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THE YOUR VOTE IS YOUR VOICE ISSUE

AFM reels in windfall for businesses

BY MELISSA LEU
Special to the Daily Press

THIRD STREET PROMENADE If there seems to be an influx of movie industry types wearing official-looking badges walking around Downtown in the next few days, you're right, But fear not that they are overrunning Santa Monica's streets, because they're bringing in some serious cash for the city.

For the 20th straight year, the American Film Market will be held in Santa Monica, which means thousands of film industry professionals from around the world will gather in the city to not only bid for rights to the most lucrative independent films, but also spend between $13 and 14 million in the city, said Kim Baker, director of marketing at the Convention & Visitors Bureau.

From Nov. 3-10, AFM, the world's largest film market will take over 30 screens on the Third Street Promenade and the surrounding community, in addition to holding seminars, networking and parties in the city. Organizers expect the closing of more than $800 million in deals on films at every level of production.

More than 700 films will screen during the event. This year, an additional eight screening rooms have been added, with some located at the Fairmont and Le Merigot hotels.

"We look forward to welcoming the expected 7,000 attendees and are sure they will find fabulous pre-holiday shopping, unique entertainment and delectable dining in our city," said Misti Kerns, president and CEO of Santa Monica's Convention & Visitors Bureau.

City Hall will earn more than $700,000 in taxes, which will go directly to the general fund, said Kerns.

"AFM needs three things to be a successful show. We need 250,000 square feet of exhibition space. We need at least 20 commercial theaters. We need at least 2,000 hotel rooms. And, we need all three within at least walking distance to each other … that's why

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STAGE IS SET: **Movie posters adorn the lobby of the Loews Santa Monica Beach Hotel in advance of the American Film Market, which begins this week.**

Developers behind mystery mailer group

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL The group responsible for the most controversial political mailers in Santa Monica this election year received all of its funding from real estate interests, financial disclosure forms reviewed by the Daily Press on Monday showed.

The group known as Santa Monicans for Quality Government (SMQG), which in the past week has drawn criticism for sending out what education activists and the local police and firefighter unions said were misleading political ads for City Council candidates, received $41,000, the forms showed, all from developers, property managers and a land use law firm.

Texas-based developer Hines, which has proposed a nearly 1 million square-foot mixed-use project at Olympic Boulevard and 26th Street, was the biggest donor, contributing $15,000.

Beverly Hills-based Edward Thomas Management Co., which manages Casa del Mar and Shutters hotel, donated $10,000, as did condominium builder NMS Properties.

The law firm Armbruster, Goldsmith & Delvac, which handled a recent development agreement with City Hall for bio-tech firm Agensys, donated $2,500, as did the Village Trailer Park LLC. Hotel management firm Maxser & Co. donated $1,000.

SMQG sent out several "slate mailers" in recent weeks, all promoting candidates for City Council.

One recent mailer from SMQG consisted of a 10-page booklet that looked like a sample ballot and was titled "Santa Monica Democratic Voter Guide." The "guide" featured check marks next to Democratic candidates in statewide and national races as well as check marks next to recommended local candidates. The mailer, though, left off challenger Ted Winterer, who was endorsed by both the L.A. County Democratic Party and the Santa Monica Democratic Club, instead urging votes for Bob Holbrook, who was not endorsed by either organization.

Reached on Monday, Winterer called the mailer "a cynical attempt to confuse the electorate."

Two other mailers that drew criticism prominently featured the names of well-known Santa Monica organizations but then listed only some of the candidates the organizations had endorsed.

In one mailer, SMQG asked, "Who does CEPS (Community for Excellent Public Schools) trust to protect our schools?" and

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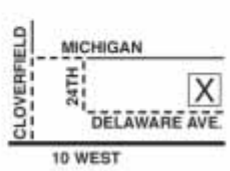
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Tuesday, Nov. 2, 2010

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

Iranian art
James Gray Gallery
2525 Michigan Ave., 11 a.m. — 6 p.m.
Running until Nov. 15, the James Gray Gallery is showing an exhibit of contemporary Iranian art from Tehran. Ten artists will be featured, including a few who have sold paintings at Christie's Auction in Dubai. Coordinated by Homa Taraji, co-founder and executive director of the American Foundation for Contemporary Art, the exhibition is meant to promote Iranian artists in the U.S. For more information, visit www.jamesgraygallery.com.

You are what you eat
Santa Monica College
3171 S. Bundy Dr., Room 123, 6:30 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.
As part of the SMC Environmental Lecture Series, city staff will discuss how they work to create policies to encourage healthy living and food choices. Everything from buying local and organic to product packaging choices plays a role in creating an environmentally-friendly community and planet.

Wednesday, Nov. 3, 2010

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

Thursday, Nov. 4, 2010

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

Inside the pier
Santa Monica Pier
11 a.m. — 5 p.m.
Get an insider's look at the Santa Monica Pier and its surrounding areas through photographs taken by participating members of the Los Angeles Photography Project. Sponsored by Santa Monica Pier Restoration Corporation, the art exhibit will be housed in the Carousel Hippodrome for two months. The exhibit will be open Sunday — Thursday.

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

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CUTE COSTUMES

Brandon Wise *brandonw@smdp.com*

Maddie Farris, 8, (left) won first place for her hand-made centaur costume during the costume contest/fashion show at the Cheryl Fudge Fashion Camp on Montana Avenue on Sunday afternoon. Kids and their families who attended the third annual Montana Avenue Halloween Hop were invited to compete in the Kids' Costume Runway Show for a chance to win prizes.

Boxer, Fiorina stump down to the wire

KEVIN FREKING
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES Creating an aura of victory was the strategy Monday for Democratic Sen. Barbara Boxer and Republican challenger Carly Fiorina, as the two sought to energize their campaigns for one last day before voters go to the polls.

With Fiorina trying to pull off one of the biggest upsets in the country, both candidates are treating the race as close. They said the outcome could depend on which side does the best job getting supporters to cast ballots.

"When you look at all the polls, we're doing well. Some we're winning by a little. Some we're winning by a lot," Boxer said outside a diner near Hollywood. "The truth is, the people have to vote. If we have a decent turnout, I'll be back in the Senate fighting for Californians."

Fiorina's campaign was hoping undecided voters would flock to her side Tuesday. She appealed to those upset with the direction of the state and nation, saying Boxer had her chance to fix things, and it was time to put someone else in charge.

"We can't make things right by doing the same things over and over again," Fiorina told the crowd of about 75 supporters at a campaign stop in Elk Grove near Sacramento.

Boxer was teaming up with gubernatorial candidate Jerry Brown on Monday, while Fiorina had three scheduled stops around the state.

Boxer joined Brown in speaking to hundreds of potential voters in a courtyard outside the public library in downtown Los Angeles.

"Tomorrow, the future of our state is on the ballot, and if we work our hearts out over the next 32 hours, we will win and Californians will win," Boxer said.

Boxer also said Fiorina's political philosophy doesn't fit California.

"She's for Sarah Palin's values. Sarah Palin endorsed her. I'm for California values, and I've got news: Sarah Palin does not speak for California," Boxer said. "My opponent wants tax breaks for millionaires and billionaires. I want tax breaks for hardworking middle-class families and small businesses."

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Candidates for governor make final pitches

JUDY LIN & JULIET WILLIAMS
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES Democrat Jerry Brown spent the final day of his campaign for California governor Monday promising voters he would work with lawmakers to solve the state's financial problems and bring inclusion and transparency to the office.

Brown and other Democrats seeking statewide office rallied outside the downtown Los Angeles library after he appeared in San Diego.

"Living within our means is not going to be that easy, but I've pledged to work with everybody." Brown said in Los Angeles. "When I start this job — if I'm elected — I'm not going to wait for a couple of months. I'm going to go to work."

Republican Meg Whitman, who has made a similar pledge to bring lawmakers together, spent her day rallying campaign volunteers working to boost voter turnout.

In Woodland Hills, Whitman said the momentum was with her and the GOP, which is hoping to make gains nationwide.

"You can feel the energy and enthusiasm," she said. "I can't tell you how many people have come up to me and said, 'I'm a lifelong Democrat. I've never voted for a Republican. I'm voting for you.'"

After shaking hands and taking pictures with volunteers, Whitman sat down with four women in a cubicle and made five phone calls asking for support. She rang a cow bell after hanging up one call, signaling one more vote.

The former CEO was also meeting with volunteers in Costa Mesa, San Diego and Temecula.

In San Diego, hundreds of supporters packed an outdoor Mexican restaurant in a historic area of the city for a morning rally for Brown, who watched tortillas being made as music played across the street.

He said California faces a multibillion-dollar budget deficit that will require compromise to reduce.

Brown, who is now the state attorney general, often tangled with lawmakers during his first tenure as governor from 1975 to 1983.

"I just try to tell it like it is. And when I'm up there in Sacramento, I'll tell it straight," Brown said. "To get through the difficulty and get Republican and Democrat working together, you've got to be honest, you've got to be inclusive and you've got to be fair."

Later in the day, Brown left Los Angeles for Salinas then planned to wrap up his campaign with a fireworks show in his hometown of Oakland, the city where he once served as mayor.

Both candidates delivered their closing

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Did the math

Editor:

In a letter to the editor on Oct. 22, 2010, someone named Chris said we should do the math about conservative voters in Santa Monica. He tried to discredit the fact that "Republicans are coming out of the closet" with stats that were meant to put us back in our place. Well neighbor, you did not include the increases in the numbers of Independents/Declined to State, stats that are growing every day due to the leftist agenda that has taken over the Democrat Party in Santa Monica.

