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THE CASE CLOSED ISSUE

Former fugitive convicted in '98 fatal shooting of German tourist in SM



CARPENTER

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

AIRPORT COURTHOUSE A Los Angeles Superior Court jury Monday convicted a former fugitive charged with the 13-year-old slaying of a German tourist in Santa Monica.

Jurors deliberated a day and a half before convicting Paul Edmond Carpenter, 34, of the first-degree murder of Horst Fietze, 52. The jury also found true a special circumstance allegation of murder during the course of a robbery, according to a statement released by the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office.

Deputy District Attorney Robert Grace of the Major Crimes Division said Carpenter was additionally convicted of three counts of attempted second-degree robbery with a principal armed allegation found to be true.

Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Katherine Mader indicated that Carpenter will be sentenced on Nov. 30 in Department

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Brandon Wise *brandonw@smdp.com*

COMING SOON: **A woman feeds a parking meter on Ocean Avenue Monday afternoon. City Hall plans to purchase 'smart' meters that will allow people to pay with a credit card or cell phone. The new meters will run on solar power, doing away with the need for thousands of batteries.**

New parking meters will improve revenue, convenience

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

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

CITY HALL City officials will go to the City Council Tuesday to ask for $4.5 million to make paying for parking more convenient.

That money will cover the replacement of 6,100 traditional meters that line city streets with smart meters equipped with ground sensors, an extra feature which prevents people from adding more money to the

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Zoning code may force landlord to demolish rent-controlled units

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

NOMA The last thing Daniella Kuhn wants to do is demolish three people's homes, but, through a quirk of the zoning code, it may be the only way for her to legally expand her own living space, unless City Hall takes action.

Kuhn is the onsite landlord of four rent-controlled apartments on the 700 block of Euclid Street. She's lived in the complex for nine years, and took ownership over her unit and the three others in November.

Three months ago, Kuhn went to City Hall with the intention of adding a second

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SMC to save more than $1M with new employee health care plan

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

SMC Hundreds of classified employees here — including gardeners, administrative assistants and technical support staff — have agreed to a new health care plan that is expected to save the community college more than $1 million next year, officials said Monday.

By reducing health care costs by an estimated $1,097,365, Santa Monica College was able to add 200 classes in the past few weeks, restoring sections that were eliminated because of budget constraints, said SMC President Chui L. Tsang.

Those classified employees who switched to the more affordable PERS Choice plan will continue to have access to the same network of health care providers and be covered for the same medical conditions as the more

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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Tuesday, Oct. 25, 2011

Terrific twos
The Market at Santa Monica Place
395 Santa Monica Place, 10 a.m.
Drop by the third-level dining deck for the last weekly "Toddler Tuesdays" event, where kids can enjoy crafts and fun activities. The event is free and open to everyone, but space is limited. For more information, call (310) 260-8333 and visit www.santamonicaplace.com for RSVP details.

Ghoulish tales
Montana Avenue Library
1704 Montana Ave., 3:45 p.m.
The library gets kids ready for the big celebration on Halloween with spooky stories and fun crafts. The event is open to all children ages 3 and up. For more information, call (310) 458-8682.

Wednesday, Oct. 26, 2011

Pumpkins galore
Santa Monica Farmers' Market
Arizona Avenue and Second Street, 8:30 a.m.
Come by the Farmers' Market and get ready for Halloween: pay $5 for as many pumpkins as you can carry down a 25-foot runway — in one trip, of course. Make sure to swing by early before the pumpkins run out.
For more information, call (310) 458-8712, ext. 6.

Heal thyself
Santa Monica Senior Center
1450 Ocean Ave., 12:30 p.m.
Licensed acupuncturist and Chinese herbalist Maria Locsin teaches seniors how to increase blood flow and ease pain and discomfort by pressuring certain points on the body. All Senior Center members are welcome to come; membership is free and open to everyone ages 50 or older. For more information, call (310) 458-8644.

Thursday, Oct. 27, 2011

The people problem
Santa Monica College, Theatre Arts Main Stage
1900 Pico Blvd., 11 a.m.
In a lecture titled "9 Billion People + One Planet = ?", prize-winning writer Andy Revkin will give the keynote speech for Santa Monica College's Campus Sustainability Week. Revkin, who authors The New York Times' environmental blog "Dot Earth," is currently a senior fellow at Pace University's Pace Academy for Applied Environmental Studies. The lecture is free; call (310) 434-3909 for more information.

El dia de los muertos
Santa Monica High School, Roberts Art Gallery
601 Pico Blvd., 5 p.m.
Stop by the second floor of the History Building for a new art exhibit highlighting the "Day of the Dead," featuring artwork from Samohi alum Daniel Alonzo, along with pieces from students at Samohi, John Adams Middle School, Grant Elementary School and the Pico Youth & Family Center. For more information, call (310) 395-3204.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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Candidates for Assembly to visit Santa Monica

The three currently declared candidates for the 50th Assembly District will meet with voters and community members in Santa Monica on Thursday to shake hands and discuss important state and district-level issues.

Candidates Richard Bloom, Betsy Butler and Torie Osborn are all expected to attend Drinking Liberally, a monthly event held at TRiP Bar to offer left-leaning individuals a place to talk politics and drink together.

"This is a great opportunity to meet the candidates in a relaxed, free flowing environment. We're not going to hear any speeches – this event is all about conversation and getting to know the people that want to represent us," said Jim Kennedy, one of the organizers for Drinking Liberally, in a statement.

Butler, who currently represents the 53rd Assembly District, is seeking re-election in the new district with endorsements from politicians such as Lt. Gov. Gavin Newsom. Fellow Democrat Torie Osborn, a self-described leader for social justice efforts, has racked up similar endorsements from Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa and Assemblywoman Julia Brownley (D-Santa Monica). Richard Bloom, another Democrat and current mayor of Santa Monica, rounds out the candidate list.

The candidates will also discuss the newly revamped 50th Assembly District, which is a product of the statewide redistricting plan released earlier this year. The district stretches from West Hollywood all the way to Malibu and Santa Monica. Currently, Santa Monica is part of the 41st Assembly District, which covers parts of Ventura and Los Angeles counties and is represented by Brownley.

Attendance at Drinking Liberally L.A. is free and open to anyone over the age of 21. The candidates will be at the TRiP Bar, 2101 Lincoln Blvd., from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

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Rand Corp. retracts study on pot clinic closings

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CIVIC CENTER A nonprofit think tank on Monday retracted a widely reported study that linked last year's closing of hundreds of medical marijuana dispensaries in Los Angeles to a rise in crime rates in surrounding neighborhoods.

Santa Monica-based Rand Corp. said in a statement that questions raised after the study was released last month prompted an unusual internal review.

Researchers relied on a commercial crime mapping serv-

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Photo courtesy Santa Monica College

HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE: **English professor Dana Morgan (in purple shirt and scarf) guides students as they plant in the new Organic Learning Garden at SMC earlier this month.**

SMC to unveil new 'Learning Garden'

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

SMC The new Organic Learning Garden at Santa Monica College is sprouting.

Winter crops such as beets and lettuce, bok choy and fava beans, carrots and kale, and much more have been planted as the beds of soil come to life.

Opened at the beginning of the school year in late August, about a dozen groups of students and employees have each claimed a stake to a patch of dirt and are busy planting fresh and healthy food. Eventually, the growers will be able to eat the fruits of their labor or donate the produce to a food bank.

The college will hold a grand opening ceremony at 11:30 a.m. today at the garden site just outside the Art Complex patio on the main campus, 1900 Pico Blvd. The ceremony will feature live music, speakers and food.

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At the source

Editor:

In all this business about electric cars, people keep forgetting something ("Planning puts red light on electric vehicle showrooms," Oct. 20). The power to run them has to come from some place. Maybe people will recharge them at night when power demand is lower, but plants will have to make the power.

There are many ways to get power, but all have problems. Big dams are not as useful if there is a drought, and they kill fish. Solar panels are costly, and don't work at night. Windmills are ugly and kill birds. Coal contributes to global warming, smog, acid rain and strip mining. With oil comes global warming and OPEC to deal with. Nuclear power is a terror target, or some idiot like Homer Simpson makes a mistake. Biofuels can cause food shortages, so they say.

Of course, the Amish don't have this worry, as they use horses, which cause a different sort of problem.

Mike Kirwan
Venice, Calif.

Bow down, bow out

Editor:

I have to applaud the new, equal opportunity Bill Bauer calling for a public assembly area in front of City Hall; to rally, protest and even praise the actions of its political leaders ("Flying high and nasty," My Write, Oct. 10). Bill wrote that civility in the debate over the airport would go a long way to solving problems, and it would behoove everyone to "just get along" and work together to resolve issues in the interim. What a guy!

Why single out SMO, and not other airports? What better reason for an assembly area in front of City Hall? Because it is in the interest of the residents versus special interests.

Years ago I was the first City Council candidate to advocate closing down SMO, and I lost my only endorsement when the Association of Flight Attendants would no longer support my candidacy. Nevertheless, I'm glad to see Bill Rosendahl, other politicians and growing public support echoing my call.

