicab services in the City and to eliminate undue congestion and air pollution, disorganization, and hazards associated with the City's previous open-entry regulated taxicab environment; and
WHEREAS, the City of Santa Monica manages taxicab franchises to ensure an effective and efficient taxicab fleet that meets a common standard of care; and
WHEREAS, City Charter Section 1601 requires the City Council of the City of Santa Monica ("Council") to pass a resolution declaring its intent to grant taxicab franchises;
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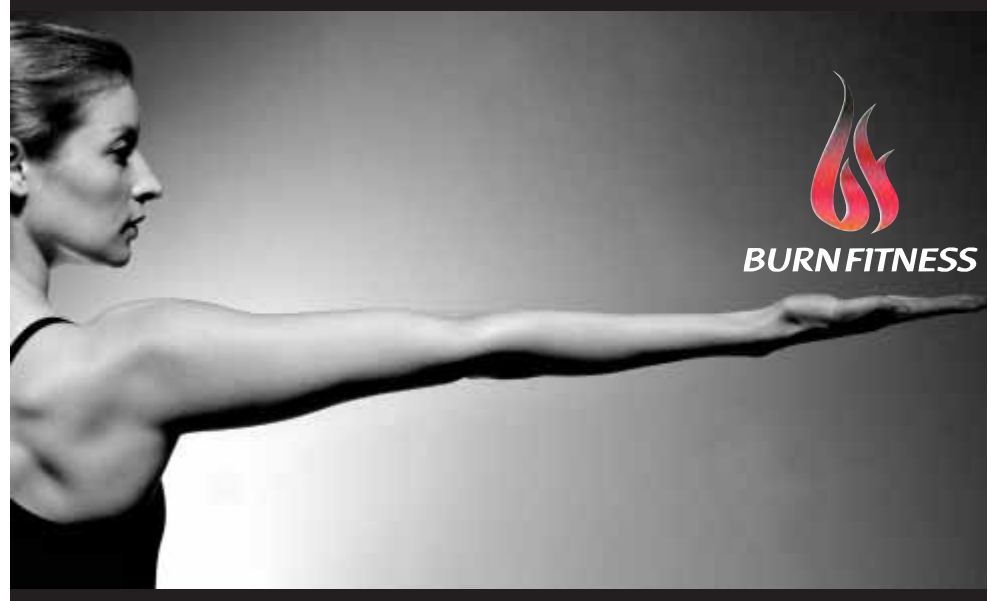
SECTION 1. Council hereby declares its intent to grant a taxicab franchise to each of the following taxicab companies:
Bell Cab Company
Independent Taxi Owners Association
Metro Cab Company
Taxi Taxi
Yellow Cab Company.

SECTION 2. The terms and conditions upon which the taxicab franchises will be granted will be as specified in Santa Monica Municipal Code Chapter 6.49; the resolutions relating to taxicab operations and applicable fees; the taxicab rules and regulations; and the ordinances granting a franchise to each of the above-named proposed grantees, including but limited to terms with respect to the duration of the franchise, required payments to the City, grounds for suspension or termination of the franchise, operational and service requirements for taxicab vehicles, taxicab drivers, records and reporting requirements, dispatch and communication system requirements, and insurance and indemnification requirements.

SECTION 3. The public hearing at which Council shall hear and pass upon all protests with respect to the proposed taxicab franchise grantees set forth in Section 1 will take place on November 9, 2010, at 5:30 p.m., at 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California 90403.

SECTION 4. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this Resolution, and thenceforth the same shall be in full force and effect. The City Clerk shall cause this Resolution to be published once in the official newspaper within 15 days after its adoption.

