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PAYING TO PARK: **Philipp Barnett (right) and Matthew Martinez, visiting from Germany, find out the hard way that the pay machines only take dollar bills or credit cards at Parking Structure 8 located adjacent to Santa Monica Place on Monday afternoon.**

Council to approve employee insurance deal

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.

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL City negotiators announced in September that employees had agreed to cover 5 percent of their health care premium costs, a shift from the status quo of 100 percent employer-paid, full-family coverage.

Now, the City Council is set to approve payment of the other 95 percent at its meeting tonight. The price tag: $20.6 million for 2011.

The proposed deal is with a new insurer, Cigna, which, according to a City Hall report, came in with the most competitive bid. Current insurer Aetna had proposed a 15.6 percent premium increase for 2011, compared with a 5.3 percent cost increase offered by Cigna.

The plan would cover all employees except for police officers, who will negotiate a new health care deal with City Hall next year.

The proposed deal is part of a $22.7 million spending package included on the council's consent agenda for tonight's meeting.

With the goal of making Downtown parking structures more efficient and cost effective, the council is also expected to approve $1.2 million for 17 pay-on-foot machines for City Hall parking facilities.

The proposed contract with Sentry Control Systems Inc. "will further the city's goal to improve parking operation and is expected to save approximately $450,000 per year in parking operator

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New Broadway shops aim to attract pedestrians

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

BROADWAY Extending the pedestrian friendly feel of the Third Street Promenade into surrounding parts of Downtown Santa Monica has been a longtime goal for planners and retailers alike.

Now, with a couple of new sidewalk shops expected to open this month and next on Broadway between Fourth Street and Santa Monica Place, the vision is coming to life, albeit on a very small scale.

Located on the south side of the street at the foot of Parking Structure 7, the new retail spaces are only about 600 square feet each, but they could have a big impact in enlivening a formerly dull stretch.

"I think they will definitely attract a lot of shoppers," said Gary Jemelian, who plans to open two tourist and traveler oriented stores in the spaces. "It will extend foot traffic onto that side of the street that used to be dark."

The first, which will be called simply "The Shop," is expected to open by Thanksgiving and will carry travel gear and accessories for personal electronic devices. It's aimed mainly at the travelers who flock to Downtown to see the sights, but in an increasingly plugged-in world, Jemelian hopes locals will find it a convenient stop for their cell phone, iPod and laptop needs as well.

A Malibu resident who operated a candle shop at the old Santa Monica Place, Jemelian expects to open "Malibu J's," a convenience store like the ones typically found in airport terminals, by Christmas.

Macerich Co., which owns Santa Monica Place, is yet to announce a tenant for the third space located on the block.

In addition to the new shops, the area around the mall could be getting another new-to-Santa Monica concept in the form a "bike station" — basically bicycle storage center and locker room aimed at promoting bike commuting.

The idea is to provide bike riders with a safe storage place and a way to clean up before going to work.