It doesn't matter who was here first; the homes are here to stay and their safety in a densely populated neighborhood trumps flight schools and any outsiders who use SMO. Let the flight schools relocate to Newhall, Calif. and keep a helipad at SMO for emergencies. Why should residents be exposed to toxic fuel pollution, and excessive noise, etc.

There are numerous other reasons to close SMO. The airport doesn't serve the people who live here, nor bring in enough revenue to justify its operation. I would prefer that property was used for low-income housing for entry level, minimum-wage earners so they could live in the city where they work.

Bauer is right about how City Hall wastes money on studies to appease various interests, nitpicking fuss budgets and cronyism, etc. He is wrong that ultimately the decision will be made by the FAA. Our council waived sovereignty to Sacramento on rent control, male genital mutilation, etc., and now they are preparing to bow down to the FAA.

We must not let that happen! The FAA lease expires on June 30, 2015 and that is that! The entire property is city owned; in other words it belongs to those of us who live here, and it is our decision what to do with that land!

If the council doesn't have the gonads to stand up to the FAA, elect a new council. Hold a recall and elect people who will represent the residents and voters of Santa Monica; not Santa Monicans for Renters' Rights, the city employees, developers, hotels, car dealers, etc. Case closed!

Jon Mann
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That Rutherford Guy

John W. Whitehead — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

A historic and cinematic view of the dreaded vampire

"THE STRENGTH OF THE VAMPIRE IS THAT people will not believe in him." — Dr. Abraham Van Helsing

Halloween is associated with many strange creatures, but none more so than the vampire. To most people, the vampire is nothing more than a mythic monster popularized in movies, television, books and so on. Yet the vampire, an amalgamation of ancient lore woven through with sex, fear, danger and gore, is no mere Hollywood creation.

Indeed, stories about this bloodsucking fiend have been told throughout the world for centuries, perhaps as long as tales have been told. Much of the legend surrounding vampires encompasses the figure of Dracula who was a historic individual. Vlad Dracul, the ruler of Wallachia in Transylvania, lived in the mid-1400s. The Romanian word "dracul" means dragon. Thus, he was called little dragon. Dracula impaled thousands of his own countrymen (some have put the number as high as 100,000). He also impaled and roasted alive many more of his arch-enemy Turks. Later captured, released to domesticity and finally having his head severed in battle, Vlad Dracula served, with other tales of gore, as a model of sorts for Stoker's Dracula.

The way we portray vampires has also undergone a dramatic makeover. At one time, the vampire was portrayed as grotesque and demonic in appearance. That changed with the rise in popularity of Bram Stoker's novel "Dracula" (1897), which was successfully translated to theater and film, and resulted in a transformation of the vampire from a hideous demon to a suave, sophisticated, handsome, well-dressed man. As a result, today, the vampire, along with his beautiful, seductive sisters of the night, is primarily portrayed by Hollywood, theater, television and literature mills as an attractive, alluring emissary, for the dark side. However, while history and literature have contributed greatly to the popularity of this underdog who fights and fights again but can never win against the forces of God and men, the vampire's place in pop culture owes much to film.

There have been more vampire films made than any other genre, perhaps because there is something in a vampire's character that is reflective of us all. After all, the image of the vampire is forever shifting and changing, reflecting not itself but our own fears and secret longings. The vampire casts no reflection in the mirror. He doesn't have to — after all, it's our own faces we see when we gaze into the vampire's eyes.

The following are 10 of my favorite vampire films:

"Nosferatu" (1922). F. W. Murnau's silent film is the first cinematic adaptation of Bram Stoker's Dracula. It remains one of the creepiest and most atmospheric versions. Remade by Werner Herzog in 1979.

"Dracula" (1931). The mother of all American vampire films, this classic stars Bela Lugosi, a legendary vampire who terrorizes the countryside in search of human blood. Despite its vintage, it is still fine viewing. Dwight Frye is excellent as Renfield. What would Halloween be without this movie?

"Rabid" (1977). After undergoing plastic surgery, a young girl (Marilyn Chambers) develops a strange lesion in her armpit. She soon develops a craving for human blood. Directed by David Cronenberg. Very violent.

"Fright Night" (1985). A teen discovers that his new next-door neighbor is really a vampire. With help from friends, he seeks to destroy the bloodsucker. But the vampire (Chris Sarandon) learns of their plans and fights back. Roddy McDowell is fine in support.

"The Lost Boys" (1987). A divorced mom and her two boys move to a California town. Soon the boys are drawn in by a group of rabble-rousing teens who are really vampires. One of the more hip vampire flicks that has the two Coreys (Haim and Feldman) working together for the first time. Directed by Joel Schumacher. Violent.

"Near Dark" (1987). In order to become a full-blooded bloodsucker, Caleb — a farm boy who is a vampire in transition — has to kill and feed. He hooks up with a small band of close-knit, vicious vampires whose main interest is feeding on humans, but Caleb is a reluctant bloodsucker. Fine performances from Bill Paxton and Lance Henriksen. Violent.

"Vampire's Kiss" (1988). A pretentious yuppie (Nicolas Cage) morphs into a psychotic and becomes an ambivalent vampire. Jennifer Beals is great in support. An adept psychological look at vampirism. Violent.

"Cronos" (1993). The vampire is a small, egg-shaped device that possesses an appetite for blood. Finding its way into an antiques store, it sinks its hooks into the owner and passes on its passion for the red stuff. Directed by Guillermo del Toro. Violent.

"The Addiction" (1995). After being bitten by a vampire, a Ph.D. candidate (Lili Taylor) develops a ferocious appetite for human blood. Vampirism here is paralleled with drug addiction. Directed by Abel Ferrara. Violent.

"Blade" (1998). Blade (Wesley Snipes) is a half-human/half-vampire who seeks out and eliminates his vampire kindred. Soon Blade is battling to prevent a vampire apocalypse. Stephen Dorff is fine in support. Very violent.

Enjoy but beware. The vampire walks among us!

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Getting into the holiday spirit

HALLOWEEN IS JUST ONE WEEK AWAY, which is like a green light on the holiday rush. Four weeks later and we're in the Thanksgiving madness, then four-and-a-half weeks to Christmas and Kwanzaa, New Year's Eve and then it starts all over again.

I knew I was in trouble about a month ago when I went to the Home Depot and the Christmas decorations were all on display. Soon after that, I noticed the Halloween stores popping up. I'm OK with the temporary stores. I like the idea of people being able set up a business for a brief period of time to fill a niche and then disappear for a year. I think I'd hate it if there was a Halloween store all year long on the corner of Lincoln and Pico boulevards. It would erode some of the excitement and novelty that comes with an event that happens only once a year.

The seasons are enjoyable because they bring something new or at least something different. Like this week when I stopped in at the Krispy Kreme for the first time on Wilshire Boulevard and found they have pumpkin donuts. I had to try one (diet banished for a moment) and oh my, so wonderful.

These seasonal treats are what make for pleasant days. I was in a better mood after having had that donut. It just brings back memories and puts me in a fall — not foul — mood. Then as I drove down Fifth Street I noticed construction has begun on this year's ice rink. I manage to get out on the ice about once a year, and get off it before I break something.

I can already tell this holiday season is going to be better than last year's. People are more optimistic, whether it be about the general economic conditions or our brave men and women coming home from the Middle East. There seems to be a more positive attitude in the air. Perhaps it's just the emotional exhaustion taking hold and people are now at the point of recognizing the world changed and the new reality is setting in, or perhaps things are actually looking up.

The jobs market is slightly improving, if you have the right credentials, and the credit markets are starting to thaw — again, if you have the right credentials.

I'm hopeful that this optimistic attitude can be carried throughout the community this holiday season. I'd like to see lots and lots of holiday lights, and decorations throughout Santa Monica. Two years ago we were all in shock from the financial meltdown. Last year most of us were still licking the wounds and trying to not increase the damage. This year I'd like to see us get on the far side of it all and be happy, jolly and friendly.

There are many opportunities to extend ourselves this coming season, and with the abundance that most of us have in our life we should be able to share it with others who are less fortunate. This year we can all do a bit more for those who have less than us. Whether it is sending a check to the Red Cross for disaster relief, sponsoring a child in a foreign country who needs food and clothing, donating some time at one of the many nonprofits in our fair burg, or simply dropping an anonymous bag of groceries at that doorstep of the family down the street who has fallen on hard times, we can all help out someone.

AS WE SPEED THROUGH THIS YEAR'S HOLIDAYS, TRY TO SLOW DOWN AND ENJOY THE REAL MEANING OF IT ALL.

If you've never done any of those things, I suggest you pick one and try it; you'll be amazed at how it lifts your mood and makes you feel special. I personally love the stories of families who open their front door to find groceries or gifts.

In the mad marketing rush that began in September for Home Depot with the Christmas decorations, we can forget the important things, that the holidays, whether it be Thanksgiving, Hanukkah, Christmas, Kwanzaa or Boxing Day, all are really about togetherness. Whether that togetherness is with your family of origin or family of choice, being together is what makes the event.

As we speed through this year's holidays, try to slow down and enjoy the real meaning of it all. Yes, the decorations are nice, and the meal needs to be just right, but remember that the important part is not the superficial stuff, but who was there, and the love you feel.