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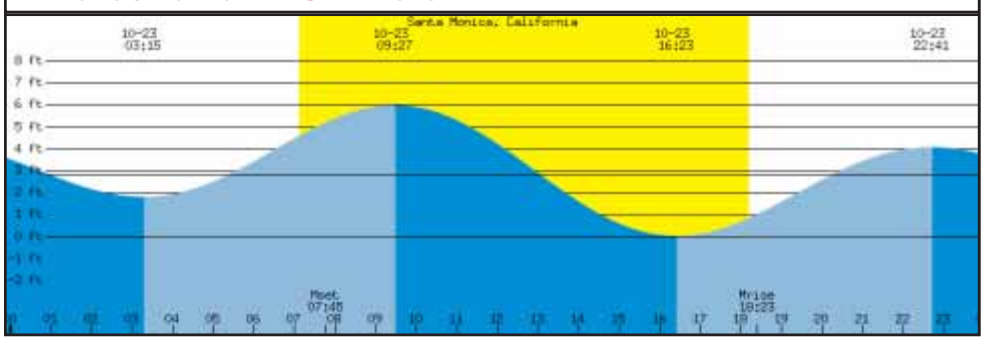
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SW swell should increase enough to bring chest to head high surf to most all south facing breaks. NW ground swell should bring waist to chest high sets to west facing breaks.

Long Range Synopsis

Looks similar, although southern hemi may back off to chest+.

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 19, 2010**

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

QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 1
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 4
- Number of wet days -- 5
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 30 / 10
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 11 / 13

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

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

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

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	F	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A+	B
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	A	D
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	D	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).	A	ns
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A+	F
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	F	F
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	B	F
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A+	ns
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St..	A	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	A+
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	A	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty).	B	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	F	A+
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant.	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	A+	ns

LEGEND

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

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NFL

NFL fines 12 more players in crackdown

BARRY WILNER
AP Pro Football Writer

NEW YORK The NFL fined 12 more players Friday, mostly for unnecessary roughness in games last weekend, sending another strong message that violent conduct wouldn't be tolerated.

Minnesota defensive end Ray Edwards was fined the most, $20,000, for spearing Dallas running back Marion Barber on Sunday. Edwards was cited as a repeat offender; he was previously fined Aug. 28 for roughing the passer and Sept. 26 for unnecessary roughness.

"I just got fined $20,000 for a spear that really wasn't a spear," Edwards said. "If you look at the last play, (Dallas tackle Marc) Colombo speared Jared (Allen) and I don't believe he got fined. If you're going to fine people, fine everybody. Don't just fine defensive guys."

The league did not fine Colombo.

Earlier this week, huge fines were given for flagrant fouls by Pittsburgh's James Harrison ($75,000), Atlanta's Dunta Robinson and New England's Brandon Meriweather (both $50,000). The league also promised suspensions for players who make illegal hits on defenseless opponents. A video was sent to the 32 teams explaining what hits are considered legal and illegal.

The 15 fines were unusually high for one week, a signal of the NFL's resolve to police violent play. Generally, either a $5,000 or $10,000 fine is handed out for roughness. In this week's total all but two were for roughness. On Oct. 1 the league also issued 15 fines, 10 for roughness.

CIUDAD DE SANTA MONICA
NOTIFICACIÓN DE LOS CANDIDATOS PARA CARGOS PUBLICOS
ELECCIÓNES MUNICIPALES, 2 DE NOVIEMBRE, 2010

POR LA PRESENTE SE DA AVISO de que se han designado las siguintes personas para los cargos que han de ser cubiertos en la Elección Municipal General qu se llevará a cabo en la Ciudad de Santa Monica el martes, 2 de noviembre, 2010

Miembro del Concejo Municipal (periodo de 4 años) Vote por no más de Tres

Jerry Rubin, Daniel Cody, Ted Winterer, Pam O'Connor, Terence Later, Kevin McKeown, Jean McNeil Wyner, Jon Louis Mann, Linda Armstrong, Bob Holbrook, Jeff Decker (Candidato por escrito)

Miembro del Concejo Municipal (periodo de 2 años) Vote por no más de Dos

Terry O'Day , Robert Kronovet, David Ganezer, Gleam Olivia Davis, Susan Hartley

Miembro de la Junta de Control de Alquileres (periodo de 4 años) Vote por no más de Tres

Bill Winslow, Marilyn Korade Wilson, Todd Flora

Miembro de la Junta de Control de Alquileres (periodo de 2 años) Vote por no más de Uno