From 2002 to 2010, the total number of registered voters increased 3.9 percent, reflecting a 7 percent increase in registered Democrats. However, the increase in Independent/Declined to State has risen 30 percent. What do those numbers tell you about voters' reaction to the leftist Santa Monicans for Renters' Rights (SMRR) agenda that's been imposed upon our community?

In addition, many conservative voters in Santa Monica have been duped into voting for the SMRR agenda by fraudulent voter guides that misrepresent themselves as Republican voter guides. One such paid slate advertisement states to be the Republican Voter Guide and even has an elephant logo that looks like the Republican logo. They reveal their own fraudulence by virtue of the fact that their elephant only has two stars. The official Republican logo has three stars on it, which represent the three branches of government, something the leftists would like to do away with all together because they think we are too stupid to know what is good for us. So, don't be fooled, look at all election material to see if it is a paid ad, as indicated by an asterisk (*) next to the name or proposition.

Only one mailer in Santa Monica is a real Republican Voter Guide and that one is mailed to you by the Santa Monica Republican Women Federated. It has our phone number, our headquarters address, and our website, SMRWF.com, clearly printed on it.

Donna Block
1st VP SMRWF, Mgr. Republican HQ, Santa Monica

Think before voting

Editor:

When did Santa Monica stop having a representational government?

If I'm not mistaken, at least two of our City Council members were appointed rather than elected. Even though there was an election in June, none of these appointments were ratified or voted on by Santa Monica citizens.

What's going on in Santa Monica? We have elected officials who we didn't elect. We have a Planning Commission, approved by the council, that OKs plans to build multi-plex theaters without adequate parking. Why was that not a requirement of the approval? We have a council that conveniently postponed voting on single-use plastic bag use until after the election.

For many years I have voted and been proud of Santa Monica's stand on issues. What is going on? If this happened in another country many of us would shake our heads and be concerned for the citizenry. This is happening here.

Maybe we can question our choices and scrutinize the stances of those running a little more carefully as we go to the polls [today].

Marcia S. Matz
Santa Monica





Back to Nature

Reese Halter — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Saving the ancient pines by reducing our global footprints

THIS PAST SUMMER I HAD A WONDERFUL opportunity to visit Lake Shrine, the Aztec exhibition at the Guggenheim Museum and lunch at Gladstone's with one of my mentors, Emeritus Prof. Roger Sands. I was intrigued to learn that economists were in the process of valuing nature, globally.

In early October, a former banker, Pavan Sukhdev placed a price tag on the worldwide network of environmental assets in an attempt to halt destruction of coral reefs, wetlands, rainforests, prairies, deserts, lakes, rivers and the oceans. Healthy global ecosystems are worth at least $5 trillion a year to humankind.

In California alone, world-class state parks attract tourists who spend in excess of $1.2 billion annually, marveling at our unique ecosystems including the tallest, largest and oldest trees on the face of the Earth.

Although placing a dollar value on wild ecosystems may at first seem trite, it is actually the first step toward global conservation. Once our ecosystems have been assigned a monetary value their importance becomes apparent to everyone.

The second step to protecting our planet is to halt habitat destruction from senseless and careless human harvesting. There are at least 26,000 species around the globe threatened by extinction, occurring now at a rate that is now almost 1,000 times faster than the great extinction of the dinosaurs some 65 million years ago.

The United Nations meeting in Nagoya, Tokyo with delegates from 193 countries (sadly the United States was missing) has agreed to protect 17 percent of the world's land areas and 10 percent of the oceans by 2020.

The third step to ensuring a healthy and habitable planet for our grandchildren is to address rising greenhouse gases, which are irrefutably fueling global warming. Conservation biologists and ecologists study patterns across the landscape. And our trees whose progenitors have been on the Earth for about 400 million years are showing those that are looking numerous signs of stress induced by rising global temperatures.

For the past decade and a half I've been making an annual pilgrimage to my favorite trees on the planet: the Great Basin bristlecone pines (Pinus longaeva) of California's White Mountains. It's there at an elevation of over 11,000 feet that the oldest, non-clonal tree Methuselah resides. He's 4,846 years old and has witnessed over 1.77 million sunrises. It is rather fitting that he lives on sedimentary soils of sand, mud and shells dating back to 600 million years ago.

Tree growth in stressful environments such as rocky soil, along cliff faces or at the top of mountains is very sensitive to environmental factors and display excellent variations in ring-to-ring growth — known as variation sensitivity. It's these tree ring patterns that scientists, including myself, study.

Tree rings from 678 Great Basin bristlecone pines taken from the White Mountains, and Mount Washington and Pearl Peak, Nev. have shown scientists that rising temperatures are having a profound impact on the slowest growing, ancient pines on the planet. That is, the past 50 years of tree ring growth has been the fastest in the previous 3,700 growing seasons. Fortunately for these high elevation champions, the 20th century was one of the wettest in the last millennium. However, all 22 climate models that I have seen indicate that rising temperatures this century will bring the most severe drought in modern times.

Great Basin bristlecone pines are breathtaking for a number of reasons. Unlike any other known living thing, these trees and the ancient cliff cedars (Thuja occidentalis) of the Niagara Escarpment show no sign of the degenerative aging process. In fact, many of them live over two miles above the Earth yet they exhibit no mutations as they stoically enter their 49th century of life despite being bombarded by extreme cosmic radiation. Gerontologists are awed that there are no signs of any chromosomal changes, including shortening of their tips as trees age.

High elevation bristlecones thrive in such harsh, frigid conditions that insects, fire and disease cannot get a toe-hold to harm these venerable beauties. Incidentally, some years Great Basin bristlecone pines awaken in late June, discern (exactly how remains a mystery) that pending summer conditions will be inhospitable; drop back into dormancy drawing upon meager sugar reserves enabling them to survive for another 12 months.

Tragically, the very environment that Great Basin bristlecone pines have so splendidly adapted too is under siege. All across Western United States temperatures are rising between 2 and 5 degrees Fahrenheit. In addition, in California, the time it takes for snow on the ground to melt has decreased 16 days between 1951 and 1996. In order to prosper in their environment, with rising global temperatures, bristlecone pines are attempting to move higher up the mountain. This past summer I observed seedlings slightly in front of the existing treeline. Yet in reality they are very near the top of the mountain and have little new ground to conquer.

As temperatures rise, bark beetles are able to climb the mountain into otherwise uninhabitable high elevation forests. Also an introduced European fungus, white pine blister rust, appears after a century of decimating North American pines to be gradually ascending the western mountains.

Ultimately it's the rising temperatures and droughts associated with global warming that will significantly impinge upon nature's finest masterpiece — the near-immortal Great Basin bristlecone pines. Each of us can help these exquisite beings, and all life forms, by lessening our carbon footprints.

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What's the Point?

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Silence the wall of sound

THE THIRD STREET PROMENADE TO me is a three-block long microcosm of the world. We have tourists from all over who come to enjoy the restaurants, shopping and free entertainment. I am, conservatively, on the promenade five times throughout the week. I am usually there from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and then almost every Friday evening. The variety of the acts and the carnival feel they bring to the street enhances immensely the experience in my opinion.

That said, we have to do something about the sound levels of the amplified artists, and the regulation of them by Santa Monica's City Hall. I have spent too many evenings walking from Wilshire to Broadway being assaulted by a cacophony of sounds that are stepping on each other.

Each performer loses when they are stepping on each other, because that in turns means the environment is losing, due to the obnoxiousness of the competition. Which is precisely why the police, through their Community Service Officers (CSO), monitor the sound levels of the performers.

The goal is to allow the performers to express themselves, but not so much so that they exceed certain levels that would cause interference with the neighboring act. That's the theory at least.

The reality is something different. As anyone who walks down the promenade can attest to, there is definitely an interfence between the performers.

I was curious about this, so I asked my friend Josh Vietti about it. He's the pop violinist who always draws an admiring crowd of hipsters, young children and adults for his playful, upbeat, inventive musical stylings that combine the violin with pop rhythms.

He shared with me his experiences, having been metered on two occasions by the CSOs. They used a sound meter and measured the noise levels exactly one foot from his speaker using a ruler. They determined he was over the allowed level of 97 decibels (DBs) Monday through Friday and 107 on the weekends and holidays.

On each occasion he says he was under the allowed decibel level by 2 or 3 DBs just to be safe. Having known Josh for quite a while now, and having had my own run in with the CSOs and their flexible versions of the truth, I believe him.

Vietti's defense to his notice of violations is that on both occasion there were performers next to him who influenced the decibel reading with their amplifiers.

"I couldn't even hear myself playing it was so loud" says Vietti. He continued, "The word I would use to characterize the other performers levels would be 'assaulting.' There was a wall of sound assaulting the ears of the locals, tourists and vendors."

In what can be characterized as nothing more than a blatant lie, the CSOs told Vietti that their sound readings isolate any other sound. Which would not be the first time that I have caught the CSOs in a lie, so it is not surprising to me that they would be dishonest.

Vietti has won in court on a previous citation for the same thing. The judge ruled that it was reasonable to assert that the noise from amplifiers next to him could influence the sound reading conducted on his speaker easily by 10 decibels or more, which anyone walking along the promenade knows.