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The Q Line

Cut in two

The effort to break up the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District is gaining momentum again as some Malibu city officials and parents explore their options. It's going to be difficult, but not impossible.

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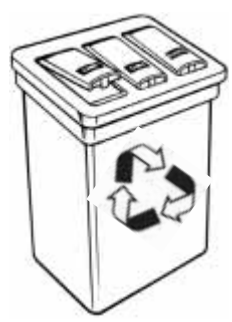
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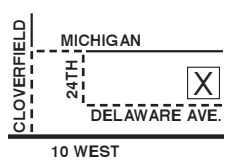


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Expungements: Burying Those Skeletons In Your Closet

Have you ever applied for a job, professional license, and/or school application where they asked if you have ever been convicted of a crime? If so, did you get nervous and distraught at the thought of having to circle "yes" and then explaining the circumstances of what happened years and years ago with your minor run in with the law? If this is a likely scenario for you or someone you know, help make those skeletons in the closet disappear by filing an expungement/dismissal motion. California Penal Code Sections 1203.3 and 1203.4 set forth the basic rules for expungements. This article focuses on some need to know legal rules and consequences with regard to expunging your record in California. Please note that this article examines the basic elements and procedures of expungements. If you or someone you know is filling out an application or reporting a past conviction to anyone in an official capacity it is advisable to speak with a criminal attorney about whether you must report the past conviction, even after the expungement process.

In terms of filing an expungement and clearing up your record, there are a couple preliminary questions that must be answered. First, was your past conviction for a felony or misdemeanor crime? Second, was probation granted and if so have you successfully completed probation? And lastly, once you have determined that you are eligible for expungement, what do you do?

If the answer to the first question is a misdemeanor, then you're on the right path! If the answer to the first question is felony, then there is another step that must be completed prior to filing an expungement. In order to expunge a felony conviction or have it dismissed from your record, a motion must be made pursuant to Penal Code Section 17(b) to first have the conviction reduced to a misdemeanor. Certain felony crimes, however, are never capable of being reduced to a misdemeanor and can never be expunged. Convictions that cannot be expunged or dismissed by law include any misdemeanor listed in Vehicle Code section 42001(b), any violation of P.C. 286(c), 288, 288a(c), 288.5, or 289(j), a felony under P.C. 261.5(d), and any infraction. Moreover, if you were never granted probation and instead went to State Prison, although there are options for clearing your record, the basics of expungements as explained in this article will not apply to your given scenario.

Once you have determined that your past conviction was a misdemeanor or capable of being reduced to a misdemeanor, move on to question number two: Was probation granted and have you successfully completed all the terms and orders of your probation? Typically, in misdemeanor cases, courts order that a defendant be placed on 1-3 years of probation and to follow all rules and regulations. If the court does not order probation, you're ready to file the motion! If probation was granted, the time period is over and done with, and you have fulfilled all the terms of the probation (including completing any classes, service work, and/or paid all fines) then you are also ready to file the motion! If probation is still open and has not been completed, a separate motion for early termination of probation must first be filed. If granted, and probation terminated early, then you are ready to file the motion! In sum, before a motion for expungement/dismissal is filed, probation must typically be successfully completed either by the passage of time or by early termination from the court.

Now that the motion is ready for filing, what do you do and how do you do it? California courts vary in terms of requirements for expungement/dismissal motions. For instance, some courts require a filing fee (usually around $60) and attached declaration (preferably by an attorney). All courts, however, require that a P.C. 1203.4/1203.4(a) Petition For Dismissal be completed and filed. In order to fill out this form correctly, a petitioner needs to obtain the case number, date of conviction, conviction charges, date of birth, driver's license number, last four digits of social security, and if possible the Criminal Identification and Information (CII) number. After entering the requisite information simply check the applicable boxes and sign/date the form. Additionally, along with the Petition, you should also attach a Court Order. The same information must be filled out on the Court Order; however, this form is for the judge to review and then sign/date. The signed Court Order is then stamped and recorded by the clerk certifying that a judge has ordered the case dismissed/expunged. Expungement/Dismissal Petitions typically take anywhere from one to three months for the court to review and complete.

Avoid the headaches and problems associated with explaining away your past minor run-ins with the law and get rid of skeletons in your closet today by filing an expungement! Call the Legal Grind to schedule an appointment to meet with a skilled and experienced attorney to help you navigate through this tricky process and answer any questions that you might have.

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Swedish fathers swapping work for child care

BY LOUISE NORDSTROM
Associated Press

STOCKHOLM One of Henrik Holgersson's friends laughed in his face when he told him he was going to spend the better part of 2011 as a stay-at-home dad.

"What kind of a man are you?" the friend asked Holgersson, who works for an event management company. But just about everyone else was positive. His employer and coworkers patted him on the back and wished him luck.

Holgersson took out 240 days of parental leave paid for by the government while his girlfriend, Jenny Karlsson, went back to her job as a real estate agent, after eight months at home with their son Arvid.

"To take care of Arvid is a real fatherly thing to do. I think that's very masculine," said Holgersson, 34, gently rocking his 1-year-old son's stroller on a walk around the block near his apartment in southern Stockholm.

Holgersson's experience isn't unusual here, largely because Sweden encourages dads to stay at home with their newborn through a parental leave policy that is among the most generous in the world.

While more than a dozen countries now offer paid paternity leave, usually for a couple of weeks, Sweden subsidizes such leave for up to 14 months.

In Sweden, men pushing strollers — sometimes in twos or threes — have become part of the landscape. Baby changing stations are typically found in both men's and women's restrooms. Brawny men with Viking tattoos can be overheard discussing their "pappaledighet," Swedish for daddy leave, over a pint in the pub.

Parents share 480 days of paid parental leave for each child, courtesy of the government. The benefits amount to 80 percent of the stay-at-home parent's salary for the first 390 days, but no more than 910 kronor ($135) a day. Thereafter the amount drops to 180 kronor ($30) a day for the remaining period.

Mothers are still taking more leave than fathers, but things are changing. In 2000, Swedish men took out only 12.4 percent of the parental leave; by last year their share had nearly doubled to 23.1 percent, according to government statistics.

Though there is widespread agreement that the gap should close even more, Swedes so far have resisted calls by women's rights activists for a compulsory 50-50 split.

However, Sweden has introduced incentives and rules to encourage men to take more time off with their babies.

To qualify for the maximum benefits, couples must split the parental leave so that one of them takes at least 60 days. (Single parents — male or female — can take out the full 480 days on their own.)

In addition, the government awards an "equality bonus" in the form of tax breaks that are proportional to how evenly couples split the parental leave. A household with a 50-50 division qualifies for a maximum deduction of 13,500 kronor ($2,000).

Even at a time when Europe's debt crisis is leading to painful austerity cuts across the continent, Sweden's parental leave benefits appear safe. The economy is in relatively good shape, the budget is balanced and the government would commit political suicide if it scaled back on a program embraced by Swedes across all income brackets.

Foreigners often grow to appreciate it, too.

"I think it's great, I'm a huge fan of it. Here is the Swedish state subsidsdizing it for both parents. It's almost too good to be true," said Joel Sherwood, a 35-year-old American living in Sweden.

He took more than six months off work to stay home with his daughter, Mary Lee. When he told his friends back home, they were flabbergasted that his employer was OK with it, and that the government would foot the bill.

"The more you get into the details of it, the more floored they get," Sherwood said.

In the U.S. there is no nationwide policy for government-subsidized parental leave. Some states, including California and New Jersey, have begun adopting such policies, but most parents are instead offered 12 weeks of unpaid leave. Some companies offer paid leave to their employees.

When state-subsidized parental leave was introduced in Sweden in 1974, women took nearly all of the parental leave. Men would wash dishes and fold the laundry, but child-rearing was considered a female domain.

Four years later, the government launched an advertising campaign featuring national weightlifting champion Lennart Dahlgren to convince fathers you could stay home with a child and still be a real man. The poster of a smiling Dahlgren cradling a baby in his muscular arms remains an iconic image in Sweden.

A milestone was crossed in 1995 when the government started earmarking one month of parental leave benefits for each parent. Seven years later it was increased to two months. Then came the equality bonus that further encouraged men to take daddy leave.

Roger Klinth, a researcher on gender issues at Linkoping University, said the legislative changes have helped normalize the idea of men taking care of children in Sweden.

"You're not different anymore ... you're a part of the political system," he said.

There is widespread agreement in Sweden that it doesn't matter for a child's development whether the primary caretaker is a man or a woman. Suggesting the contrary, especially in this gender-equality conscious country, can be highly controversial.

Child psychologist Eva Sternberg provoked an outcry last year when she blamed an increase in accidents involving toddlers on the growing numbers of stay-at-home dads. Men are preconditioned through evolution to hunt and are not fit to replace women as caretakers, especially in the first year of a baby's life, she argued in a newspaper column that drew a flood of angry responses.

"There is no special gene that makes women more suited to provide comfort and care than men, just like men are no better equipped to drive a car or lead a company," replied Lars Ohly, leader of Sweden's opposition Left Party.