Chris Braun

Miembro de la Junta de Educación (period de 4 años) Vote por no más de Cuatro

Patrick Cady, Jake Wachtel, Chris Bley, Laurie Lieberman, Barry A. Snell Nimish Patel, Ralph Mechur, Oscar de la Torre

Medidas sometidas a votación:

MEDIDA Y: Deberá ser adoptada una ordenanza para compensar reducciones estatales al presupuesto, proteger y estabilizar las finanzas municipales, y mantener servicios esenciales incluyendo: policía, bomberos, ambulancias y respuestas a llamadas al 911, escuelas, programas de educación y de después de escuela, transito público, servicios para los discapacitados, programas de prevención de drogas y de gangas, ambiente ecológico, bibliotecas públicas y otros servicios pagados con fondos municipales generales, por medio de promulgar un impuesto de transacciones y uso de ? porciento, sometido a una auditoria anual independiente, y sin ningún dinero que vaya para Sacramento?

Yes, No

MEDIDA YY: VOTO SOLAMENTE CONSULTIVO: Si un impuesto local de transacciones fuera promulgado en la Ciudad de Santa Monica, debería la mitad de los ingresos ser usado para ayudar a sostener programas durante y después de escuela y de educación, con la otra mitad de los ingresos usados para servicios municipales como esos de policía, bomberos, ambulancias y respuestas de emergencia 911, transito público, servicios para los discapacitados, programas de prevención de drogas y gangas, ambiente ecológico, bibliotecas públicas y otros servicios pagados con fondos generales?

Yes, No

MEDIDA RR: "Deberá ser enmendada la Carta Constitucional Municipal para proteger a todos los inquilinos y para preservar la estabilidad comunitaria y diversificar, agregando requisitos de que un terrateniente demuestre causa apropiada para desalojar a cualquier inquilino y que presente una noticia de advertencia dando tiempo razonable para corregir una violación del acuerdo de renta excepto por falta de pago, y agregando una prohibición de desalojamiento de inquilinos de mucho tiempo, de edad avanzada, discapacitados, o enfermo en fase terminal, para que sea ocupado por el dueño(s) a menos que dueño también sea de edad avanzada, discapacitado, o enfermo en fase terminal?"

MOVIE TIMES

Aero Theatre
1328 Montana Ave.
(323) 466-FILM

Saturday, October 23
German Cinema
Autumn Gold (NR) 1hr 34min
5:00pm
Double Feature
The Robber (NR) 1hr 30min
Silence (NR) 1hr 58min
7:30pm

Sunday, October 24
German Cinema
When We Leave (NR) 1hr 59min
2:00pm
The Woman With 5 Elephants (NR) 1hr 33min
5:00pm
Vincent Wants to Sea (NR) 1hr 36min
7:30pm

AMC Loews Broadway 4
1441 Third Street Promenade

Legend of the Guardians 3D: The Owls of Ga'Hoole (NR) 1hr 30min
11:20am, 2:00pm, 4:30pm, 7:00pm, 9:25pm

Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps (PG-13) 2hrs 07min
11:45am, 2:50pm, 6:15pm, 9:30pm

Catfish (NR) 1hr 34min
10:45am, 1:00pm, 3:15pm, 5:30pm, 7:50pm, 10:15pm

Easy A (NR)
12:00pm, 2:30pm, 5:00pm, 7:30pm, 9:55pm

AMC 7 Santa Monica
1310 Third St.
(310) 289-4262

Life As We Know It (PG-13)
11:05am, 1:55pm, 4:45pm, 7:30pm, 10:20pm

Social Network (PG-13)
10:30am, 1:15pm, 4:10pm, 7:15pm, 10:15pm

Jackass 3D (NR)
11:40am, 12:40pm, 2:10pm, 3:10pm, 4:40pm, 5:40pm, 7:10pm, 8:10pm, 9:40pm, 10:40pm