The current rule on the promenade is that performers can set up 40 feet away from other performers. Often there will be four or five audio acts (singers, bands, instrumentalists, dancers) all 40 feet away from each other, all trying to outdo the act next to them by cranking up their amps often 10, 20 and 30 decibels over the allowed limits.

I think audio acts (whether singers, dancers, bands or instrumentalists) should have to be 80 feet away from other audio acts (two performer spots away) instead of 40 feet away. Let non-audio acts (any performer without an amplifier creating audio levels of music or for a microphone) be 40 feet away from any performer. This would create a much more pleasant environment.

When I proposed the idea of the acts being further apart, Vietti jumped on the idea like a dog on a meat-covered bone, "That would be awesome, I totally agree."

So, spreading out the performers would increase the enjoyableness of the promenade, reduce the congestion in the courts with the frivolous citations by the CSOs, and free up the CSOs to do other work, like cite people for spitting on the sidewalk, which I really wish they would do. It's a disgusting habit, against the law, and it's disgusting to me that the CSOs don't enforce it.

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The Q Line

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Too much noise

The City Council has recently taken up the topic of noisy street performers on the Third Street Promenade. They are considering a change in law that would limit allowable decibel levels.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
Do you think that street performers are too loud, or do you feel that the council should lay off?

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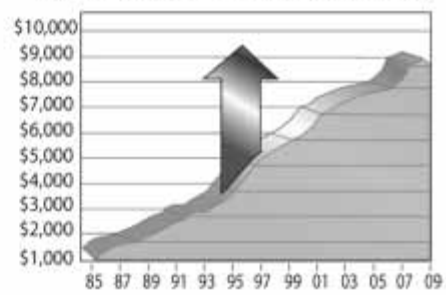
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Appeals court extends life of gay military policy

LISA LEFF
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO A federal appeals court on Monday indefinitely extended its freeze on a judge's order halting enforcement of the military's "don't ask, don't tell" policy.

A divided three-judge panel of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals granted the U.S. government's request for a stay while it challenges the trial court's ruling that the ban on openly gay service members is unconstitutional.

The same panel, composed of two judges appointed by President Ronald Reagan and one appointed by President Bill Clinton, on Oct. 20 imposed a temporary hold keeping "don't ask, don't tell" in place.

Monday's decision means gay Americans who disclose their sexual orientations still can't enlist in the armed forces and can be investigated and ultimately discharged.

In an eight-page order, two judges said they were persuaded by the Department of Justice's argument that U.S. District Court Judge Virginia Phillips' worldwide injunction against the policy "will seriously disrupt ongoing and determined efforts by the Administration to devise an orderly change."

"The public interest in enduring orderly change of this magnitude in the military — if that is what is to happen — strongly militates in favor of a stay," Judges Diarmuid F. O'Scannlain and Stephen S. Trott wrote in their majority order. We believe that prudence mandates restraint until the final judgment is entered."

Another reason they gave for imposing the freeze was decisions by four other federal appeals courts that cast doubt on whether Phillips exceeded her authority and ignored existing legal precedents when she concluded gays could not serve in the military without having their First Amendment rights breached.

Judge William Fletcher entered a partial dissent, saying he would have preferred the panel had heard oral arguments before granting the stay. Fletcher said he would have prevented "don't tell, don't tell" from being applied to discharge any existing service members while the case was on appeal.

More than 14,000 men and women have been forced to leave the military since "don't tell, don't tell" took affect in 1994.

Monday's ruling heightens pressure on the Obama administration to persuade the U.S. Senate to repeal the law before a new Congress is sworn in. President Barack Obama repeatedly has said he opposes "don't ask, don't tell" but favors ending it legislatively instead of through the courts.

"Today's decision is a major disappointment, and it underscores the urgent need for the Senate to act this month in the lame duck session to end this confusion and cause the finality that is needed," said Aubrey Sarvis, executive director of the Servicemembers Legal Defense Network. "We continue to warn service members that it is unsafe to come out as long as this law remains on the books."

The court ordered the government to submit brief in its broader appeal by Jan. 24 and gave Log Cabin Republicans, a gay rights group that sued to overturn "don't ask, don't tell" in Phillips' court, until Feb. 22 to reply. It did not schedule oral arguments in the case.

Millions of vote-by-mail ballots still unreturned

ROBIN HINDERY
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO Millions of Californians have not yet returned their vote-by-mail ballots, and the flood of returns expected on election day could delay results in tight races, officials said Monday.

The state's 58 counties had reported receiving just under 3 million absentee ballots as of early afternoon Monday — less than 40 percent of the 7.6 million ballots requested statewide for the general election, according to the California Association of Clerks and Election Officials.

In some counties, vote-by-mail is expected to exceed in-person voting.

That means a huge number of last-minute returns will not be processed Tuesday, and the most competitive races may remain too close to call.

"The ballots are coming in later than average and there's more of them than average, which means more uncounted ballots on election night," said Contra Costa County Clerk Steve Weir, who estimated that one-quarter of his county's absentee ballots would not be included in Tuesday's tally.

Recent polls show a number of extremely close contests in California, including the races for lieutenant governor and attorney general. In addition, about half a dozen congressional seats and several state legislative seats are thought to be in play.

Gail Pellerin, Santa Cruz County clerk and head of the statewide clerks association, said Monday that the return rate so far was about what she expected.

"When you issue 7.6 million (ballots), you're not going to get 7.6 million back," she said. "Ideally, there would be more at this point, but you take what you can get."

Experts say turnout this year will likely hover around 60 percent — similar to past midterm elections but significantly lower than 2008, when more than 79 percent of registered voters participated.

Counties started sending out vote-by-mail ballots the first week of October. Since then, almost all of the calls received by the nonprofit California Voter Foundation have been procedural questions about how to fill them out, said the group's president, Kim Alexander.

"Even though vote-by-mail continues to be popular, I expect more than half of the ballots will still be cast at the polls," she said.

Some voters may not have returned their ballots early because they lost them or filled them out incorrectly, Alexander said.

Pellerin had another possible explanation.

"I guess we're just creatures of procrastination," she said.

Court considers tossing part of AZ immigration law

PAUL ELIAS
Associated Press

Arizona's immigration law faced tough scrutiny from a federal appeals panel Monday as the state's governor appeared in person to support the controversial provision on the day before the election in which she's seeking her first full term.

The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals signaled it was ready to toss out the provision of Arizona's law that criminalizes the failure to carry immigration papers showing lawful residency in the United States.

But the three-judge panel didn't tip its hand over which way it was leaning on other provisions of the state law that touched off a national furor when Arizona Gov. Jan Brewer signed it April 23. The federal government filed a lawsuit soon after to invalidate the measure.

U.S. Deputy Solicitor General Edwin Kneedler argued Monday that the provisions in question violate laws making immigration enforcement the exclusive domain of the federal government.

Among the provisions at issue is the requirement that police — when enforcing other laws — must question the immigration status of people they have reason to suspect are in the country illegally.

"It's how the state wants to use its people," said Judge Carlos Bea, appointed to the bench by President George W. Bush. "The state can turn over an illegal to federal officials."

Kneedler responded that requiring local law enforcement officials to check the immigration status of everyone they suspect as being an illegal immigrant takes away from their investigatory discretion. He also said the law intrudes upon foreign policy and diplomacy, areas that are left for the federal government.

"If every state did this, we would have a patchwork of law," Kneedler said.

Arizona's legislature passed the law after years of complaints that the federal government hasn't done enough to lessen the state's role as the nation's busiest illegal entry point. Its passage ignited protests, with thousands taking to the streets of Phoenix saying the law would lead to racial profiling. The law prompted lawsuits from the U.S. Justice Department, civil rights groups and other opponents seeking to throw it out.

Less than a day before the law was to take effect, U.S. District Judge Susan Bolton blocked key provisions, including a requirement that immigrants carry immigration papers. On Monday, Bea told Kneedler "I don't think you have to spend a whole lot of time" arguing the unconstitutionality of that provision.

Bea opened the hearing by sharply questioning Arizona's lawyer John Bouma about previous court rulings that upheld the supremacy of the federal government in deciding immigration matters. Bouma responded that Arizona was not seeking to change federal immigration policy.

"All Arizona is saying is play by the rules," Bouma said. "Arizona is bearing the brunt of the federal government's failure to enforce it."

Judge John Noonan, appointed by President Ronald Reagan, and Judge Richard Paez, appointed by President Bill Clinton, rounded out the appeals panel, which has no deadline to act.

Hundreds of protesters gathers outside the federal courthouse in San Francisco before the hour-long hearing. Opponents of the law in this politically liberal city outnumbered supporters.

Stocks retain some early gains

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AP Business Writer

NEW YORK Stocks closed mixed Monday as traders waited for this week's election results and more details about the Federal Reserve's plan to stimulate the economy.

Stocks rose early in the day following reports of unexpected growth in the manufacturing industry in both the U.S. and China last month. Manufacturing expanded at its fastest pace in five months, according to the Institute for Supply Management. The group said that its industry index rose to 56.9 in October from 54.4 in September. Any number above 50 indicates growth.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 125 points, led by manufacturers Caterpillar Inc., United Technologies Corp. and General Electric Co.

But stocks were unable to hold on to their gains ahead of the election and the two-day Fed meeting that starts Tuesday. The Dow fell steadily throughout the day, briefly turning lower before a late rally gave it a modest advance.