Such attitudes can seem foreign to the growing number of immigrants in Sweden, who represent about 14 percent of the population.

Jafar Feili, an Iraqi who has been living in Sweden since 1998, said his wife took as much parental leave as possible, while he chose to forgo the two months that were earmarked for him.

Although he supports the Swedish system,

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BPA in pregnant women might affect kids' behavior

BY LINDSEY TANNER
AP Medical Writer

CHICAGO Exposure to the chemical bisphenol-A before birth could affect girls' behavior at age 3, according to the latest study on potential health effects of the compound used in the manufacturing of some plastic drink bottles and food can linings.

Preschool-aged girls whose mothers had relatively high urine levels of BPA during pregnancy scored worse but still within a normal range on behavior measures including anxiety and hyperactivity than other young girls.

The results are not conclusive and experts not involved in the study said factors other than BPA might explain the results. The researchers acknowledge that "considerable debate" remains about whether BPA is harmful, but say their findings should prompt additional research.

The researchers measured BPA in 244 Cincinnati-area mothers' urine twice during pregnancy and at childbirth. The women evaluated their children at age 3 using standard behavior questionnaires.

Nearly all women had measurable BPA levels, like most Americans. But increasingly high urine levels during pregnancy were linked with increasingly worse behavior in their daughters. Boys' behavior did not seem to be affected.

The researchers said if BPA can cause behavior changes that could pose academic and social problems for girls already at risk for those difficulties.

"These subtle shifts can actually have very dramatic implications at the population level," said Joe Braun, the lead author and a research fellow at Harvard's School of Public Health.

For every 10-fold increase in mothers' BPA levels, girls scored at least six points worse on the questionnaires.

The study was released online Monday in Pediatrics.

Linda Birnbaum, director of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences and the National Toxicology Program, said the study contributes important new evidence to "a growing database which suggests that BPA exposure can be associated with effects on human health."

Grants from that federal agency helped pay for the study.

The Food and Drug Administration has said that low-level BPA exposure appears to be safe. But the agency also says that because of recent scientific evidence, it has some concern about potential effects of BPA on the brain and behavior in fetuses, infants and small children. The FDA is continuing to study BPA exposure and supports efforts to minimize use in food containers.

BPA has many uses, and is found in some plastic bottles and coatings in metal food cans. It was widely used in plastic baby bottles and sippy cups but industry phased out that use.

Braun said it's possible that exposure to BPA during pregnancy interferes with fetal brain development, a theory suggested in other studies, and that could explain the behavior differences in his study. Why boys' behavior wasn't affected isn't clear. But BPA is thought to mimic the effects of estrogen, a female hormone.

The researchers evaluated other possible influences on children's behavior, including family income, education level and whether mothers were married, and still found an apparent link to BPA.

But Dr. Charles McKay, a BPA researcher and toxicologist with the Connecticut Poison Control Center, said the researchers failed to adequately measure factors other than BPA that could explain the results.

For example, there's no information on mothers' eating habits. That matters because mothers' higher BPA levels could have come from eating lots of canned foods instead of healthier less processed foods, which might have affected fetal brain development.

The American Chemistry Council, a trade group whose members include companies that use BPA, said the research "has significant shortcomings ... and the conclusions are of unknown relevance to public health."

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Feili said it would have been difficult to explain to friends and family in Iraq if he had chosen to stay at home with the children.

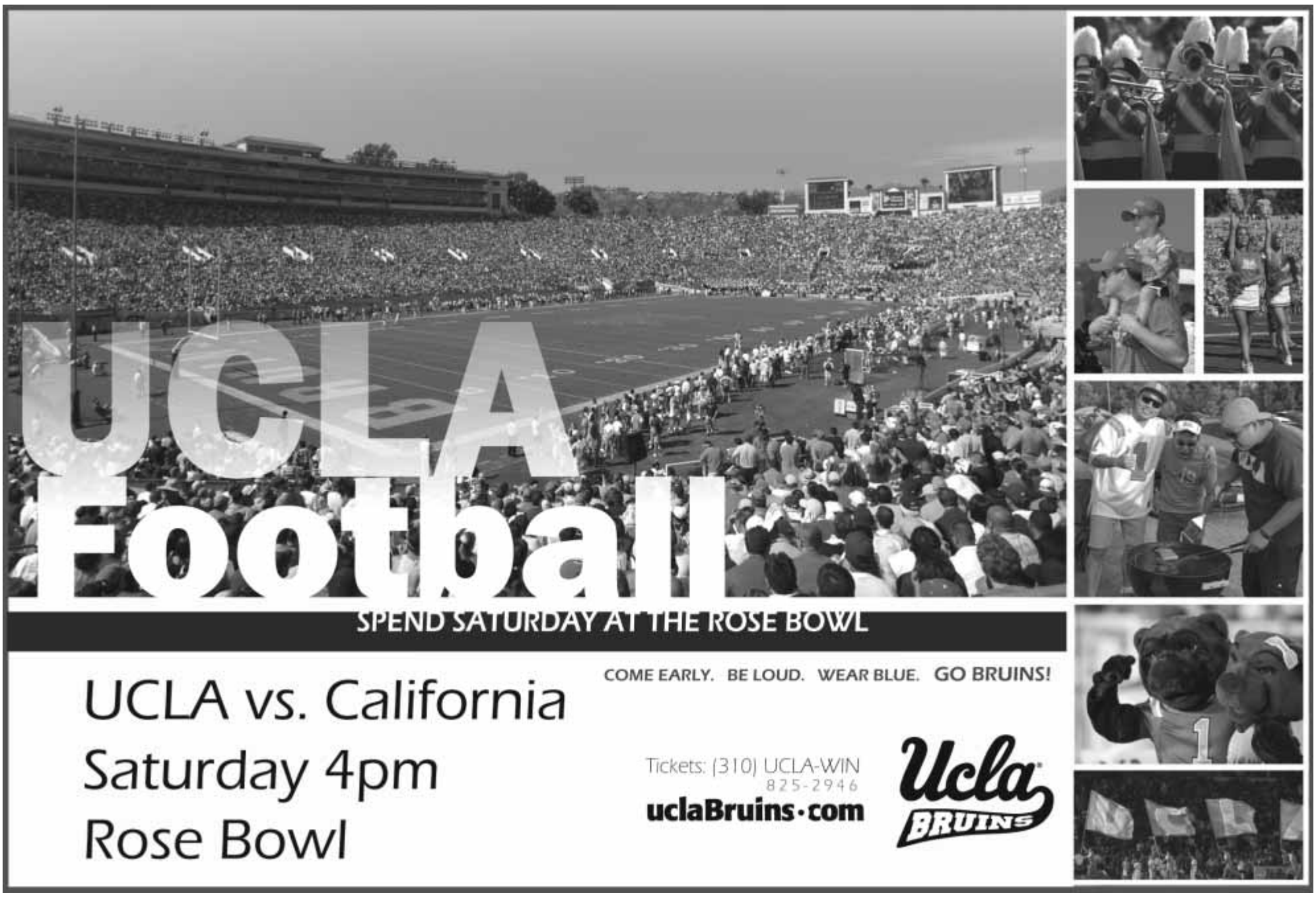
"There's no question about it. They would laugh and make fun of me," he said. "Most men down there are pretty macho and they would say things like 'he's scared of his wife and doesn't dare to open his mouth.' They would think that it was the wife who had decided on something like that."

Half-way through his leave, Holgersson noted a shift in his son's behavior. When both parents were around, Arvid no longer ran to his mother when he hurt himself, but to his father. Holgersson felt as if he had become the caretaker parent, while Karlsson was the "fun" parent that Arvid liked to play with in the evening.

Toward the end of his parental leave, Holgersson had mixed feelings about going back to his job. Though he looked forward to seeing his work colleagues, he knew he would miss the long days of casually playing with Arvid in the playground behind the apartment block.

Holgersson said he had forged an unbreakable bond with his son, learning to recognize Arvid's huffs, snivels and snorts, and what they say about his mood — or the content of his diaper.

"How could you not want to spend time with this little one?" he said, sharing a hammock with Arvid in the playground. "Yes, I could imagine having another one, too."



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D of the Airport Court. He faces a sentence of life in prison without the possibility of parole.

Carpenter, a U.S. citizen, was arrested in Kingston, Jamaica in February of 2009 where he had been living and working for several years using false identification. At the time of his arrest, Carpenter was working as a driver for a BMW dealership under the name Jermaine Thomas. Jamaican authorities deported Carpenter to the U.S. to stand trial for his crimes.

The victim had been visiting California with a group of friends when Carpenter, his girlfriend and two others attempted to rob the group on Oct. 12, 1998. Fietze was fatally shot during the robbery near the Loews Santa Monica Beach Hotel. Fietze was shot when he had trouble understanding the robbers, who fled empty handed.

Roshana Latiesha Roberts, 31, Lamont Dion Santos, 33, and Tyrina Lakeisha Griffin, 30, were convicted in 2001 in connection with the crimes. Dion Santos, the gunman, was sentenced to 35 years to life in prison. Roberts, who was the getaway driver, was sentenced to 13 years and four months in prison. Griffin received 16 years to life.