Red (PG-13) 1hr 38min
10:30am, 1:00pm, 3:45pm, 6:30pm, 9:20pm

Paranormal Activity 2 (R)
11:15am, 1:45pm, 4:15pm, 6:45pm, 9:15pm

Hereafter (PG-13)
10:35am, 1:35pm, 4:35pm, 7:45pm, 10:50pm

Laemmle's Monica Fourplex
1332 Second St.
(310) 394-9741

Never Let Me Go (R) 1 hr 44 min
1:50pm, 4:30pm, 7:20pm, 9:55pm

Nowhere Boy (R) 1hr 37min
1:55pm, 4:40pm, 7:30pm, 10:00pm

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

You Will Meet A Tall Dark Stranger (R) 1hr 38min
1:40pm, 4:10pm, 7:00pm, 9:30pm

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

Paranormal Activity 2 (R) 1hr 31min
10:30am, 12:45pm, 3:10pm, 5:45pm, 8:15pm, 10:45pm

Town (NR) 2hr 3min
12:50pm, 4:00pm, 7:00pm, 10:10pm

Secretariat (PG) 1hr 56min
10:35am, 1:30pm, 4:25pm, 7:20pm, 10:15pm

Social Network (PG-13) 2hr 0min
12:15pm, 3:15pm, 6:15pm, 9:15pm

Red (PG-13) 1hr 38min
11:20am, 2:05pm, 4:50pm, 7:40pm, 10:30pm

Stone (R) 1hr 45min
11:45am, 2:30pm, 5:10pm, 7:50pm, 10:35pm

For more information, e-mail news@smdp.com

Try something new, Pisces

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ Listen to news, and understand where others are coming from and what might be needed. You see life in a new way. Understanding evolves if you remain open to suggestions. Curb a tendency to go overboard. Tonight: You move in a new direction.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Keep smiling and fielding options. Remember that there are many ways to skin a cat. Confusion sets a situation apart and demands attention. You see life in a renewed fashion because of options. Tonight: So many options!

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ Sometimes what isn't said could be more significant than what is. You see life in a far different manner. Understanding evolves. Push comes to shove. Recognize what is going on behind the scenes. Tonight: See life in a new light by observing more.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ How you handle yourself could be scrutinized more closely than you would care to think. Much happens quickly, causing a change that might be significant. You could be juggling different concerns. Slow down. Tonight: Where the action is.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ Pressure builds, whether you like it or not. How you see a changeable situation could be dramatically different from reality. So many people are reacting to different issues, getting a grounded reading could be close to impossible. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ Keep reaching out for someone at a distance. You will gain a deeper sense of direction if you relax and just go with the flow. Communication flourishes. Others grasp new perspectives in animated discussions. Tonight: Where the music is.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ You feel a change and become more grounded than you have in many years. Listen to news and understand what is happening behind the scenes with a family member. Often, this person puts on a good face just for you. Perhaps a talk is needed. Tonight: Your treat.

SCORPIO Oct 23-Nov 21)
★★★★ Your ability to relate is high, though many people could be very challenging. Understand exactly what is going on behind the scenes. Also know that you can only find what you look for. Try to remain open. Tonight: Just don't be alone.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You might want to keep reaching out for others. How you see someone and what happens could change because of how you look at a situation. There is an element of confusion. Decide not to personalize a comment -- for now. Tonight: Take in new information before reacting.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You could be taken aback by just how different you feel. A friend or someone who is quite verbal presents his or her opinion. Let this person, as you cannot stop him or her anyway. It might be futile trying to explain any other point of view. Tonight: Where you will enjoy yourself. Pick the right company.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ You note a more tense flavor this morning. You might feel as if you have to do so many things. You will accomplish a lot more than you think if you just get started. Use a change of plans to your advantage. Tonight: Take in new vistas.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ Stretch and start seeing beyond the obvious. Mixing a highly intuitive sense with an ability to walk in another's footsteps pushes a long-desired dream forward. You find a partner to be unusually negative. Tonight: Try a new spot or type of happening.