Don Patterson, Santa Monica's business and revenue operations manager, said City

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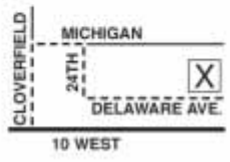
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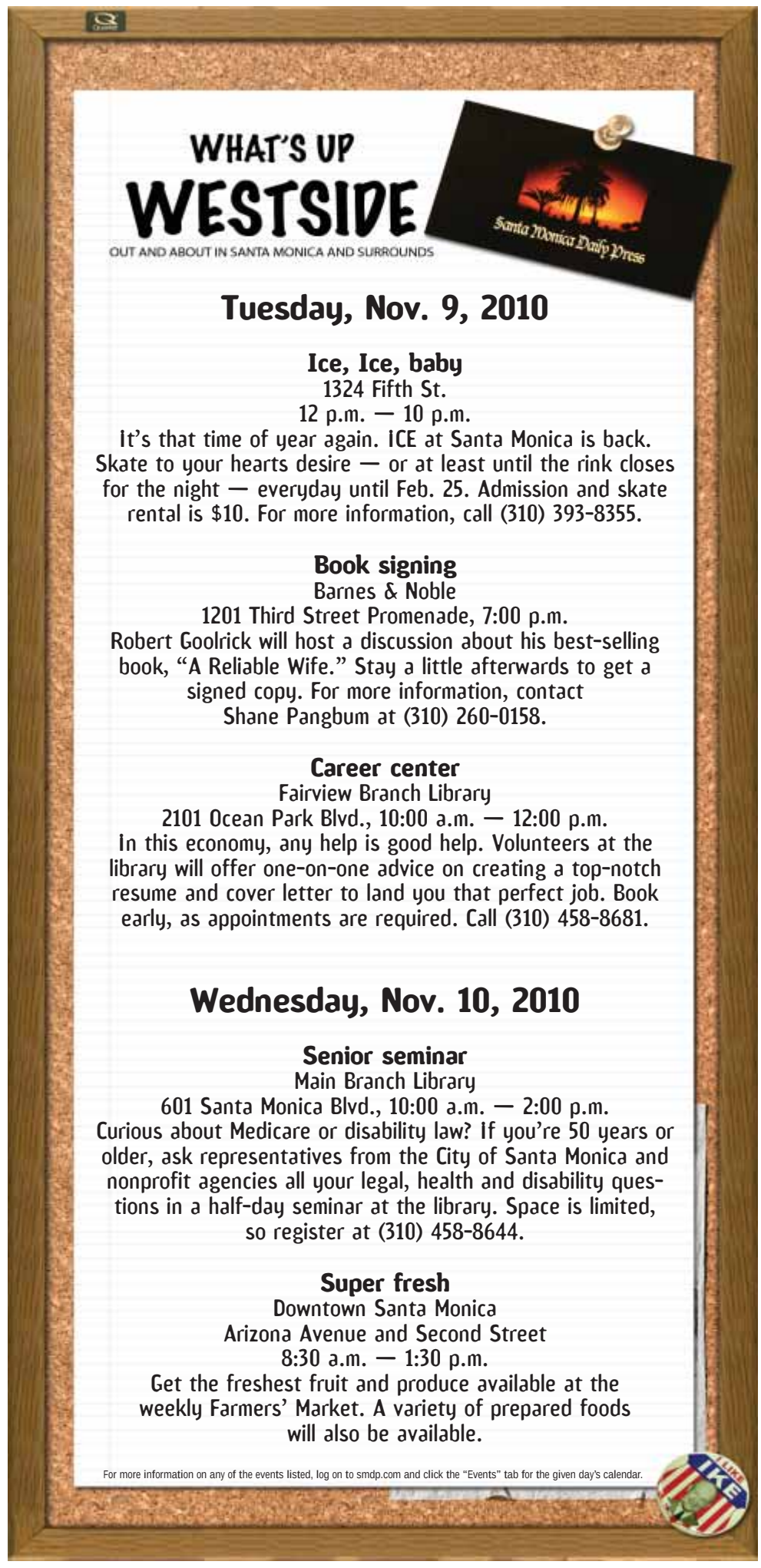


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Barnes & Noble
1201 Third Street Promenade, 7:00 p.m.
Robert Goolrick will host a discussion about his best-selling book, "A Reliable Wife." Stay a little afterwards to get a signed copy. For more information, contact Shane Pangbum at (310) 260-0158.

Career center
Fairview Branch Library
2101 Ocean Park Blvd., 10:00 a.m. — 12:00 p.m.
In this economy, any help is good help. Volunteers at the library will offer one-on-one advice on creating a top-notch resume and cover letter to land you that perfect job. Book early, as appointments are required. Call (310) 458-8681.

Wednesday, Nov. 10, 2010

Senior seminar
Main Branch Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 10:00 a.m. — 2:00 p.m.
Curious about Medicare or disability law? If you're 50 years or older, ask representatives from the City of Santa Monica and nonprofit agencies all your legal, health and disability questions in a half-day seminar at the library. Space is limited, so register at (310) 458-8644.

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Ap monitors water quality

Environmentalists have a new tool to help monitor water quality throughout California.

The California Water Resources Control Board has teamed up with IBM to create a new iPhone app that allows the everyday citizen to snap a picture of a body of water and report how much water and trash they see. The information is sent to the control board's Clean Water Team, which uploads it into a database accessible online.

The Creak Water application asks users three questions:

1) The amount of water: empty, some, or full.

2) The rate of flow: still, moving slowly, or moving fast.

3) The amount of trash: none, some (a few pieces), or a

lot (10 or more pieces).

The data will eventually be used by the water board as part of its overall water quality monitoring program

"For the past several years, the water board has been making data easier to access with online sources such as GeoTracker and the My Water Quality website," said State Water Board Chair Charlie Hoppin. "The app takes this effort one step farther. Now we are making the data gathering process more accessible as well. There are many Californians who want to help measure the improvement in our state's water quality and identify places where further improvements are needed."

An IBM spokesperson says the company hopes volunteer and community groups will use the application to provide a fuller picture of California's water quality.

The State Water Resources Control Board's mission is to preserve, enhance and restore the quality of California's water resources, and ensure their proper allocation and efficient use for the benefit of present and future generations.

The Creek Watch application can be downloaded at: http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/creek-watch

The results can be seen at: www.creek-watch.org.

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WAY TO WALK

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People stroll along Santa Monica Beach during the 20th Annual Westside Food Bank Hunger Walk on Sunday afternoon.

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL

Local teams make playoff field

BY PATRICK HOURIHAN
Special to the Daily Press

CITYWIDE The California Interscholastic Federation Southern Section released the draw sheets for the 2010 high school girls' volleyball playoffs over the weekend with a number of Santa Monica-based teams making the field.

Santa Monica High School, coached by Liane Sato, ended the season at the top of the Ocean League with a perfect 8-0 record, and a 14-8 overall record on the year. They were ranked No. 6 overall for CIF-SS Division 3-AA, the only team from their league to make the season-ending polls.