The Dow rose 6.13, or 0.1 percent, to finish at 11,124.62

The broad Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 1.12, or 0.1 percent, to 1,184.38, while the technology-focused Nasdaq composite index fell 2.57, or 0.1 percent, to 2,504.84.

In one sign of the mixed day in the stock market, half the industries that make up the Standard and Poor's 500 index fell, while the other half rose. Intel Corp. rose 2.5 percent to lead the 30 companies in the Dow, while Kraft Foods Inc. was the index's laggard with a 1.5 percent decline.

Investors have been assuming the Fed will launch a new program of buying Treasury bonds to help stimulate the economy. Stocks rose for much of October because investors expect the Fed will announce as early as Wednesday that it plans to buy government debt in an effort to spark consumer spending and bank lending. Only in the last few days has the market rally trailed off amid questions about exactly how much the Fed will spend to buy bonds. The Dow rose 3.1 percent in October, including a 0.1 percent drop last week.

Lower interest rates weaken returns on debt, which would make stocks and commodities more attractive investments since their potential return would be significantly higher.

Bond prices fell following the strong manufacturing report. The yield on the benchmark 10-year Treasury note, which moves opposite its price, rose to 2.63 percent from 2.60 percent late Friday.

The dollar rose 0.28 percent against a broad basket of currencies. The Euro Stoxx 50, which tracks the performance of blue chip stocks in Europe, fell 1 point to 2,541.77. China's Shanghai Composite Index rose 2.5 percent, or 75.1, to 3,054.02.

The number of falling and rising shares were about even on the New York Stock Exchange, where consolidated trading volume came to a light 3.9 billion shares.



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AFM
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we choose Santa Monica," said Jonathan Wolf, managing director of AFM, who also pointed to the added benefit of nearby shopping, restaurants and the beach.

Local businesses and hotels will also benefit from the market's arrival. AFM has agreed to house all of its participants in locally contracted hotels.

"In a time when the nation's economy and tourism rates are just showing signs of recovery, the economic boost of the AFM is critical for Santa Monica and its businesses — especially during the off season," said Baker.

Loews Santa Monica Beach Hotel will serve as the AFM headquarters, converting all of its hotel rooms into exhibitor offices.

As the co-hosting hotel, Le Merigot, which has partnered with AFM since the hotel's opening, will set aside spaces for offices, seminars and receptions, said Debra Matsumoto, director of sales and marketing at Le Merigot.

More than 80 businesses have committed to making the visitors feel welcome, including the creation of special placards, prix fixe menus and AFM happy hours. Some are even expected to post information for international travelers, such as U.S. tipping customs.

"We definitely will see an increase in sales and business. I think doing a special menu will help because it gives people an incentive to come … it's a fair price," said Heather Posner, manager of JiRaffe, which is offering a $44 three-course prix fixe menu.

"Our attendees come from more than 70 different countries from a variety of different cultures and expense accounts. It's a terrific gesture," said Wolf.

Founded in 1981, AFM is produced by the Independent Film & Television Alliance, a trade association representing producers and distributors of independent motion pictures and television programs.

Notable films that will premier this year, include "Love, Wedding, Marriage," starring James Brolin, Mandy Moore, Kellan Lutz and Jane Seymour; "The Warrior's Way," starring Geoffrey Rush, Kate Bosworth and Jang Dong Gun; "Barney's Version," starring Paul Giamatti, Dustin Hoffman and Minnie Driver; and "What's Wrong with Virginia," starring Jennifer Connelly, Ed Harris and Emma Roberts.

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failed to mention CEPS-endorsees Kevin McKeown and Winterer.

Another featured the logos of the local police and firefighters unions and listed the names of four public safety-endorsed candidates, but left off McKeown, the fifth candidate who received the groups' backing. (McKeown also happens to be a regular target of developers, having weathered a negative campaign against him in 2006 financed by hotel companies including the Edward Thomas Management Co. that were organized under the banner "Santa Monicans for Sensible Priorities.")

Besides SMQG's content, some local activists have also raised questions about the group's financial disclosure practices.

Though most groups responsible for political ads in Santa Monica file documents with the City Clerk's Office, which generally makes filings publicly accessible online within 24 hours, SMQG declined to do so and was planning to file disclosure documents only with the California Secretary of State's Office.

One local group, the Santa Monica Coalition for a Livable City, filed a complaint over the move, which California's Fair Political Practices Commission is reviewing.

On Monday, none of the group's filings were available online through the Secretary of State's website.

But after receiving the complaint from SMCLC and other inquiries about SMQG, City Clerk Maria Stewart said she contacted the SMQG's accountant, Kinde Durkee, and received the forms by Monday afternoon.

SMQG's president, political consultant Fred Huebscher, on Monday insisted his group had never intended to hide its donors.

"My intent is to follow the law," he said, adding that the group filed its disclosure statements on time. The documents were filed in paper form, he said, rather than electronically — a move that results in a greater lag between filing and when the documents are posted online. Paper copies of the forms had been available prior to Monday at a Los Angeles County Clerk's Office building in Norwalk, he said.

"Why would we do anything that we don't need to do?" he said.

He said his group could still disclose additional donations. It's not required to disclose contributions of less than $2,500 received in the past two weeks until January, he said.

Diana Gordon, co-chair of SMCLC, on Monday said the filings showed developers were behind what she called "some of the dirtiest tricks in any campaign" and "a front-out effort to hide from voters where the money was coming from."

"It was very important to these hotels and developers not to be known as the donors in this campaign to unseat Kevin McKeown and also to hurt the campaign of Ted Winterer," she said.

She also argued the campaigns of Pam O'Connor and Gleam Davis were tied to the group's tactics, since both candidates' campaigns are being managed by Huebscher, a professional political consultant who is president of the firm The Political Scientists.

Both candidates have denied being involved with SMQG.

For his part, Huebscher denied that the disclosure forms will taint the candidates the group supports, citing the wisdom of the late California Assembly Speaker Jesse Unruh, who famously said of lobbyists: "If you can't take their money, drink their booze, eat their food, screw their women, and vote against them, you don't belong in the Legislature."

"Just because Pam O'Connor has received money from developers doesn't mean she's staunchly pro-development," he said.

He also faulted Santa Monica's campaign disclosure laws, which limit the amount an individual can give to a candidate at $250.

"It makes it awfully hard to raise money," he said, "therefore things like this occur."

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ELECTION
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arguments to voters in what has become California's most expensive gubernatorial race in history.

Public opinion polls have shown Brown is leading Whitman, a billionaire former chief executive of eBay Inc. who has spent nearly $142 million of her personal fortune on her first run for political office.

A Field Poll last week showed Brown with a double-digit lead — 49 percent to 39 percent — over Whitman among likely voters. But Whitman and her supporters say they believe the same energy behind Republicans nationwide will result in a GOP sweep in California and overcome a 13 percentage point Democratic voter registration advantage.

When asked about those polls, Whitman said she believes the race was closer than those surveys indicated.

"The only poll that matters is tomorrow," she said Monday in Woodland Hills. "Our polls look great. We're going to battle it out to the end. I feel great about where we are."

Whitman made a brief stop at her Orange County campaign headquarters in Costa Mesa.

Imelda Preciado, 63, said she had been volunteering seven days a week for eight hours a day, going to campaign events, making get-out-the-vote calls and doing other tasks. Preciado was wearing several campaign buttons, including one that read "Take Out the Trash on Nov. 2."

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Fiorina has pushed to retain the tax breaks of 2001 and 2003 for all taxpayers regardless of income. She has said that increasing taxes would punish the very people who are needed to revive the economy — small business owners and entrepreneurs.

Fiorina also stopped at the Pasadena Republican Club, where she greeted campaign volunteers. She said she will win Tuesday because Californians were dissatisfied with the status quo.

"When 70-plus percent of the people believe our nation is headed in the wrong direction, you don't vote for someone who has been in Washington, D.C., for 28 years," Fiorina said. "You vote for someone who has created jobs. You vote for someone who has cut spending."

The race also was playing out on the airwaves, where the two sides were hammering each other.

One Boxer ad saturating the Los Angeles market focused on Fiorina's tenure at Hewlett-Packard and portrays her as someone who laid off some 30,000 workers and outsourced many of those jobs overseas while receiving a huge financial windfall herself.

It's a theme Boxer has repeated for months, and one the Fiorina campaign calls hypocritical because the senator had accepted contributions from scores of companies using overseas work forces.

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Lil Wayne at No. 1 despite being incarcerated

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NEW YORK He had the top-selling album in the country a few weeks ago. He's on the president's iPod. He's on the charts with two singles and a collaboration on a third. He's on Facebook with updates for the more than 14 million people following them. He is, in every respect, on.

By the way, Lil Wayne's in jail. But his public persona is anything but locked away.

The rapper, who's on track to be released Thursday after serving eight months in a gun case, is the first artist in 15 years to release a No. 1 album on the Billboard 200 chart while serving a sentence. His "I Am Not a Human Being" spent a week in the top slot and has sold more than 323,000 copies since its Sept. 27 release, according to Nielsen SoundScan.

It's hardly a coveted distinction. But it is both a reflection of Lil Wayne's popularity — he went to jail a multiplatinum-selling Grammy Award winner — and a result of astute maneuvering in the multimedia landscape that now envelops pop stardom. Staying relevant? Try omnipresent.