Happy birthday

This year, you will roar, as you seem energized and close to unstoppable late spring. Opportunities come through others. Remain open, and discharge negativity. You'll discover that much of what you desire is possible. If you are single, you draw others like honey attracts bees. Carefully pick your suitor. Feel free to say "no" if you feel someone isn't right for you. If you are attached, look to your daydreams for answers and goals. The two of you have a lot of give-and-take. Your relationship is nearly like a seesaw. TAURUS often seems a little too "apple pie" for your taste.

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



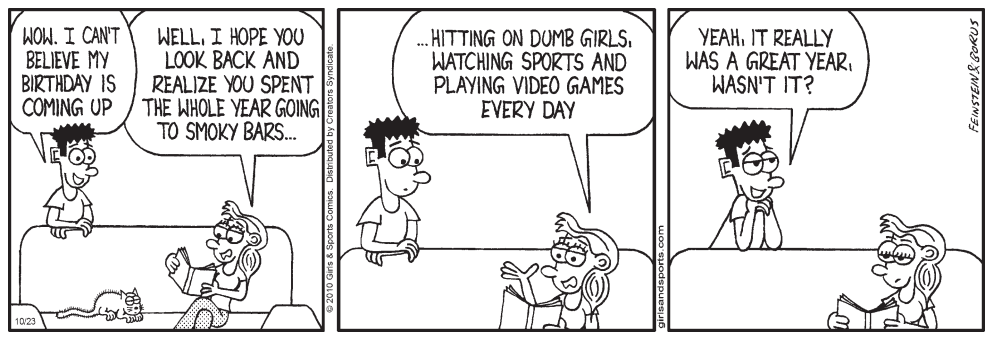
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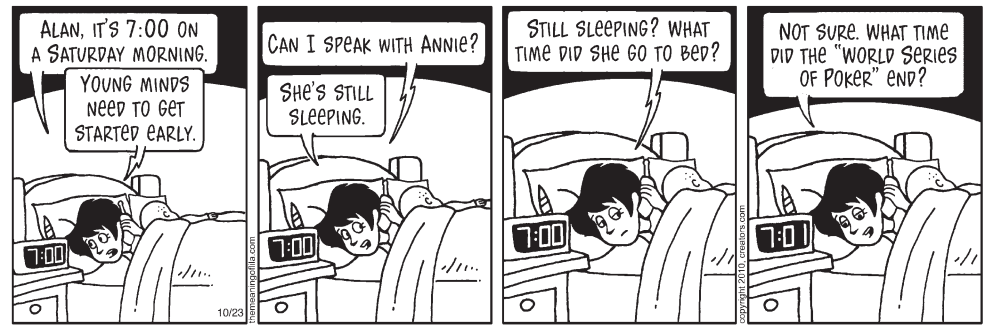
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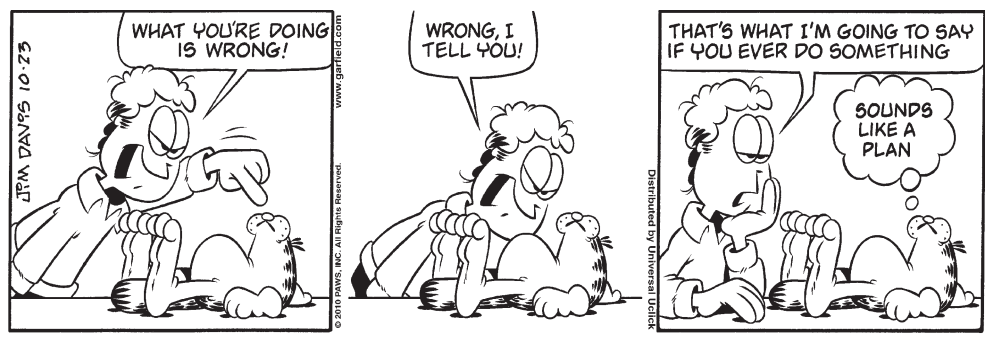
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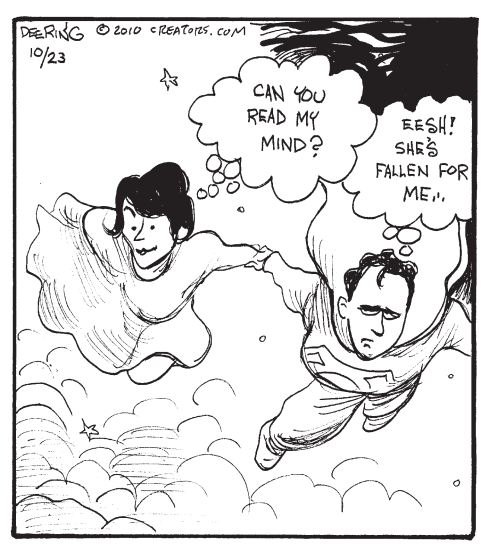
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Sudoku