In 2007, the FBI announced a reward of up to $20,000 for information leading to the apprehension of Carpenter.

Carpenter was successfully returned to Los Angeles County to face prosecution as a result of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the United States Marshals Service, the Jamaican Constabulary Force, and the Santa Monica Police Department.

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ice, believing it included information from various jurisdictions, including the Los Angeles Police Department. However, that agency did not give data to the service.

"That review determined the crime data used in the analysis are insufficient to answer the questions targeted by the study," the statement said.

The study looked at crime reports for neighborhoods surrounding 600 dispensaries in the 10 days before and 10 days after Los Angeles officials shuttered the pot clinics last summer after a new ordinance went into effect. The analysis showed crime increased about 60 percent within three blocks of a closed dispensary compared with those that remained open.

The report found that the further away from the clinics the less crime there was.

The Los Angeles city attorney's office called the study deeply flawed and demanded the retraction. Rand pulled the study from its website earlier this month.

"The City Attorney's Office believes that retracting the study was the right thing for Rand to do and we are pleased they were receptive to our concerns regarding the study's flaws," said city attorney spokesman Frank Mateljan. "The public interest and public safety is always better served when we use accurate and credible information."

Rand researchers plan to conduct a new analysis when they have adequate data.

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expensive PERS Care plan, said Marcia Wade, vice president of human resources.

SMC will also continue to pay employees' health premiums.

That said, employees who made the switch will pay slightly higher out-of-pocket payments for certain services. In exchange, SMC has set up a health reimbursement account for each classified employee to cover some of those additional costs. SMC has committed to pumping $100,000 into those accounts every year until 2016.

Employees will receive anywhere from $1,000 to $4,000 depending on the plan they were previously enrolled in and the number of family members covered.

Those who stuck with the "Cadillac" plan, or PERS Care, will have to pay the difference between that plan and PERS Choice, which could be significant, Wade said.

In June, CalPERS, the college's health care provider, announced that premiums for PERS Care will increase 15.14 percent in 2012, one of the largest increases ever. Wade said employees are being encouraged to switch and the overwhelming majority have done so.

There are 451 classified employees enrolled in a health care plan offered by the college. Of that, about 139 have the more expensive PERS Care option, Wade said.

The change in health care plans is needed to cut costs, Wade said. This year the college's benefit liability rose to 20.7 percent of the general fund, taking money away from core programs.

The college's managers and trustees switched over to the new health care plan in 2011, reducing premiums by an estimated $790,000 for the two years combined.

Negotiations are ongoing between the college and faculty to secure a similar agreement on benefits to take effect in 2013.

Statewide, enrollments in the more expensive PERS Care health plan have been in a decade-long decline, dropping from 14,682 active enrollments in 2002 to only 6,229 in 2010, Wade said. The Los Angeles Community College District, with 3,458 full-time employees, switched over to the less expensive program in 2009.

"Medical costs are escalating, and for the district to provide full coverage, I think that's a good deal," Wade said.

SMC has not had to layoff employees or resort to furloughs, despite funding cuts from the state, Wade said.

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GARDEN
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The garden — which had been a seedling lying dormant for years in the hearts and minds of many SMC students and employees — is now the center of busy planting and learning.

"This is a dream come true at last," said English professor Dana Morgan, who worked with students to spearhead the project.

Completed on time and on budget, the new garden, located on a triangular piece of property, was finished just before the school year began.

With about 1,200 square feet of growing space, the garden's centerpiece features a fenced-in area with ground-level beds and wooden and concrete planting boxes, storage shed, outdoor sink and benches. Also inside the iron fence is an underground cistern that captures rain runoff from the Art Complex, as well as a pump for that water. The gate is open during daylight hours.

Surrounding the fenced area is a combination of grass and landscaped areas with two sundials, one of them interactive, designed by astronomy professor Gary Fouts; stone water fountain; benches; and a trellis with Canadice grapevines.

"The Organic Learning Garden is a great example of how greening the curriculum can take theory into practice and build community while teaching students about sustainability," said SMC Director of sustainability Genevieve Bertone.

When it opened, the contractor had put in not only these features, but also some plants and fruit trees. Now, groups of students and employees have been given plots — on the ground or in planters — and are tending to their seedlings. The groups include Club Grow, Associated Students, Disabled Students Center, English and biology classes, and the Management Association. The Modern Languages Department and Organic Arts, made up of arts majors, will be joining the garden this month.

"What is really great is we see a garden community being established on our campus. All these people are collaborating to learn from each other and produce healthy food," Morgan said. "We have people with no experience and some who have been gardening for years. This diversity is one of our goals."

The $225,000 project — designed by the Los Angeles landscape design firm Meléndrez and constructed by South Bay Landscaping — is funded by Measures U and S, bond measures approved by Santa Monica-Malibu voters. The idea for the project originated with the Associated Students, which wanted a garden to showcase sustainable farming methods, and was also passionately supported by many employees.

Morgan and Greg Brown, director of facilities planning, were the primary leaders on the project and were named "EcoHeroes" last spring for their work.

Morgan said that aside from the Associated Students, the SMC Environmental Affairs Committee, Center for Environment and Urban Studies, and Board of Trustees were also active in the process.

"Through the activity of planting seeds, harvesting, watering, weeding, digging, and saving seeds," Morgan said, "we connect with farmers who supply our produce today, and with our ancestors who farmed for generations."

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CODE
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floor to her 800 square foot unit to make room for the family she hopes to build.

She hit a wall.

The area falls in the R1 zone, which forbids new multifamily residences like hers and restricts her ability to build on the property without demolishing all four units that exist and building a single-family home instead.

"I didn't think there was anything wrong with it, because all of the apartments put together had 3,400 square feet," Kuhn said. "Adding an extra 1,000 is well below the maximum that a single-family home can be."

Kuhn, along with land use attorney Chris Harding, put the case to the Planning Commission at its meeting Wednesday, seeking to reinterpret the zoning code to allow the change on the premise that City Hall had an obligation to protect rent controlled housing.

"To read the code as staff is doing is contrary to the core policies of the rent control law, which is to protect rent controlled units whether they are in R1, R2, R3 or R4 zones," Harding said. "We offer an interpretation that gets you there in either of two ways."

If commissioners allowed the expansion on the basis that the units were rent controlled, it couldn't be applied to any unit built after 1979. The change would impact only a narrow band of cases, and would protect the population of rent controlled units.

Harding also sought to convince commissioners that the language of the ordinance itself was ambiguous, and sought a written interpretation by staff.

The move was intentional — if commissioners could be convinced that there was ambiguity in the code, they could order the written interpretation and consider it at a separate hearing.

The decision of that hearing, whether to agree or disagree with the staff's reading of the code, could be appealed to the City Council.

"Staff does not have final say on what the code means," Harding said.

The catch was to inspire doubt in the minds of commissioners about the clarity of the code, something which staff did not seem willing to concede.

"If the language is clear and unambiguous, that ends the inquiry," Deputy City Attorney Barry Rosenbaum told commissioners.

If they felt that there were good policy reasons to authorize the addition, that goal could be accomplished through a text amendment, Rosenbaum said.

Text amendments, however, require a $10,000 to $15,000 filing fee, and be reagendized, costing Kuhn money and time she didn't feel she had.

"At this point, if I'm lucky and everything goes gangbusters from here on out, I won't be finished with this place for a year at best," Kuhn said Monday. "I can't wait two or three years to figure it out."

While commissioners seemed unified on their desire to address Kuhn's problem, consensus on the method was harder to come by.

"The interpretation of the code is correct," said Commissioner Ted Winterer. "It's the code itself that's flawed and needs revision. I think that's the more appropriate way to do it, and we should do everything we can to ensure that happens in a timely manner."

Pursuing a change through the interpretation process could open up "multiple cans of worms," he said.

For others, the definition of "ambiguity" was more loose.

"I'm confused. I'm sorry, that's just the way it is," said Commissioner Richard McKinnon. "If I'm confused, there's a question in my mind."

Vice Chair Gerda Newbold and Commissioner Jason Parry sided with McKinnon, saying that they would benefit from seeing the arguments for and against the change in writing.

"There are two sides to this argument, and I'd like it laid out," Newbold said.

In a 4-2 vote, with Winterer and Commissioner Jennifer Kennedy against, the commission requested staff to return with an interpretation.

By the end of the meeting, commissioners also requested the question come back on a future agenda as a text amendment.

There's no problem in attacking the question through multiple routes, Rosenbaum said Monday.

Kuhn hopes that the matter gets resolved sooner rather than later. She has plans to retrofit the property to make it more energy efficient, take out the lawn in favor of trees and food plants and install solar panels.

It's more resources than a lot of people would put into rent controlled units, she said.

"It's going to take me longer than it would take to build a house," Kuhn said. "If I sold this place today, who do you think is going to buy it?"