The Vikings will host San Gorgonio High School tonight for their first game in this year's postseason. The Spartans ended the year with a 6-10 overall record and were

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Malibu students picked for national choirs

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

MALIBU Five talented singers from the Malibu Middle/High School's Choral Department earned spots on two prestigious national honor choirs, school district officials announced Monday.

Isobel Anthony, Katie Reinhold, Caitlin Shoemaker, and Nancy Walecki were accepted into the 2011 National Children's Honor Choir. All are in the girls' Select Choir at Malibu Middle School. There were 800 applicants for 300 positions, district officials said. The choir will be directed by Henry Leck, an internationally-recognized choral director and an associate professor

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Bike path etiquette

Editor:

Five days a week, I'm on the bike path, a sometimes joyful place where strangers smile at each other, a sometimes treacherous place where bad behaviors run free.

I'm not walking, jogging, or gawking on a bike path. I'm on a bike, minding my own business.

I was doing precisely that a week ago on a quiet, foggy, weekday morning, heading north of the Santa Monica Pier. The path was nearly deserted but there were several people heading toward me. Two bikers on their side of the path, and a jogger, ear buds in, heading toward me, dead center on my side of the path. When he didn't swerve back to his side I yelled to yank him out of his ear-bud nirvana, "Get out of my way! Get out of my way!"

He finally did notice me and diverted about 10 yards from hitting me.

Now, this isn't unusual on the path. Tourists clogging the path with their 2-year-old twins happily zigzagging in front of bikers, skaters, joggers is pretty typical. Large people, four deep, taking up a full lane and a half, meandering, chit chatting is also common. I recently saw an 85-year-old woman pushing her infant grandchild down the middle of the bike path. She was oblivious. "Mom, what happened to Little Katie!?" Grandma replies, "Who?"

You name it, I've swerved around it.

Back to Mr. Ear Bud. We narrowly miss colliding and I keep going and then I hear a loud yell come from behind. "Stupid b...h!" I stop my bike and turn to see Mr. Ear Bud looking back at me, still jogging. He sees me staring him down and he steps up his pace. You'd better boogie, Mr. Ear Bud, after all I'm a kick-your-butt, 5-foot, 3-inch, middle-aged mother of two. I'm dangerous.

How about the time two months ago when, I admit, I stopped my bike suddenly on the far right side of my lane. A woman, yapping non-stop with a friend, dragging a large dog on a leash, crashes into me from behind. I fly off my bike, trapping one of my legs underneath in a twist. She doesn't even wobble, keeps going. Now here's the extraordinary part. She pauses mid-yap, long enough to yell at me that it was my fault for stopping. Not a "Wow, I'm sorry! Are you OK?" No, her instinctive response was to quickly blame me for her having crashed into me.

These are my two most recent incidents of "path rage." We all have our own stories of interactions with people with the most appalling manners, whether on bikes, foot, cars, or motorcycles. I've been flipped off by young people (male and female) because I wasn't driving fast enough or got trapped in someone's way when they wanted to turn in front of me. When a young person does this to me I feel like Mrs. Grundy. My mother-in-law would have gone bananas if she'd seen her son flip off or yell "Stupid b...h!" at a woman in her 50s. Bananas! Some things a gentleman simply does not do. I'm not making fun of my mother-in-law, I'm taking issue with our current abundance of bad behaviors. Maybe Emily Post was correct in setting down the law on good manners. What are we if we can't be polite to our fellow bike path users or our fellow strugglers in an overcrowded city? Since there is no one here to ask, I'll tell you what we are – barbarians.

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Back to Nature

Reese Halter

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Australian locust thrive while cousin in Rocky Mountains disappeared

A PLAGUE OF LOCUSTS OF BIBLICAL proportions has hatched and is growing as Australia, the fourth largest grain exporter, has gone from 13 years of bone-dry drought to the wettest September since the inception of continuous record keeping in 1860.

The hatch of late August is of epic size with an astounding 80 percent survival rate, three times greater than the normal rate. A half-mile wide swarm of Australian plague locusts (Chortoicetes terminifera) can chew through 10 tons of crops a day. They move slowly in the day but at night they fly high and fast, traveling a distance of over 120 miles.

In an attempt to protect a bumper harvest, Australian bio-security agencies have sprayed insecticides over 600,000 acres. The grain harvest from Down Under is especially important this year because this past summer Canada, China and Pakistan were flooded, while Russia and parts of the Ukraine were drought ravaged as the effects of global warming are beginning to severely deplete the world's grain stockpiles.

Locusts are highly mobile grasshoppers likened as the olympians of the 10,000 grasshopper species worldwide. Locust outbreaks occur on every inhabited continent.