"The challenge was to make sure you feel like he never left," says Bryan "Birdman" Williams, the Cash Money Records co-founder who has fostered Lil Wayne's career since the rapper's teens. "We came with a good strategy, and it worked."

Members of the rapper's management team carefully scheduled releases of music and saw to it that his responses to the deluge of fan mail that has descended on the city's Rikers Island jail complex were typed up and posted online. They have become regulars at Rikers' visiting hours and have played, and recorded, music over a jail phone.

The Lil Wayne campaign even comes with its own insidery slogan — "free Weezy," one of his nicknames — circulated through channels ranging from T-shirts to a Twitter hashtag.

For the rapper, his jail term has been a difficult exile from the recording studio where he generally likes to spend time every night, his associates say. "When you take somebody's passion away, it's got to be frustrating," Williams said in an interview.

But for his fans, it has provided not only a steady stream of new music, but an unusually direct connection to one of music's megastars. On a blog he set up for fans, he's offered insights into his day-to-day doings and responses to some of the listener letters that, he says, anchor his day.

"I never imagined that I could have such an impact on people's lives," he wrote in July on the site, Weezythanxyou.com.

Known for his workaholic output of witty, manifold and sometimes weird wordplay, Lil Wayne had the best-selling album of 2008 and won a best rap album Grammy with "Tha Carter III." Time magazine weighed him for its most-influential-people list last year; President Barack Obama recently told Rolling Stone he has some Lil Wayne music on his iPod.

The rapper, born Dwayne Carter Jr., pleaded guilty in October 2009 to having a loaded gun on his tour bus after a Manhattan concert in 2007. He began serving his one-year sentence in March.

He's expected to get out early because of time off for good behavior, despite the electronic contraband that landed him in solitary confinement for the last month of his term: a charger and headphones for a digital music player were found in his cell, jail officials said. (He acknowledged the misstep on his blog.)

While at Rikers, he also pleaded guilty to an Arizona drug possession charge and was sentenced to three years' probation.

Lil Wayne joined a roster of successful rappers who have spent time behind bars, a list that has muddied the line between art and life in a genre that arose from inner-city streets and often chronicles crime and violence. Big names including Tupac Shakur, Lil' Kim, Foxy Brown, Shyne, Mystikal, Gucci Mane and T.I. have been incarcerated for periods ranging from months to years.

Several rappers have put out albums while locked up; the late Shakur became the first to hit No. 1 with 1995's "Me Against the World," released while he was imprisoned on a sexual assault conviction. Some have recorded songs behind bars.

Lil Wayne made a slew of recordings and videos in his final weeks of freedom. The recording blitz provided enough material for "I Am Not a Human Being" and appearances on songs by artists ranging from his protege Drake to Eminem, their releases timed to keep him fresh in fans' minds, his managers said.

The rapper initially played it cool when told about the album's success, said Derrick "E.I." Lawrence, a member of his management team. But as Lawrence was heading out after a visit, "He said, 'No. 1?' ... That lit him up."

Lil Wayne, too, kept an ear out for opportunities. After hearing the Drake/Jay-Z collaboration "Light Up" on the radio, he told longtime manager Cortez Bryant, "I gotta get on that," Bryant recalled. The rapper recorded a verse over the phone for a "Rikers Remix" that made the rounds online.

But perhaps the most telling way Lil Wayne has made himself heard from jail hasn't been on records, but in writing.

His managers say the rapper proposed the Weezythanxyou blog, which has become a public-yet-personal conversation between the star and his fans. They have sent so much mail that members of his management team routinely take home garbage bags full for safekeeping after the rapper has read it.

"He's using it as therapy to get by, to get through his long days," Bryant said in an interview.

Writing in longhand with implements and notepads bought from the jail commissary, Lil Wayne issued chatty, upbeat updates, touching on such topics as his daily activities ("I'm still playing UNO"), pro basketball and Mother's Day.

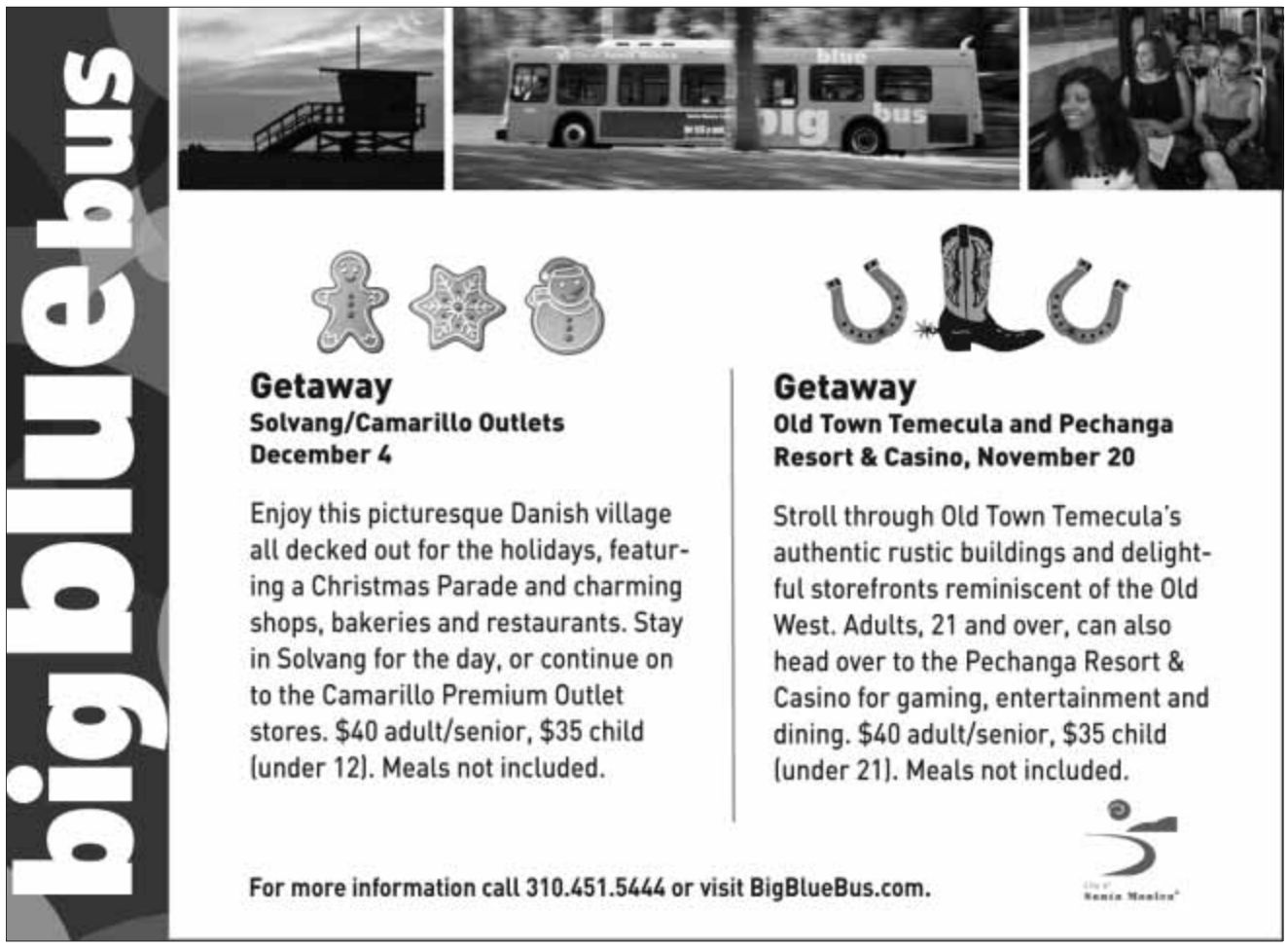
But mostly, he thanked fans, by the dozens and by name, with individual, brotherly notes: "So happy you found your iPod," "You're already where you need to be, school!"