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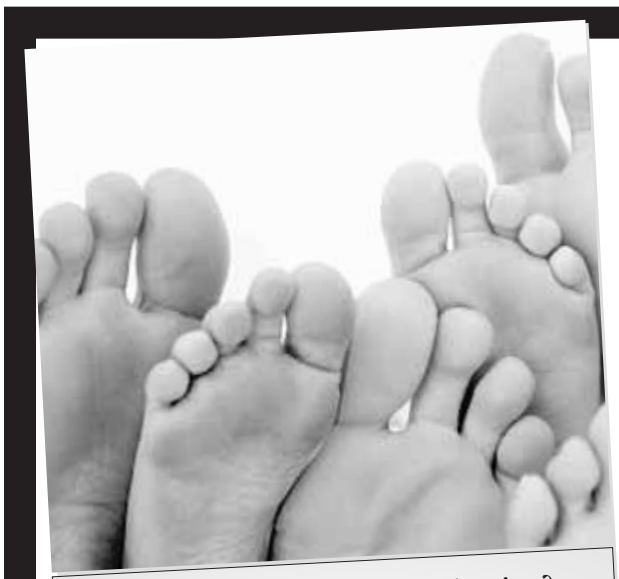
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CONSENT
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The new meters are solar-powered, which will cut down on the 8,000 batteries used each year to keep the meters going.

Smart meters also accept various forms of credit card and "pay by phone" as well as the normal coins and Santa MoniCards that current meters use.

Santa MoniCards were the original answer to the age-old question of how to cut down on the coins needed to park at meters. Users could load money onto the cards, which the street meters accepted like cash.

According to the staff report, the new meters will be more reliable than the old ones, and are expected to increase revenue by 10 to 15 percent without raising rates, or $1.7 million across two years.

The meters will cost approximately $612,000 every two years for operation and maintenance.

The purchase and installation of the meters, expected to begin in December and finish up in June 2012, comprises the bulk of the $7,794,090 consent calendar up for approval on Tuesday.

RESCUING BELL

Staff will help the City of Bell find property management companies for its two mobile home parks at a cost of $7,000 to Santa Monica taxpayers if the City Council gives the OK.

The City of Bell, which is recovering from years of mismanagement that became public in July 2010, doesn't have staff with the expertise to hire a property management firm on its own, according to a city staff report.

Bell's interim city manager, Arne Croce, reached out to City Manager Rod Gould for help since Santa Monica recently hired a management firm for its own City-owned mobile home park, Mountainview.

"Bell has two mobile home parks and they're both in terrible shape," Gould said. "They have no one with any knowledge of what to do with them."

Staff would help run a selection process expected to cost no more than $7,000 in personnel time, if approved Tuesday.

This is the second time that Santa Monica officials have stepped in to help the beleaguered City of Bell. In August, Deputy Police Chief Al Venegas spent two weeks of his vacation time helping then-interim City Manager Ken Hampian put Bell back together.

That came at no cost to City Hall, and didn't have to get council approval.

Although Bell will need a lot more work to get back on its feet again, Santa Monica will defer to other cities to step in after this, Gould said.

"Having lent Al and helped achieve professional management of the mobile home parks, Santa Monica has done its part and then some," he said.

PUTTING ON THE BRAKES

The City Council is expected to approve a three-year, $1 million contract for the purchase of brake repair kits for the Big Blue Buses.

The contract is split between two companies, American Moving Parts and New Flyer Industries, a Canada-based firm. Each will get $166,666.66 per year for the next three years to provide brake reline kits to replace brake pads, drums and rotors on the buses.

Splitting the contract between two companies ensures availability and provides the best cost, according to the staff report.

STREET CLEANERS

City Hall plans to replace three street sweepers that cost more to keep running than to scrap, according to a city staff report.

If the City Council approves the contract, the staff will buy the machines from the Mar-Co Equipment Co. for a one-time cost of $889,655.

According to the staff report, each machine costs an average of $89,000 to repair in the 2010-11 fiscal year alone.

The new sweepers will run on compressed natural gas and burn cleaner than the old machines, but use the same chassis, which will cut down on training, downtime and parts inventory.

HEALTH INSURANCE

The City Council will have the opportunity to approve or deny a negotiated medical insurance contract that will cover the majority of municipal employees Tuesday.

Under the terms of the agreement, employees who don't belong to the fire and police unions will contribute 5 percent toward the cost of their medical insurance premium, and annual increases will never exceed 15 percent.

City Hall also agreed to make a one-time lump sum contribution of $250,000 to the reserve fund established between City Hall and the coalition of employees.

Finally, City Hall will contribute an additional $2.84 on top of the $142 monthly contribution on behalf of each eligible employee to the retiree medical trust, which is used to reimburse some or all of the health insurance premiums for eligible retirees and dependents.

The total cost of the one-time payment and 2 percent increase comes out to $461,250 between Jan. 1, 2012 and Dec. 31, 2014.

SECURITY SYSTEMS

Security systems at the Big Blue Bus facility will get an update if the City Council approves a five-year, $331,185 contract to add extra cameras to the new administration building and other sites.

The extra cameras are needed for the maintenance facility, and along the perimeter fencing and gated areas, according to the staff report.

Siemens Industry Inc. provides the security surveillance system DVTel, which City Hall uses for the police department, Annenberg Beach House, Santa Monica Pier, Third Street Promenade and the City Hall building.

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Judge blocks Fla.'s new welfare drug testing law

BY KELLI KENNEDY & MIKE SCHNEIDER
Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. A federal judge temporarily blocked Florida's new law that requires welfare applicants to pass a drug test before receiving the benefits on Monday, saying it may violate the Constitution's ban on unreasonable searches and seizures.

Judge Mary Scriven's ruling is in response to a lawsuit filed on behalf of a 35-year-old Navy veteran and single father who sought the benefits while finishing his college degree, but refused to take the test.

The judge said there was a good chance plaintiff Luis Lebron would succeed in his challenge to the law based on the Fourth Amendment protection against unreasonable searches. The drug test can reveal a host of private medical facts about the individual, Scriven wrote, adding that she found it "troubling" that the drug tests are not kept confidential like medical records. The results can also be shared with law enforcement officers and a drug abuse hotline.

"This potential interception of positive drug tests by law enforcement implicates a 'far more substantial' invasion of privacy than in ordinary civil drug testing cases," Scriven said.

The law's proponents include Gov. Rick Scott, who said during his campaign the measure would save $77 million. It's unclear how he arrived at those figures.

"Drug testing welfare recipients is just a common-sense way to ensure that welfare dollars are used to help children and get parents back to work," said Jackie Schutz, a spokeswoman for Scott. "The governor obviously disagrees with the decision and he will evaluate his options regarding when to appeal."

Earlier this year, Scott also ordered drug testing of new state workers and spot checks of existing state employees under him. But testing was suspended after the American Civil Liberties Union also challenged that policy in a separate lawsuit.

Nearly 1,600 applicants have refused to take the test since testing began in mid-July, but they aren't required to say why. Thirty-two applicants failed the test and more than 7,000 have passed, according to the Department of Children and Families. The majority of positives were for marijuana.

Supporters say applicants skipped the test because they knew they would have tested positive for drugs. Applicants must pay $25 to $35 for the test and are reimbursed by the state if they pass. It's unclear if the state has saved money.

Under the Temporary Assistance For Needy Families program, the state gives $180 a month for one person or $364 for a family of four.

Those who test positive for drugs are ineligible for the cash assistance for one year, though passing a drug course can cut that period in half. If they fail a second time, they are ineligible for three years.

Lebron, who is the sole caretaker of his 4-year-old son, said he's "happy that the judge stood up for me and my rights and said the state can't act without a reason or suspicion."

The ACLU says Florida was the first to enact such a law since Michigan tried more than a decade ago. Michigan's random drug testing program for welfare recipients lasted five weeks in 1999 before it was halted by a judge, kicking off a four-year legal battle that ended with an appeals court ruling it unconstitutional.

Police seek identity of body found in Maine storage unit

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEWISTON, Maine A man who died this month at age 80 nearly took a secret to his grave — a secret that was discovered only after his family went through his belongings in a storage unit.

Inside an unplugged freezer, they found a set of human remains that investigators believe may be those of the man's girlfriend, who disappeared in 1983, when she was 29. Now investigators are trying to confirm the identity of the body, the cause of death and who may have been involved.

State police detectives were awaiting results of an autopsy being performed Monday. DNA tests may be needed to confirm whether the body was that of Kitty Wardwell, who was last seen with her on-again, off-again boyfriend Frank Julian.

"The answers are going to come from the medical examiner's office," said Stephen McCausland, spokesman for the Maine Department of Public Safety.

The storage unit was rented in 1992 by Julian, who died on Oct. 1. Back in 1983, he occasionally lived with Wardwell 100 miles away in Holden.

Julian told police in New Hampshire that he last saw Wardwell after an argument that June, when he dropped her off at a motel in Salem, N.H., before returning to Maine, police said. She was reported missing the following month by a close friend.

A state police investigation indicated she was likely a victim of foul play in Maine. Because of that, the investigation officially remained open.

The freezer was inside a 10-by-10 storage unit at Moore Self Storage Facility in Lewiston, where Julian dutifully paid in advance for the unit, coming around the first of each month to pay in person, owner Gary Boilard said. The last payment was made on Sept. 6, so the unit was rented through November, he said.

The storage company's previous owner kept good records, indicating Julian rented the unit 19 years ago on Oct. 6, Boilard said.