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 ★★★★

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

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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

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



CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Dream up
7 Speaker's place
11 Jack of rhyme
12 Sesame Street youngster
13 Penitent person
14 Schnitzel base
15 Vertices
16 September sign
17 "Jurassic Park" beast, for short
18 Berle nickname
19 Bus. course
21 Cut off
22 Colorado national park
25 Wee dog, for short
26 Make over
27 Relish-tray items
29 Brewing need
33 Corn breads
34 Bit of gossip
35 Island strings
36 Illinois city
37 Gasp for air
38 Saws
39 Plops down
40 Some singers

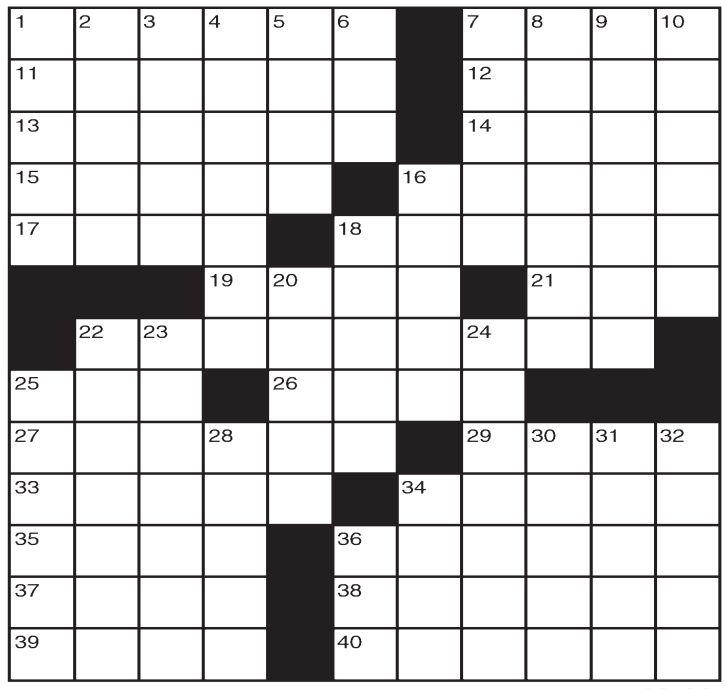
DOWN

1 Plainsong
2 Copter part
3 Crumble
4 Wings
5 Course needs
6 Slip
7 Real rascal
8 Warned
9 Dream up
10 Went it alone
16 Grew like ivy
18 Turns at the board
20 Gives a hoot
22 "The Friendly Island"
23 Famous
24 "Star Trek" baddy
25 High hits
28 Suit pieces
30 Baja buddy
31 Antisocial sort
32 Lock of hair
34 Went cycling
36 Porch sight

A	I	D	E	S	■	F	E	D	U	P
T	R	O	O	P	■	A	L	O	N	E
B	O	N	N	Y	■	W	I	N	D	S
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Yesterday's answer

NEW CROSSWORD BOOK! Send $4.75 (check/m.o.) to Thomas Joseph Book 2, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475