Settlers in the 19th century witnessed blackened skies with trillions of Rocky Mountain locust sweeping across the North American continent in swarms larger than any known biological phenomenon on Earth. And then all of a sudden they vanished. In fact, the last small swarm was spotted in Manitoba in 1902. It's a modern day "whodunit" that took a century before entomologist Professor Jeffrey Lockwood of the University of Wyoming finally solved it.

The Rocky Mountain locust or Melanoplus spretus was the despicable black knight of the North American continent. In essence it was the equivalent of an 18th century Darth Vader.

The last major outbreak was recorded between 1874 and 1877. An infestation of at least 7 trillion insects destroyed in excess of $200 million of crops — valued today at $123 billion of damage or half the value of the entire U.S. agriculture industry.

In 1875, a swarm measuring 124 miles long by 37 miles wide moved at a rate of 11 mph and an estimated 3.5 trillion locusts devoured an area in North America approximating the size of Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and Vermont.

Rocky Mountain locust outbreaks were cyclical and driven by drought.

Locust swarms descended from the Albertan, Montanan and Wyoming Rockies in June. As the locust advanced south and east they mated. Females laid clusters or pods of about 30 eggs and buried them in the soil. Those adults lived for about two months.

Summer hatches underwent five growth phases, matured and hibernated over winter, awakening in the warmth of May. Populations would accumulate over three or four years before entering biblical plague proportions.

Hot, dry weather weakened plants' defense mechanisms and increased the nutritional value of the vegetation as sugars and other nutrients concentrated in leaves. And prolonged droughts sped up the locust life cycle resulting in a faster breeding cycle. Finally, droughts restricted lush vegetation to swales (well tended agricultural fields), locusts aggregated and then overcrowded, ravenous swarms began to disperse en masse. In addition, these colossal swarms were assisted across the prairies by the Great Plains low-level jet stream.

Prior to European settlement, about 45 million bison roamed the plains consuming about 11 million tons of vegetation a year.

Aperiodic Rocky Mountain locust outbreaks estimated by Professor Lockwood supported 15 trillion locusts as these insatiable insects destroyed about 8.8 million tons of plant life in one summer.

In the late 1980s, ice cores from Knife Point Glacier, Wyoming unearthed 250, intact, frozen Rocky Mountain locust. They clearly revealed the evidence of 300 years of outbreaks that commenced in the 17th century.

Lockwood's team was now able to assemble all the necessary pieces of the jigsaw puzzle and conclusively solve why the Rocky Mountain locust vanished.

In the 1870s, more than two million settlers were transplanted across the Western North American prairies. Populations of Rocky Mountain locust spread across Alberta, Montana and Wyoming of say 10 million; each required about 2,400 acres of either river bottoms, sunny uplands or subalpine grassy areas providing a permanent breeding ground, thus enabling swarms to eventually attain trillions of insects. These permanent populations buried their eggs in well-drained soils.

It just so happened that the permanent Rocky Mountain locust breeding grounds were the exact fertile sites that the early settlers chose to cultivate. Hence egg masses were either flooded to death or ploughed under.

The awesome short and tall prairie grasses of North America were able to sustain millions of bison and trillions of Rocky Mountain locusts. The reason in large part why the prairies are so rich is due to the hidden half, the incredible world of soils. Plant roots and soils are living, breathing, breeding communities of trillions of bacteria, fungi, protozoa, nematodes, micro-arthropods, worms, beetles and so much more. They decompose recently died plant materials and add them to the humus layer, ensuring structure, aeration and water retention of the soil. Plant roots actively release food into the soil to promote micro-organism development.

Modern agriculture systems use chemical pesticides, fumigants, fungicides, herbicides and fertilizers that kill a vast range of beneficial micro-organisms. Micro-organisms promote healthy plant growth, boost plant defense mechanisms and naturally break down pollutants in the soil. In fact, conventional agriculture has reduced bacterial numbers from trillions per gram of soil in the root zone to a mere couple of million.

Now, 340 million North Americans rely on these exact soils for our daily sustenance — these soils must be very carefully managed especially since unprecedented droughts are forecasted for the coming decades.

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What's the Point?

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Helping alienated parents cope

WHEN A PARENT LOSES A CHILD IT IS universally recognized as a tragedy. Whether by accident or disease, the sympathy, empathy, and tears flow freely. I recall a college friend who was killed by a bus on a cross-country bike trip. His parents were inundated with emotional support. To this day, 23 years later, I still think about him, and what his mother said to me on the day of the funeral.

But there are parents who lose their children and receive no support, no great outpouring of love, no tears. Instead they receive quizzical looks. People whisper behind their backs, wondering "what really happened." These are parents who have lost their children through "parental alienation."

Almost every separating couple goes through some level of parental alienation, which for the most part is nothing more than mom telling junior his father is a jerk, or dad telling Susie her mother is inconsiderate. For most couples going through a breakup this behavior ends and the children's relationship with the other parent is not permanently harmed.

Then there are those high-conflict couples where one parent is so enraged, hurt, emotionally stunted or damaged, that they want to eliminate the other parent from the child's life. Typically, they fall into the narcissistic or borderline personality disorder category. These are people for whom there is little, if any, hope of recovery.