Boilard described the situation as "bizarre."

"How do you keep a secret that long?" he said.

The family was going through boxes inside the storage unit when the remains were discovered, and half of the unit was still filled with boxes when state police alerted Boilard on Saturday.

At the time of his death, Julian was operating a secondhand store on Main Street. Before that, from 2001 to 2007, he'd run the One Stop Shop in a building owned by Hubert Nadeau, selling T-shirts, Christmas decorations, knives and "just about anything," Nadeau said.

The process of determining the body's identity could be time-consuming because of the condition of the body. Wardwell's family members have donated DNA samples that will be compared against DNA from the body, McCausland said.

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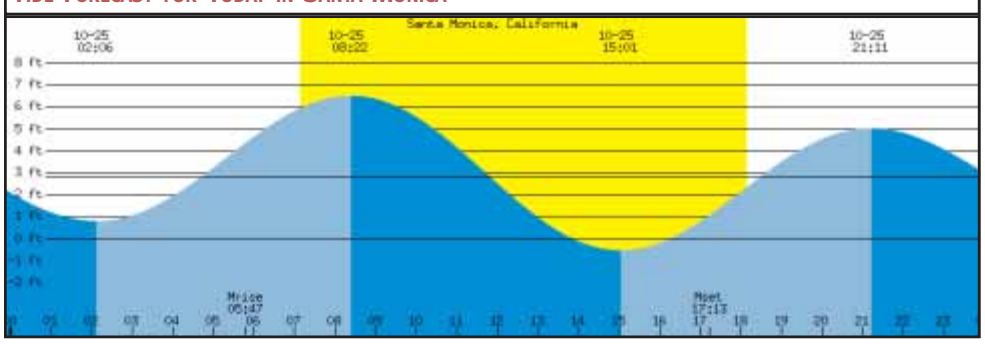
Swell Forecast

Should see south facing breaks increase to chest max. West facing breaks are looking at waist high waves.

Long Range Synopsis

Looking like a repeat of Tuesday the 25th: chest max at south facing breaks, waist high at west facing spots.

Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica



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QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)

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- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 0 / 0

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

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

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NCAA

College athletes press NCAA reform

BY ALAN SCHER ZAGIER
Associated Press

More than 300 major college football and men's basketball players are telling the NCAA and college presidents they want a cut of ever-increasing TV sports revenue to fatten scholarships and cover all the costs of getting a degree, with athletes picking up still more grant money when they graduate.

The players from Arizona, Georgia Tech, Kentucky, Purdue and UCLA have signed a petition asking the NCAA to "realize its mission to educate and protect us with integrity." The National College Players Association, an athletes' advocacy group, provided The Associated Press with copies of the document for release Monday. Players started sending the petition to the NCAA last week.

The document urges the NCAA and college presidents to set aside an unspecified amount of money from what it estimates is $775 million in recently acquired TV revenues in an "educational lock box" for football and men's basketball players. Players could tap those funds to help cover educational costs if they exhaust their athletic eligibility before they graduate. And they could receive what's left of the money allocated to them with no strings attached upon graduating — a step that would undoubtedly be seen by some as professionalizing college sports.

The issue of whether to pay college athletes has been getting increased attention at a time when athletic programs from Miami to Ohio State have endured a series of scandals involving impermissible benefits to players. At the same time, athletic conferences have made lucrative, new television deals.

The NCAA opposes paying athletes, but players whose talents enable colleges and coaches to reap millions have been largely silent in the debate until now.

"I really want to voice my opinions," said Georgia Tech defensive end Denzel McCoy, a redshirt freshman. "The things we go through, the hours we put in, what our bodies go through, we deserve some sort of (results). College football is a billion dollar industry."

McCoy was one of 55 Yellow Jackets who signed the NCPA petition for "education, integrity and basic protections." He had little difficulty convincing the other players to take a public stance.

"They signed it with ease," McCoy said.

At UCLA, Bruins kicker and NFL prospect Jeff Locke enlisted 70 football players and 17 men's basketball players — the entire roster— to sign the petition.

Locke, who like McCoy is a member of an NCPA council of active players that advises the group, emphasized that he does not see the locked box idea as paying players — the money would only go to players after their collegiate athletic careers were over; there would be no salary. The players did not put a dollar figure on what they want for the locked-box grants.

The idea is opposed by NCAA President Mark Emmert and others who cite the amateurism ideal as the backbone of college sports. Locke, however, is adamant that players must also benefit from the skyrocketing profits schools now see from renegotiated television deals, noting the Pac-12's joint 12-year agreement with ESPN and Fox is worth $3 billion, the richest in college sports.

The petition drive comes as the NCAA Division I Board of Directors meets later this week in Indianapolis. Among the discussion topics is a proposal to allow conferences to increase the value of athletic scholarships, reducing the gap between those awards and the actual cost of going to school.

A 2010 study by Ithaca College researchers and the players' association found that the average Division I athlete on a "full scholarship" winds up having to pay $2,951 annually in school-related expenses not covered by grants-in-aid. The shortfall represents the difference between educational expenses such as tuition, student fees, room and board and other costs not covered by scholarships, from campus parking fees to calculators and computer disks required for classes.

On Monday, Emmert told the Knight Commission on Intercollegiate Athletics in Washington that he will recommend an increase of up to $2,000 to cover the scholarship shortfall. The NCPA petition urges a $3,200 increase and a mandatory effort, not optional as Emmert suggests.

In a written statement, NCAA spokesman Bob Williams said the NCAA "redirects nearly all of its revenue to support student-athletes."

"Of its approximately $775 million in annual revenues, the NCAA invests 96 percent, or 96 cents of every dollar, in student-athletes through direct distributions to individual campuses and conferences; the funding and administration of national championships; and other direct support, such as the Student Assistance and Academic Enhancement funds in Division I."

Williams noted that the Division I Board of Directors will also consider whether to endorse a shift to multi-year scholarships for student-athletes, as opposed to the one-year renewable scholarships now in place.

That change is one of five sought in the athletes' petition. They also want to prevent permanently injured players from losing their scholarships while requiring schools to pay all the costs of athletes' sports-related medical expenses.

McCoy, who is sitting out this season with a severe knee injury, said the assurance of sports-related medical coverage is particularly important to him.

"Yeah, we're going to school for free, but when I'm 40 years old, I've got a good degree and everything, but if I can't walk up a flight of stairs, what did I get out of it besides a few bowl games, some rings, things like that?" he said.

Ramogi Huma, a former UCLA linebacker who founded the NCPA after his playing career ended more than a decade ago, said the decision to enlist current athletes to lobby for NCAA reform was intended to put pressure on schools that have resisted other efforts. Huma says the group has more than 14,000 members — about half of whom are currently enrolled.

"The colleges haven't signaled any kind of investment in the issues we're talking about," he said "There's no reason to think that all of this money won't go to the same spots unless there is some intervention."

The current initiative was limited to a handful of schools with some of the most outspoken players in order to submit the petition before this week's NCAA meeting, Huma said. He expects many more players from other schools to join while also lobbying state and federal lawmakers.

"This is the beginning of this strategy, not the end," he said.

Purdue athletic director Morgan Burke, a member of the NCAA Division I Leadership Council, cautioned that economic realities could make it difficult for schools that don't profit from sports to come up with extra money for athletes, whether to cover scholarship shortfalls or the proposed lock-box fund. He noted that fewer than two dozen of the more than 300 Division I schools turned an annual profit, according to the most recent figures.

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Be adventurous tonight, Aquarius

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ You are goal-oriented, with the energy to hit a home run. Someone who comes toward you is very serious and needs to open up. This person has to do it on his or her own. Leading questions probably will make this person uptight. Tonight: Go with a suggestion.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ You could push a family member over the line. You might feel a bit uncomfortable with what is going on. A serious demeanor makes others know that you mean business. Still, you might need someone to pitch in. Tonight: Get some exercise and reduce stress.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Your words often are a little harsher than you realize. Try to soften them before they come out. Dealing with hurt feelings could be a lot harder than you think. A child or new friend could be upset. Don't take it personally. Tonight: Launch into action.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ If you can handle a family matter, do. Otherwise, it could be stuck in your craw all day long. Be careful where you invest your money. A property could be an endless money pit. If you feel glum, make no decisions. Tonight: Head home.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ Your spunk marks a decision. You might be overwhelming to others. If this type of reaction is what you want, fine, but odds are you would prefer to get a different response. Open up talks; take the initiative. But keep some information to yourself. Tonight: Head home.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Keep communication moving. Refuse to get stuck in a quagmire. You won't be able to resolve this issue. How you verbalize what you want and your interactions change. Be careful with money and a risk. This could be a fast way to empty your savings. Tonight: Stop and visit with some friends.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ You might want to understand more of what is going on. Be smart -- stall until you really know what is going on financially. A risk might be very appealing, but it could cause a huge problem. Your sense of humor comes out when dealing with a friend. Tonight: Home in on what you want.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ Your ability to understand what is happening behind the scenes carries you through a problem, but keep certain insights to yourself. Get feedback from a friend, relative or neighbor. Look for someone who knows you but perhaps doesn't judge you too much. Tonight: As you like it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You cannot deny a natural interest in a certain group that you often meet with -- whether it is a common cause or perhaps you admire the way they handle their issues. Keep finances separate from friendship. You could be uncomfortable otherwise. Tonight: Join friends.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ You might not realize how frequently you change your tune. You could gain a very different perspective if you simply detach from what you do and what others do in response. Stay open with a respected teacher or friend. Take a walk if you are grumpy. Tonight: In the limelight.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Your ability to walk in another's shoes emerges. Sometimes a friend could push hard, making you reconsider your relationship. Others could be overly assertive. Know when enough is enough. Tonight: Be adventurous.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ You might want to spend some time with an associate discussing some bottom lines. As you might be involved in the same projects, this conversation could be important. A friend changes plans at the last minute. Tonight: Dinner for two.