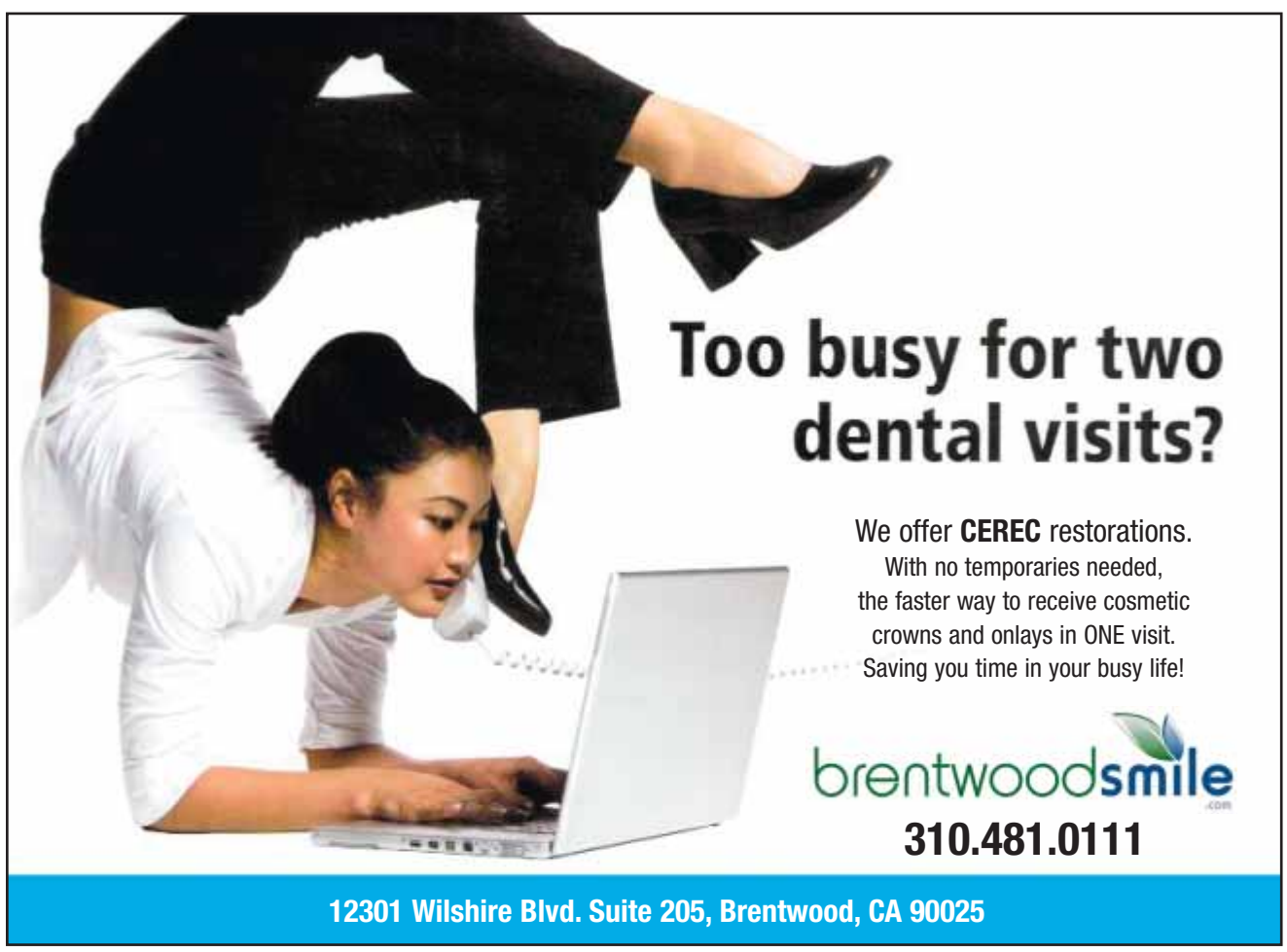
He even brokered a marriage proposal after getting a letter from a woman who had appeared in one of his label's videos, popping her question to her boyfriend on the site at her request, said Mack Maine, the president of Young Money Entertainment, Lil Wayne's imprint within Cash Money.

So-called "Wayniacs" have been impressed with the updates, said Lilwaynehq.com fan site founder Daniel Mousdell. So have rap veterans.

"It was great that they had that communication with fans," said Death Row Records founder Marion "Suge" Knight, who worked with Shakur and spent five years in jail himself in the 1990s on an assault conviction. With the more limited communication options of the time, "the world stopped" for an artist in prison, he said.

Lil Wayne's world, meanwhile, is already moving on. The rapper has written new lyrics in jail (describing them as "amazing would be too typical and perfect would be unfair," he said on his blog) and envisions releasing a much-anticipated "Tha Carter IV" next year, Williams said.





NBA

Jackson dubs Lakers bench 'The Renegades'

GREG BEACHAM
AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES This must be another coaching record for Phil Jackson. Just one week into the regular season, he has already minted a catchy nickname for the Los Angeles Lakers' revamped group of reserves.

Meet The Renegades. They're the reason the two-time NBA champions might be a whole lot better this season.

Newcomers Steve Blake, Matt Barnes and Theo Ratliff have joined returnees Shannon Brown and Sasha Vujacic on a bench that already looks exponentially more reliable than last season's collection of castoffs and underachievers. What's more, they're still planning to add injured Luke Walton and sixth man Lamar Odom, currently a fill-in starter.

"I like the way this group is coming together," Jackson said. "They have the potential to be very special."

The Lakers were top-heavy during their two title runs, but this team appears to have enviable balance.

The unimpressive likes of Adam Morrison, Jordan Farmar and DJ Mbenga have been replaced by three tough NBA veterans with 29 combined seasons of experience. Blake, Barnes and Ratliff are former starters who swallowed their egos for the chance to join Kobe Bryant and Pau Gasol in another championship chase.

"Our bench is very solid, very solid," Bryant said after Sunday's 107-83 win over Golden State, moving the Lakers to 3-0. "They rarely make mistakes. They stay within the structure, and they play well together."

They also add hunger: None of the three newcomers has a championship ring, and all three looked on in envy when the nine returning Lakers received the spoils of last season's toils during last week's ring ceremony.

"Everybody knows that's the reason we're here, and that's the reason I chose the Lakers," said Barnes, the hard-nosed swingman and longtime Kobe antagonist who is becoming a confidante to the two-time finals MVP.

Although Jackson slapped a couple of nicknames on his reserves during the last two title runs — the Bench Mob, and later the Minutemen — their struggles often forced the starters to play heavy minutes. Jackson already displays more confidence in his new bench, which scored 55 points in the Lakers' first two games before logging major minutes in the blowout win over the Warriors.

"You can probably be a starter somewhere and not have a chance to play for a championship, or you can go to a situation where you have an opportunity to win," said Blake, the Lakers' most capable backup to point guard Derek Fisher in several years. "That's what they did in Miami, and that's what we're doing here, on a little different scale."

Blake hit the go-ahead 3-pointer and made a last-second defensive stop in the season-opening win over Houston, while Brown added 16 points in a flurry of outside shots from an acrobatic dunker with a rapidly evolving game. Brown has largely supplanted Vujacic as Bryant's backup.

Sure, they can play — but what about this new nickname? Jackson hasn't spelled it out, but it's clear he hopes to instill a restless, aggressive spirit in the group. The reserves all love it, although Barnes also likes Lakers TV analyst Stu Lantz's "Killer B's" sobriquet for Blake, Brown and himself.

The common theme among the Renegades is hunger. While the 37-year-old Ratliff and Blake already have made good money, they need a ring to complete their well-traveled careers. Barnes and Brown are still chasing that big contract, and they believe it's easier to get when you're a winner.

Eager second-round draft picks Devin Ebanks and Derrick Caracter are also around to carry luggage and push the veterans in practice — and don't forget, Odom will be back in charge of the bench when center Andrew Bynum recovers from offseason knee surgery, likely around Thanksgiving.

"We have guys this year that are accepting of their roles, and they're professionals," said Odom, who is averaging 16 points and 13.7 rebounds in an outstanding start. "They're going to police themselves out there. If we can get something from 1 through 12, we can be even better."

Odom didn't mention Farmar by name, but the UCLA guard wasn't content winning two rings while backing up Fisher. Proclaiming he deserved to be a starter, he left the Lakers for New Jersey — where he's a backup again, but for a much worse team.

"This year, I think we have better chemistry, in terms of the pieces fitting better together coming off the bench," Jackson said. "I knew as soon as we signed those free agents that we would be better, just because you know what they bring. You know what those pieces are going to look like."

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SURF REPORT

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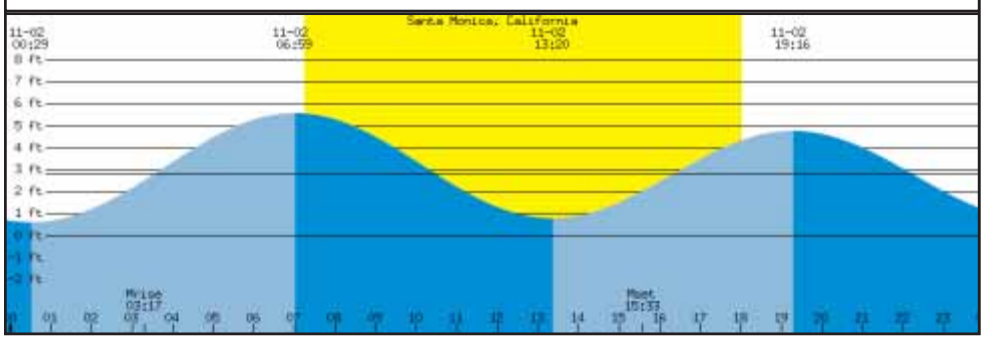
Swell Forecast

Forerunners from our next swell are likely late in the day. Look for infrequent, 18-20 second rogue waves during the afternoon hours, mostly around west facing breaks.

Long Range Synopsis

NW swell arrives in full force. Most west facing breaks are looking at surf running a couple feet overhead.

Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica



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NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

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QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 1
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 4
- Number of wet days -- 11
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 33 / 17
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 11 / 26

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

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

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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YOUTH SPORTS

Experts: Trainer should be on hand for kids' games

MALCOLM RITTER
AP Science Writer

NEW YORK The risk of concussions from football and some other sports is so serious that a qualified athletic trainer should always be on the field — at adult and children's games, and even at practice, a major doctors group said Monday.

Following that advice from the American Academy of Neurology would be a dramatic change for youth sports programs, most of which don't have certified trainers.

The doctors group recognizes it isn't necessarily feasible. One official called it a gold standard to strive for.

"We understand completely that is undoable in today's environment, but we think that is a correct way to organize our priorities," said Dr. Jeffrey Kutcher, chair of the academy's sports neurology section. He said that if a certified athletic trainer is not available to a school, perhaps contact sports should be avoided.