Generally these people have abandonment issues, and are terrified of losing love. When the family relationship breaks up, they turn to the child to satisfy their emotional needs and focus their anger and hurt on destroying the relationship between the other parent and child.

This is parental alienation, and it looks at first like nothing more than a protective parent caring for their child, or perhaps there are just communication problems between the parents. But in reality, it is a long campaign to drive the targeted parent from the child's life entirely.

There is some controversy over whether or not it really exists, but for the men I see in my office, there is no doubt. They are being driven from their children's lives. These are cases where there is no justification for the alienation. There was no abuse, or verifiable reason for the souring of a relationship that was once loving. It is not normal for a child who once had a strong relationship with a parent to then abandon the relation entirely.

Children who no longer speak to one of their parents because they have been alienated are victims of child abuse, just as surely as a child who is beaten or sexually molested. The damage that is done is perhaps even greater, for physical wounds heal, but the emotional damage echoes throughout the child's life.

The courts have a hard time dealing with it because for the most part judicial officers don't want to be so intimately involved in the daily lives of the people that come before them. They want to make rulings and have them obeyed. For parents who are engaging in parental alienation, a court order is just a piece of paper they can, and regularly do, ignore.

FOR THE PARENT WHO HAS BEEN CUT OUT OF THEIR CHILD'S LIFE, IT IS AN UNENDING ACHE WITH NO CLOSURE.

For the parent who has been cut out of their child's life, it is an unending ache with no closure. They don't have the clarity of someone who knows their child is not alive, they have the constant wonder of "what is my child doing?"

These are parents who don't see their children grow up. They miss school milestones and memories. There are no funny family stories of that crazy Thanksgiving dinner when Aunt Barbara did something memorable.

There is support though, thanks to Karen Lebow, a targeted parent herself, who started the Southern California Parents of Alienated Children Support Group. The organization of parents who have been targeted by their exes comes together to support one another, learn ways to deal with the ongoing pain, and carry hope that the future will bring reconciliation with a child they love but do not have contact with.

This Saturday, Nov. 13 is their first annual Conference on Parental Alienation. It will feature workshops and a keynote address by Dr. Amy J. L. Baker on "What does research have to say about Parental Alienation Syndrome? What are some solutions to the problems?"

The conference starts at 8:30 a.m. with breakfast and goes all day. It will be held at Cal State University Northridge, 18111 Nordhoff St. in the University Student Union. Tickets are $70, $75 at the door. You can contact me for more information, or call Karen Lebow at (310) 625-6696.

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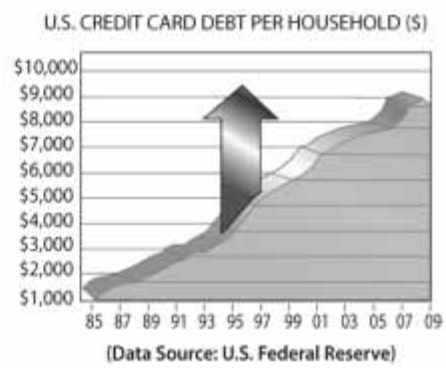
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Tom Hill
CGA STAFF WRITER

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CONSENT

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contractor staffing costs," according to City Hall. The new machines would accept both cash and credit card payments.

Also on the agenda is a proposed $200,000 contract for the law firm Liebert, Cassidy & Whitmore to provide personnel-related legal services. The firm, which for several years has been a City Hall contractor, works on employee disciplinary matters including workplace investigations, personnel board hearings, litigation, labor law-related training and preparation of legal reports.

As City Hall continues work on its Long Range Urban Forest Master Plan and a Web-based forest management system, the council also is being asked to sign off on an additional $100,839 for the architecture firm involved in the project.

The proposed contract amendment is with the firm Artecho Architecture + Landscape Architecture and would expand the scope of work to include development of detailed street segment drawings and development of a component of the electronic forest management system.

The contract amendment would bring the firm's total agreement with City Hall to $304,630.

In order to be prepared for the possibility of a terrorist attack or other major disaster, the council also is being asked to approve $102,000 for 245 personal protective suits designed to guard against contaminated environments.

The proposed deal is with the Blauer Manufacturing Co. and would be funded with a U.S. Department of Homeland Security grant awarded to bolster urban area security.

The council is also expected to approve an additional $174,000 for the firm Central Parking System. The contract amendment would add maintenance and operations responsibilities at three more locations to the company's scope of service: the 400 block of Colorado, 1326 Fifth St. and all of the Main Street parking lots. The firm's total City Hall contract for parking resource management is $5.6 million annually.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

COUNTYWIDE

Old dog, new tricks

November is nationally known as "adopt-a-senior-pet month" and the Los Angeles County Department of Animal Care and Control (DACC) encourages the public to consider adopting a senior pet this month.