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

Happy birthday

This year you discover the importance of maintaining a low profile. You often feel overwhelmed. Know when to say "no" to requests. You will be developing a stronger style of relating than in the past. You often go within. If you are single, first encounters can be very intense. Be careful -- you will run into a lot of needy people. If you are attached, the two of you benefit from weekends alone. You will bond more closely. LIBRA makes a great healer.

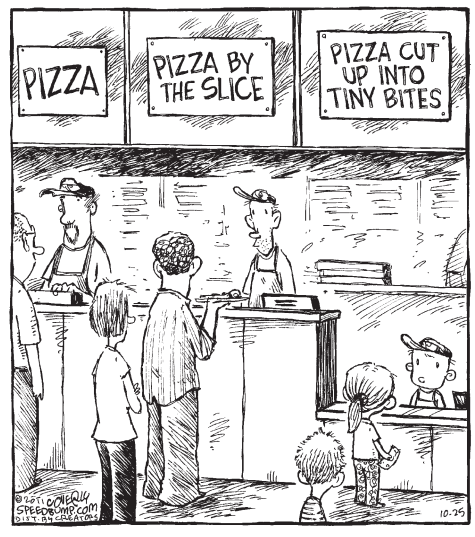


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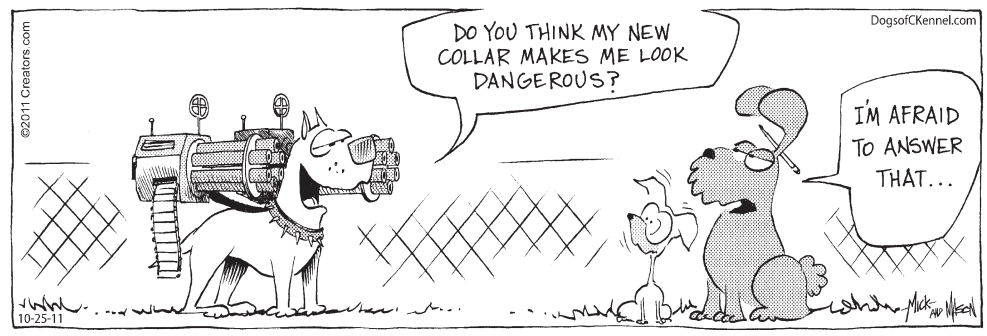
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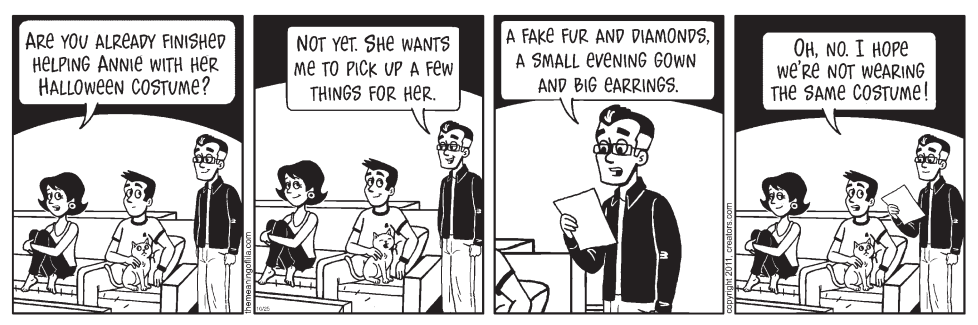
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Sudoku

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 ★★

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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

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

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Goals
5 Previously
10 Fancy wrap
12 Comfort-food source
13 "Stormy Weather" composer
15 Overhead trains
16 Underlit
17 "— had it!"
18 Brother's daughters
20 Till bills
21 Wide awake
22 Egg setting
23 Stage comment
25 Traveler's aids
28 Bank offerings
31 Lotion additive
32 Nabokov book
34 Enjoy Aspen
35 Massive ref. bk.
36 Soup buy
37 "Safety Last!" star
40 Wed hastily
41 Swiss geometer
42 "The same"
43 Hand over

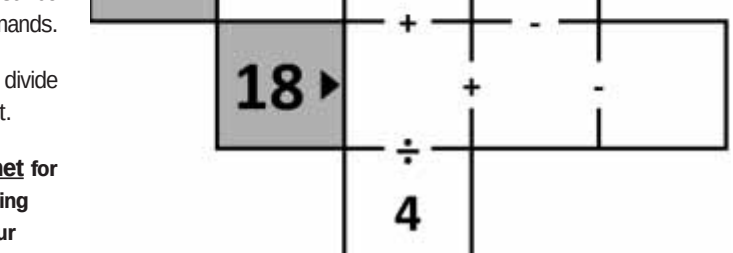
DOWN

1 Pale
2 Roma's land
3 Food bit
4 Traffic caution
5 First person
6 Fragrant tree
7 One way to shop
8 "The Matrix" star
9 Writer Heming-way
11 Church leaders
14 Made moonshine
19 Halt
20 Basket-ball's Shaquille
24 Casual drawing
25 Prepared potatoes
26 Acid's opposite
27 Christie sleuth
29 Kidman of "The Others"
30 Remained
33 Tennis star Agassi
35 Toast topper
38 Make a choice
39 Jean — Godard

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ The world's real economy may be flagging, but not necessarily the make-believe economy of online multiplayer games, according to reporting by The Wall Street Journal (July) and the website Singularity Hub (August). For example, entrepreneur Ailin Graef's Anshe Chung Studios is worth "millions" of real U.S. dollars, earned mostly by managing rentals of make-believe real estate and brokering make-believe money transactions in the game Second Life. Graef also commands top (real) dollar for her designs of make-believe fashions for players' game characters (avatars). Two other companies are suing each other in federal court in San Francisco over the copyright to their lucrative business models of creating make-believe animals (horses, rabbits) that sell very well to players who take them on as game pets for their characters or breed them to make other make-believe animals.

■ No sooner had Anthony Sowell been convicted in August of murdering 11 women in Cleveland and burying their remains around his property than entrepreneur Eric Gein of Florida had hired someone to fill sandwich bags of soil from Sowell's property so that he could sell the souvenir dirt for $25 a gram on the Internet. (Gein follows well-publicized salesmen who have famously collected the pubic hair of New York prostitute-killer Arthur Shawcross, the crawlspace dirt from the house of John Wayne Gacy, and the "fried hair" of Ted Bundy -- that fell on the floor as he was executed.)

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1917 Traditionally understood date of the October Revolution, involving the capture of the Winter Palace, Petrograd, Russia. The date refers to the Julian Calendar date, and corresponds with November 7 in the Gregorian calendar.

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case No. SS021396
Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles
Petition of KAREN MARIE LARABEE for Change of Name
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner or Attorney: KAREN MARIE LARABEE filed a petition with this court for a decree of changing names as follows: KAREN MARIE LARABEE to CARON LARABEE. The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted.
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Date: 9/27/2011
JOSEPH S. BIDERMAN, JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

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11:00 am - 2:00 pm

619 Euclid Street
Just Listed!



Located on a 'Road Less Traveled'
Center hall floor plan
Lush Landscaping
$2,999,999
Open Sunday
October 30th
2:00 pm - 5:00 pm



535 Ocean Ave #3D



Gorgeous Ocean Views
2 Bed + 2 Bath
$2,300,000
Open Sunday
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519 California #103



Huge PRIVATE Yard
2 Bed + 2 Bath
$799,999
Open Sunday
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1024 12th Street #3



Remodeled to the 9's
Direct entry to private garage
2 Bed + 2.5 Bath
Gorgeous Teak Floors
Great Floor Plan
$1,189,000

Average Price of **ALL** Santa Monica Properties
From **ALL** agents in **ALL** companies
Listed for Sale As of Late October 2011

		Single Family Homes	Condos & Towhomes
Santa Monica Canyon	=	$2,012,500	$1,422,000
North of Montana	=	$3,195,000	$1,350,000
Between Wilshire & Montana	=	$2,390,000	$749,000
South of Wilshire	=	$725,000	$530,000
Sunset Park	=	$1,209,500	$499,000
Ocean Park	=	$1,695,000	$889,000

Statistics updated every Monday

11745 Montana #305



$4,500 Per Month

2 Bed + 4 Bath
Gorgeous Mountain Views
Plantation Shutters
Enormous Living Room

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436 Entrada Drive



Amazing Potential
Great opportunity to
Remodel
$999,999
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