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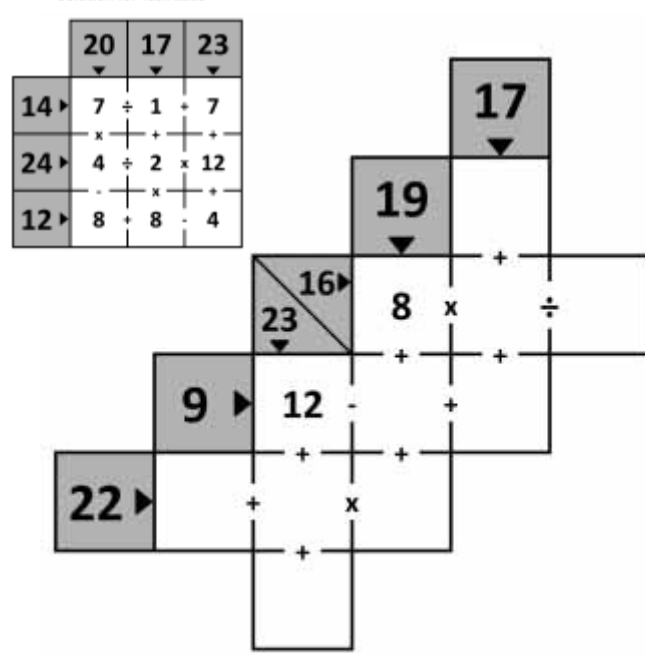
- Fill the grid with the set of given numbers (1 to 12) to satisfy the Equa demands (7 to 24) in the shaded boxes. The Equa demands represent the sum of the digits that you will insert into the empty squares.
- Each horizontal row has one Equa demand to satisfy; each vertical column also has one demand 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:

2, 3, 5, 5, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10

Solution for Task 1213



DAILY LOTTERY

MEGA MILLIONS: 2 9 14 37 42 Meganumber: 41 Jackpot: $101M

SUPER LOTTO PLUS: 11 24 27 36 43 Meganumber: 9 Jackpot: $10M

Fantasy 5: 5 12 14 19 24

DAILY 3: MIDDAY: 4 3 8 EVENING: 2 3 9

DAILY DERBY: 1st: 07 Eureka 2nd: 08 Gorgeous George 3rd: 11 Money Bags RACE TIME: 1:48.92

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Mean Streets: (1) A 23-year-old man on Chicago's South Side is still alive after he reported being shot twice on Sept. 17 by different people in different neighborhoods. He was shot above the armpit just after midnight, was treated and released at a hospital, and then was shot again in the leg about 10 hours later. (2) During a shootout in New York City on Aug. 8, Angel Alvarez, 23, was brought down in a hail of gunfire and taken to Harlem Hospital, where doctors saved his life, though they found 21 bullet wounds (Alvarez's lawyer said 23). Alvarez's sister called her brother's miraculous survival "ridiculous."

■ Hallmarks in Testing: (1) According to a July (1995) Associated Press story, Ellie Jenkins' job, as a counter for the Mosquito Control Commission in Savannah, Ga., is to drive around to 38 specified locations and stand with her arms and legs spread -- to see whether she'll be bitten five times in a minute (which is the threshold to summon county spraying trucks). And a June (1995) Toledo Blade story reported on the work of Mike Pixley, who tests La-Z-Boy chairs at the company plant in Monroe, Mich. Pixley rocks back and forth 2,800 times a day, earning $6 an hour. Supervisor Judy Fay praised Pixley as "self-motivated" and a man who "sets (his) own personal goals."

TODAY IN HISTORY

1911 First use of aircraft in war: An Italian pilot takes off from Libya to observe Turkish army lines during the Turco-Italian War.

1912 First Balkan War: The Battle of Kumanovo between the Serbian and Ottoman armies begins.

1915 Woman's suffrage: In New York City, 25,000-33,000 women march on Fifth Avenue to advocate their right to vote.

1917 Lenin calls for the October Revolution.

1929 Great Depression: After a steady decline in stock market prices since a peak in September, the New York Stock Exchange begins to show signs of panic.

WORD UP!

crepuscular
\ kri-PUS-kyuh-lur \ , adjective;
1. Of, pertaining to, or resembling twilight; dim. 2. (Zoology) Appearing or active at twilight.

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