The recommendation was part of broader guidance from the academy on sports concussions. The group also said no athlete with concussion symptoms should be allowed to take part in sports, and that athletes of all ages who are suspected of suffering concussions should be evaluated by a specialist before returning to sports.

The new position statement follows rules already adopted in college sports and pro football aimed at preventing and better treating blows to the head. Research involving NFL players suggests repeated concussions may have long-term consequences such as dementia and Alzheimer's disease.

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MOVIE TIMES

Aero Theatre
1328 Montana Ave.
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Nice Guy Johnny (NR) 1hr 29min
7:30pm

AMC Loews Broadway 4
1441 Third Street Promenade

Legend of the Guardians 3D: The Owls of Ga'Hoole (NR) 1hr 30min
1:55pm, 4:30pm, 7:00pm, 9:25pm

Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps (PG-13) 2hrs 07min
12:30pm, 3:30pm, 6:30pm, 9:30pm

Life As We Know It (PG-13)
1:40pm, 4:25pm, 7:15pm, 10:00pm

Catfish (NR) 1hr 34min
12:50pm, 3:05pm, 5:20pm, 7:35pm, 9:50pm

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

Son of Rambow (PG-13) 1hr 36min
7:30pm, 10:15pm

Saw 3D (R)
12:15pm, 2:45pm, 5:15pm, 7:45pm, 10:10pm

Jackass 3D (NR)
11:45am, 12:30pm, 3:00pm, 5:30pm, 7:00pm, 8:00pm, 9:30pm, 10:20pm

Paranormal Activity 2 (NR)
11:05am, 1:25pm, 4:00pm, 6:30pm, 9:00pm

Hereafter (NR)
1:00pm, 4:05pm, 7:05pm, 10:00pm

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

Never Let Me Go (R)
1:55pm, 7:10pm

Nowhere Boy (R) 1hr 37min
4:30pm, 9:45pm

Girl Who Kicked the Hornet's Nest (NR) 1hr 52min
1:20pm, 4:40pm, 8:00pm

Conviction (R)
1:30pm, 4:20pm, 7:20pm, 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

Town (NR)
1:00pm, 4:05pm, 7:10pm, 10:15pm

Secretariat (PG)
10:30am, 1:20pm, 4:10pm, 7:00pm, 9:55pm

Social Network (NR)
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Red (PG-13) 1hr 38min
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Paranormal Activity 2 (NR)
5:00pm, 7:35pm, 10:00pm

Stone (R) 1hr 45min
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Let it all hang out, Scorpio

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Opt for a one-on-one conversation with a partner or associate. You suddenly see many more issues and possibilities because of this talk. Don't lull yourself into assuming everything is fine, or else you could have a surprising jolt. Tonight: Put your feet up.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Your ability to draw in many different perspectives emerges. A partner or associate could be testing your abilities without even knowing it. You have what it takes, though you might feel like you need to take a class in juggling! Tonight: Do only what you love.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Stay close to home. Everyone needs a timeout once in a while. Why would you be any different? A boss or someone you look up to blows into your day as if he or she were the only person in your life. Maintain a sense of humor. Tonight: Nap, then opt for some fun.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ Keep your imagination on the front burner, and share your thoughts. This openness will have a very positive impact on your communication if you also demonstrate listening skills. Tonight: Surprising news comes forward!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ Financial extremes punctuate your dealings. Whatever is going on, people don't feel like reining in their impulsiveness. Know your limits while still enjoying the frivolous tone of the moment. Tonight: A late-evening discussion could be significant.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ Communication flourishes, and you might feel very good about a key individual in your life. Your ability to greet upset might be tested. Of course, everyone prefers the good times. Extremes and strong feelings punctuate your interactions. Tonight: Pay bills first.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ At present, you might not be able to convince others of the rightness of your ways. Perhaps you might want to look within and see how very judgmental you are. Learning to respect and honor others' ideas could be instrumental. Tonight: Nap, then decide.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ Your interests generally don't coincide with those of others, yet you find that your friends and/or associates are all on the same page. Your creativity surges in this carefree environment. Tonight: Let it all hang out.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Honor your commitments and responsibilities. On some level, you feel as if you don't have enough time to cover all the bases. Prioritize, and you will accomplish what is important. Tonight: The later it gets, the more fun you have.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Understanding will evolve if you relax and don't become defensive. On some level, you feel as if you always need to be in charge. Let go of self-imposed demands, and relax. Someone who is a bit offbeat helps you identify with different ideas. Tonight: Where your mind can roam.

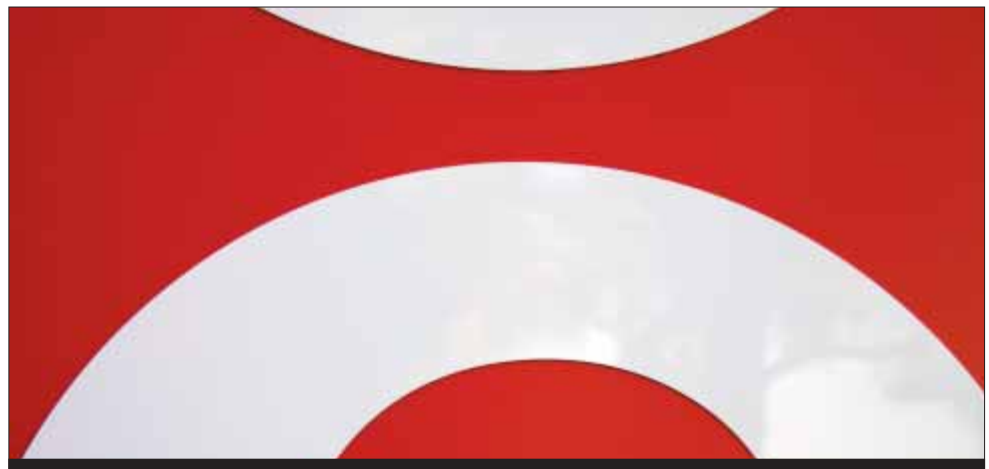
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ A partner might be a little too demanding, but you also might decide to accept his or her terms. Understanding about this specific bond becomes much clearer as a result of the present give-and-take. Tonight: Dinner and a chat.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Realize that others might be more vested in a project than you are. As a result, you could find yourself in a power struggle. Ask yourself if it is really worth it. Let the key people in your life have it their way. They need to understand the ramifications of their decisions. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

Happy birthday

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

This year, you renew a key area of your life. Often you take on too much responsibility, then you feel as if you must push others. Ask yourself why you behave in this manner. What would happen if you didn't feel the need to compensate for others? Decide what works best for you, and honor that decision. Your first responsibility is to you and your life. If you are single, you meet people with ease. You could find that you enjoy being in a new crowd. If you are attached, the two of you gain through expanding your social network. You also will enjoy your time together more. VIRGO comes through for you.



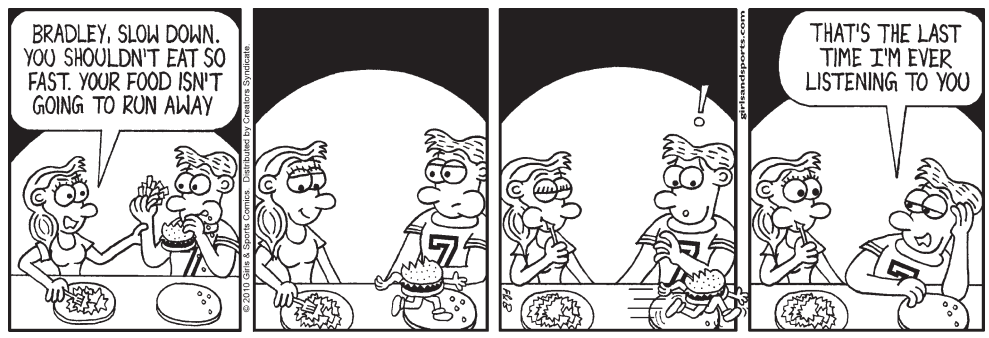
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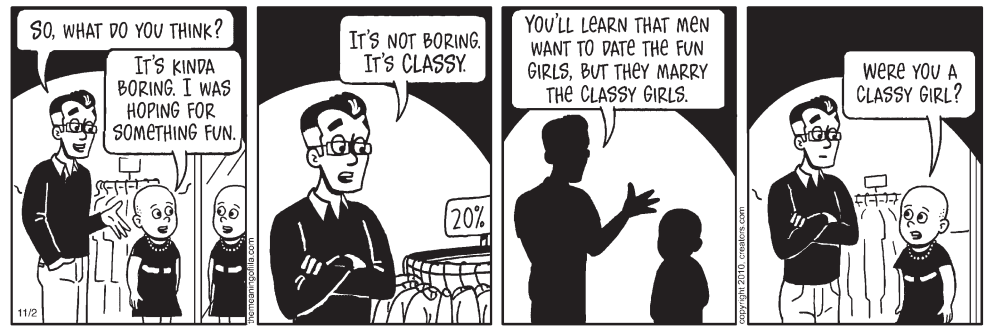
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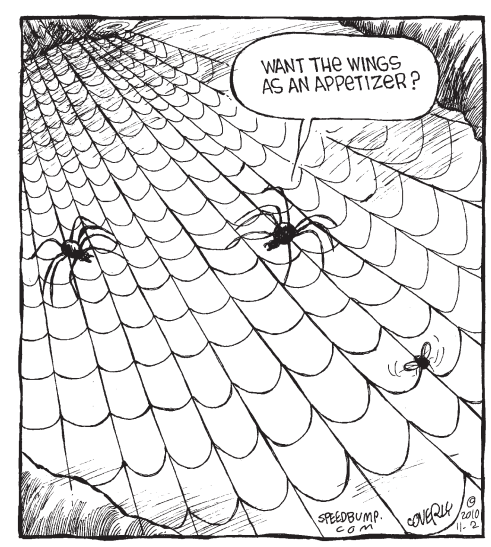
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Sudoku