Senior animals make great companions, county officials said. They have lots of love to give and have already acquired many desirable qualities that come with maturity. Giving a senior animal a second chance at a new life can be very rewarding.

Here are other reasons to consider adopting a senior pet:

• Previous training: Most senior animals already know how to live with humans. Senior animals generally require less supervision and less constant care, which make them ideal companions for families with busy lives. Also, most of the time, senior animals are already house or litter box trained and respond to basic commands.

• Lower physical demands: Senior animals are not as physically demanding as younger pets. Older animals are more content napping and curling up by your feet. Like all animals, be sure to give them quality time by walking them and giving them attention. Usually, senior animals prefer quiet walks instead of intense exercise, and will not jump on you or tug on the leash.

• Great companion animal: Most of the time, senior animals have lived with a family before, so they already know what it is like to be a part of a family unit. A senior dog has already passed through the "puppy stage," and can be a great model for younger dogs, teaching them good habits and behaviors.

If you or someone you know is looking to adopt a pet, be sure to visit one of the county shelters.

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MUSICAL KIDS: **(From left) Nancy Walecki, Martha Thatcher, Katie Reinhold, Caitlin Shoemaker, and Isobel Anthony earned spots in the National Honor Choirs.**

STUDENTS
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and director of Choral Activities at Butler University.

Malibu High freshman Martha Thatcher was accepted into the National Junior High/Middle School Honor Choir for grades 7-9. There were 1,200 applicants for 300 positions. This group will be directed by Rollo Dilworth, associate professor of Choral Music Education at Temple University.

The girls will travel to Chicago in March to rehearse and perform with the choirs.

"This is an honor," said Amy Loch, choral music director at Malibu High. "I was hoping that we might have one student from MHS selected, and to have five students chosen is amazing! It is a fantastic opportunity for our students to work with a national clinician and to rehearse and perform with 300 dedicated peer musicians from across the country."

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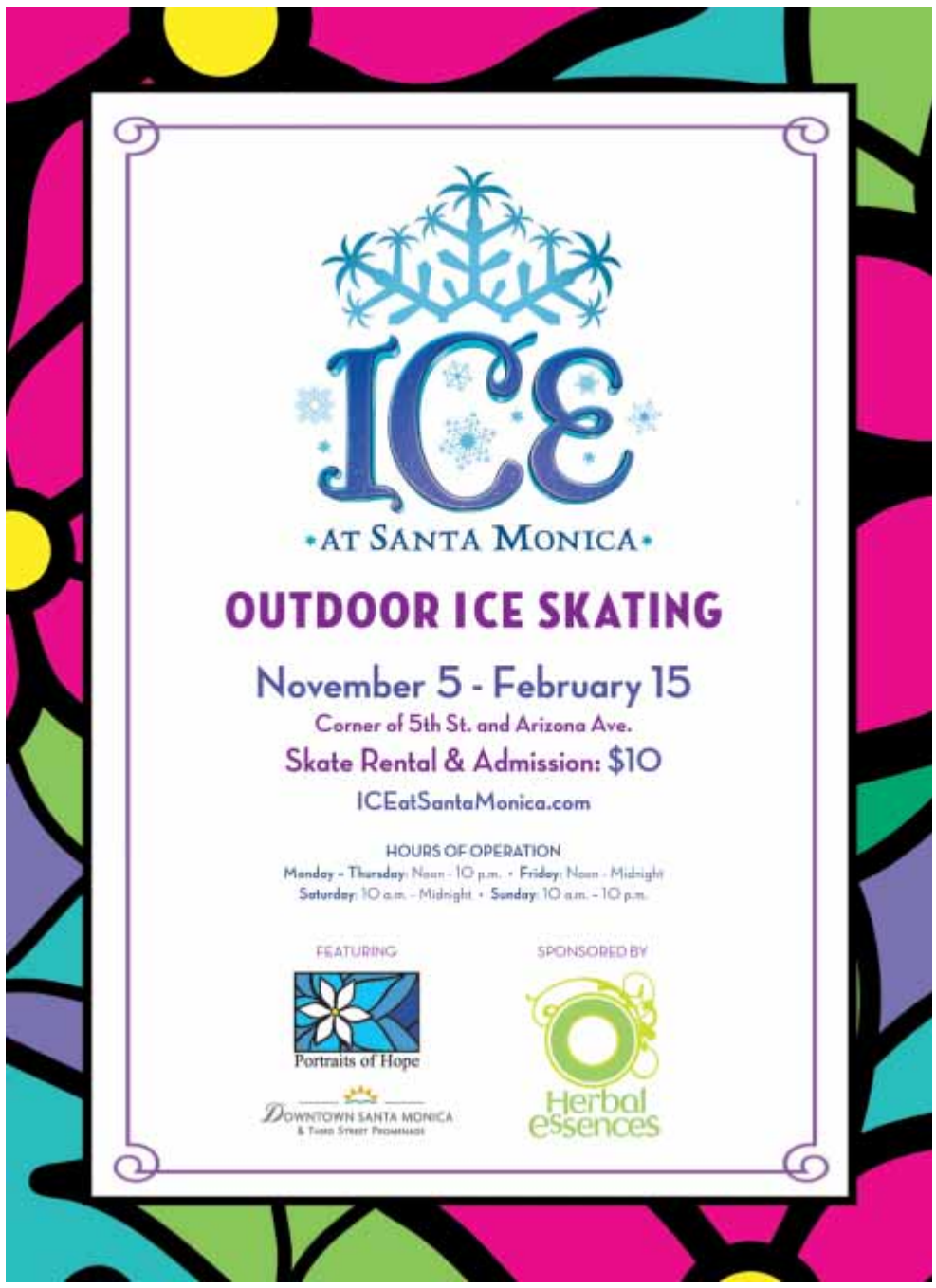
SHOPS
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Hall expects to begin soliciting bids for the project, slated for the corner of Colorado Avenue and Second Street, within the next two months.