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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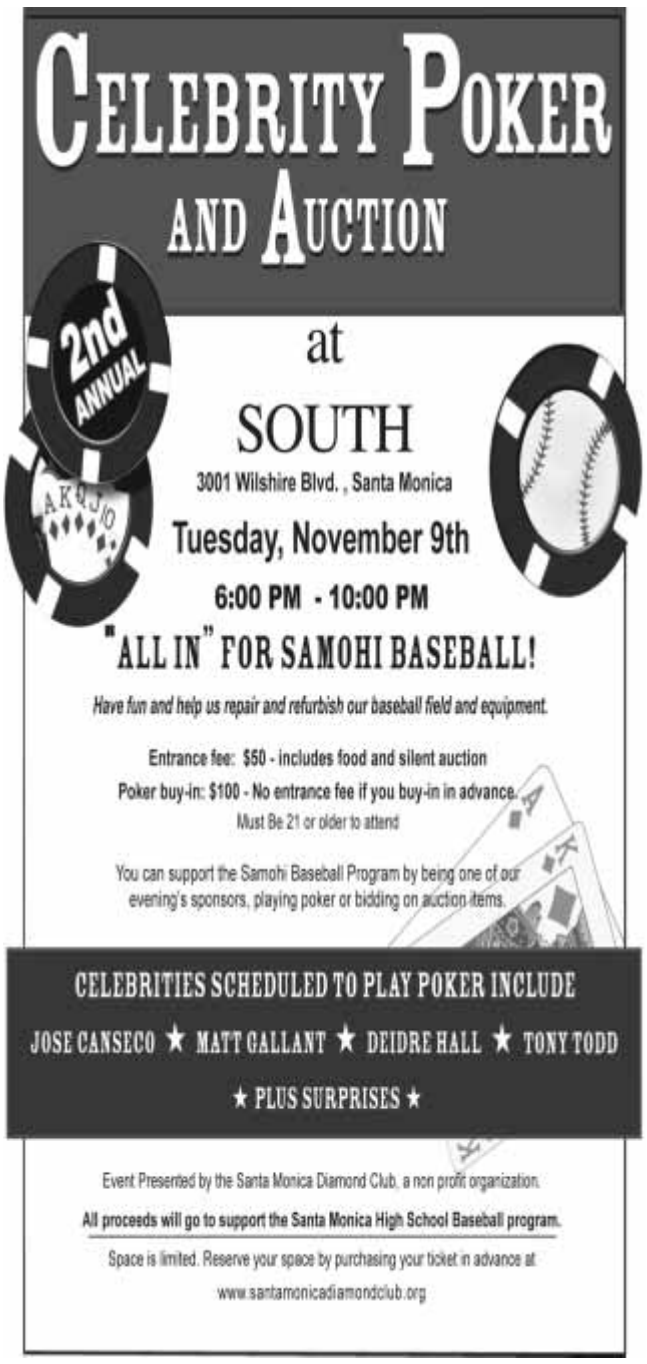
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GETTING STARTED

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

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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Romp
7 Legal paper
11 Texas town
12 Donut feature
13 2000 Bruce Willis film
15 Birth-related
16 Disrobe
18 Game callers
21 Get news of
22 Rudiments
24 Bran bit
25 Young one
26 Overly
27 Gross, as income
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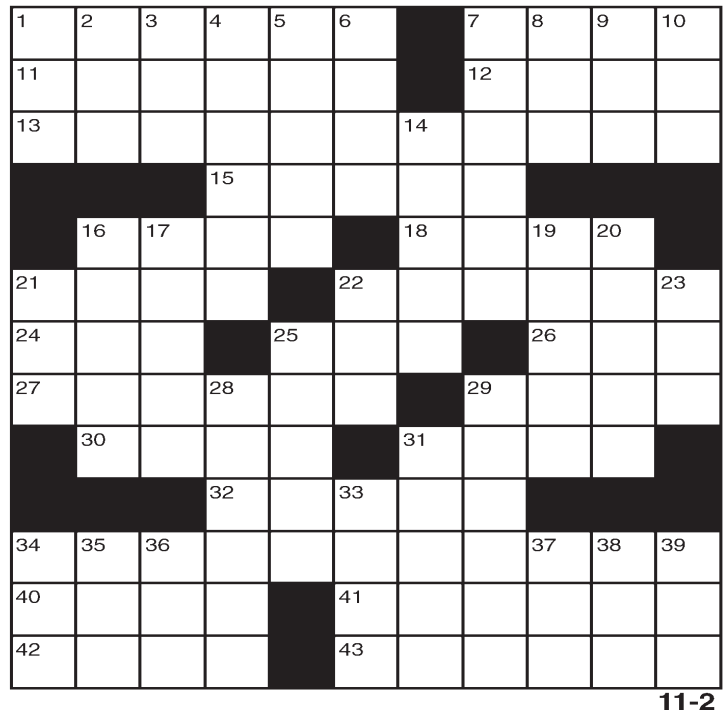
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1 Winter bug
2 Galloped
3 Sphere
4 "Camelot" lyricist
5 Perfect
6 Varnish layer
7 Marine mammals
8 Hold up
9 Under the weather
10 Ball holder
14 Gold purity unit
16 Fruit-basket items
17 Consumed
19 Belong
20 "Ivanhoe" author
21 Bunny move
22 Carton
23 Kind of milk
25 Forbidden
28 Critic's annual list
29 Lebanon trees
31 Brown tint
33 Petty argument
34 Alien craft
35 Silent OK
36 — Lanka
37 Particle
38 Rebel general
39 Goof

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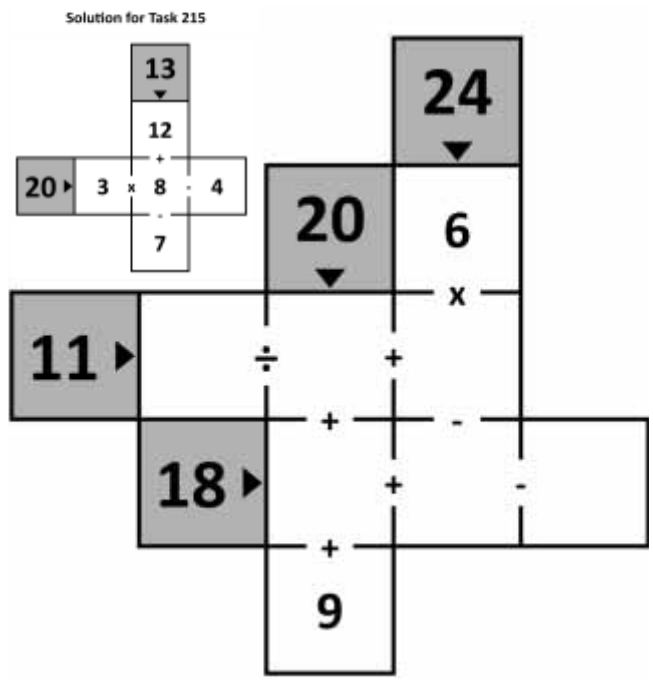
- Fill the grid with the set of given numbers (1 to 12) to satisfy the Equa demands (7 to 24) in the shaded boxes. The Equa demands represent the sum of the digits that you will insert into the empty squares.
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Solution for Task 215



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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Firefighter Richard Gawlik Jr. was terminated by Allentown, Pa., in August for abusing sick leave after he posted his daily golf scores on a public website during three days in which he had called off from work. Allentown firefighters' contract allows them up to four consecutive days' sick leave without a doctor's note, and given their shift schedule of four days on, four days off, a four-day, undocumented sick call effectively means a 12-day holiday -- a pattern that describes 60 percent of all firefighter "sick" days, according to an analysis by the Allentown Morning Call. (Gawlik's union president said the union would appeal and that "playing golf was well within the guidelines of (Gawlik's illness).")

■ Woody Will Smith, 33, was convicted in September of murdering his wife after a jury in Dayton, Ky., "deliberated" about 90 minutes before rejecting his defense of caffeine intoxication. Smith had claimed that his daily intake of sodas, energy drinks and diet pills had made him temporarily insane when he strangled his two-timing wife with an extension cord in 2009, and made him again not responsible when he confessed the crime to police. (In May 2010, a judge in Pullman, Wash., ordered a hit-and-run driver to treatment instead of jail, based on the driver's "caffeine psychosis." Some doctors believe the condition can kick in with as little as 400 mg of caffeine daily -- an amount that, given America's coffee consumption, potentially portends a sky-high murder rate.)

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OAXACA RAW LIVING FOOD, 1521 VENICE BLVD, VENICE, CA 90291
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Registered owners: OAXACA RAW LIVING FOOD, 1521 VENICE BLVD, VENICE, CA 90291; GABRIELA CARO, 1521 VENICE BLVD, VENICE, CA 90291
This business is conducted by: INDIVIDUAL
/s/ GABRIELA CARO ; OWNER This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 10/8/2010
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