"This facility will help the city further its goal to be a bicycle friendly community," he said.

If the concept gains traction, he added, it could become a model for similar bike stations at other Downtown locations.

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VOLLEYBALL
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the fourth-place team from the San Andreas League.

St. Monica Catholic High School's varsity team will face Thatcher tonight, the second-place team from the Condor League in Division 4-AA.

Third-year head coach Allison Rivera had her team in winning form all season as the Mariners finished the year in third place in the Alpha League and ninth in the division — with a 5-3 record in the league, 11-3 overall. They were ranked in the CIF-SS Division 4-AA season-ending polls at No. 9, behind No. 3 Serra, undefeated in league play, and No. 7 St. Paul's.

Pacifica Christian High School won their fourth consecutive league title this season after finishing the Heritage League 8-0, and going 20-7 overall. The Seawolves won the championship in 2008 and were upset last year in the final four, losing to Mission Prep in the semi-finals. Pacifica has proved their strength as a program lately, as the girls have posted an impressive 38-0 league record over the past four years.

First-year Seawolves' head coach Billy Allen looks to lead the No. 4 overall seed from Division 4-A as they host Duarte High School tonight, the fourth-place team from the Mountainview League who ended this season with a losing 9-14 record.

Lighthouse Christian Academy will host the California Academy of Math and Science tonight. CAMS, from the Delphic League, ended this season with a winning 8-7 record. Head coach Stephanie Sommer led the Lighthouse Saints to a 12-4 overall record this season, finishing second in the Coastal League at 6-2. Lighthouse was ranked No. 9 in CIF-SS Division 5-AA's final top 10 poll behind league winner Rolling Hills Prep, ranked No. 7.

Lastly, the varsity girls' team from Crossroads High School unfortunately did not qualify for the CIF-SS postseason this year, despite ending the season with a 6-10 record. Head coach Catie Vagneur-Mintz seemed to have her team off to a great start earlier this season, but a 2-8 record in Alpha League play would not be enough for her team to reach the mandatory fourth spot in the league to qualify for the playoffs — maybe next year for the Roadrunners.

The single elimination CIF-SS varsity girls' volleyball tournament will begin with first-round games starting tonight; all games are scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

The winning teams will advance to the second round; those games will be played this Thursday. The tournament's quarterfinals will be played this Saturday and semi-final games will be played the next week on Tuesday, Nov. 16. The championship finals will be conducted later that week in a two-day, 10-match extravaganza on Nov. 19 and 20 at Cypress College, in north Orange County.

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STATE BRIEFS

SACRAMENTO

Race for attorney general still too close to call

Republican Steve Cooley has maintained his lead in the tight race for California attorney general, although the contest remains too close to call nearly a week after Election Day.

Cooley, Los Angeles County's district attorney, was up 19,000 votes, or three-tenths of a percentage point, over Democrat Kamala Harris on Monday. About 2 million ballots remain to be counted.

Nearly 8 million ballots have been tallied so far in the only statewide contest left unresolved.

The lead has changed hands since election night. A win by Harris, the San Francisco district attorney, would give Democrats a sweep of statewide offices.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRESNO

EPA wants plans to clean up air

Two California regions plagued with the nation's worst air quality must send in plans to clean up their soot-laden air or risk losing federal highway funding, a top U.S. Environmental Protection Agency official said Monday.

Regional EPA Administrator Jared Blumenfeld said state air quality managers are years late submitting plans to reduce air pollution in Southern California and the San Joaquin Valley to meet federal standards for airborne dust, smoke and soot.

The microscopic pollution particles have been linked to premature deaths, as well as respiratory problems, heart attacks and lung cancer.

"If you're living in the worst air quality neighborhoods in the nation, you expect EPA to deal effectively with getting reductions that have been promised," Blumenfeld said. "We need to make sure that we are getting back on track and that we are getting clean air for residents."

Monday's announcement effectively puts the California Air Resources Board on notice to show EPA how the regions will lower emissions of soot from fireplaces, dust from farming and exhaust from diesel engines to acceptable levels, Blumenfeld said.

AP

OAKLAND

Voters still waiting on who will be city's mayor

Voters will have to wait at least another day before they learn who will be elected the next mayor of Oakland.

Alameda County Registrar of Voters Dave Macdonald said Monday that counting provisional ballots is taking longer than expected and could not estimate when the final tally would be complete.

This is the first election in which Oakland has used ranked choice voting, where voters cast a first, second and third choice.

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Poor economy killing consumer stigmas

ANNE D'INNOCENZIO
RACHEL BECK
AP Business Writers

PARAMUS, N.J. The Goodwill store in this middle-class New York suburb is buzzing on a recent weekend afternoon. A steady flow of shoppers comb through racks filled with second-hand clothes, shoes, blankets and dishes.

A few years ago, opening a Goodwill store here wouldn't have made sense. Paramus is one of the biggest ZIP codes in the country for retail sales. Shoppers have their pick of hundreds of respected names like Macy's and Lord &Taylor along this busy highway strip.

But in the wake of the Great Recession, the stigma attached to certain consumer behavior has fallen away. What some people once thought of as lowbrow, they now accept - even consider a frugal badge of honor.

And it's not just about Goodwill. Americans, even those with jobs, are shopping for brands, buying at stores and eating at restaurants that they shunned before because they are trying to get more for their money.

At the supermarket, shoppers are buying more store-labeled products, like no-name detergents and cereal, and not returning to national brands.

And in a telling trend, Americans are turning to layaway more often when they buy expensive items such as engagement rings and iPads. The wealthy are also using layaway more often, a drastic change from the past.

"The old stigmas are the new realities," says Emanuel Weintraub, a New York-based retail consultant. "Now, people don't have a problem saying, 'I can't afford it.' It's a sign of strength."

At the Goodwill in Paramus, even financially secure shoppers are showing up. One is Heather Dzielinski, from nearby Ramsey, N.J., who had donated things to Goodwill but never shopped at one of its stores until the Paramus location opened in July.

A pair of L.L. Bean fur-lined slippers for $8, far below the $50 retail price, got her hooked. She thought a Goodwill store would be dark and dingy, but it wasn't.

"This store is a lot different than what I thought it would be, and that impressed me," Dzielinski said during a recent visit. She picked up two shirts for her son costing about $4 each.

Thrift and consignment stores are thriving, so much so that some high-end retail stores are carving out space for second-hand goods as a way to offset weak sales of their full-price merchandise.

This behavioral shift is pronounced at the nation's supermarkets. Store-branded groceries now make up 22 percent of total sales, up from 20 percent before the recession, according to The Nielsen Co. The private-label business is worth $500 billion a year, so even a 2 percentage point change means $10 billion.

Improved quality has helped drive the growth, but price also plays a big role. Supermarkets that stock almost all store-brands are thriving. One is Aldi, a chain of more than 1,000 stores in the Midwest and on the East Coast.

At an Aldi location in Chicago on a recent evening, shoppers didn't care that the only recognizable brands were the Splenda sweetener, a Butterball turkey and a few kinds of candy.

Six no-name grocery items - macaroni and cheese, potato chips, cream cheese, sour cream, olive oil and guacamole - cost about $10. The same six brand-name items cost $22 at the nearby Dominick's.

"I started realizing that I could save $20 shopping here for my groceries, and I liked the products," says Aline Silberg, a mother of two who works as a massage therapist and started coming to Aldi during the recession. "I stopped caring that they weren't brands I knew."

People are learning to live with trading down on clothes, too. Jaime Palmer of Dallas used to go to Neiman Marcus and spend as much as $300 on dress shirts by such high-end designers as Hugo Boss and Thomas Pink.

Now, Palmer, a 36-year-old a managing partner at an investment boutique, buys from a new label called J. Hilburn, which customizes dress shirts for a much lower price - $120. As for his suits, he's turning to outlets.

"You don't get the service. They don't bring you coffee," he concedes. "It did have a bit of a stigma for me." But living through the Great Recession has made him reassess how he shops, he says.

"All of a sudden you feel mortal," he says. And even though business has stabilized and Palmer's own personal portfolio has rebounded, "my spending patterns will probably be a lot more conservative for the rest of my life."

Stock market loses momentum

DAVID K. RANDALL
Associated Press Business Writer

NEW YORK Stocks pulled back Monday as traders retreated from a rally that brought indexes to their highest levels since the peak of the financial crisis in September 2008.

Gold crossed $1,400 an ounce to another record on Monday as traders looked for safe places to park money.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 37.24, or 0.3 percent, to close at 11,406.84. It surged 2.9 percent last week after the Federal Reserved announced a $600 billion stimulus package for the U.S. economy.

The Standard and Poor's 500 index fell 2.60, or 0.2 percent, to 1,223.25.

The Nasdaq composite index continued to outperform other market measures, as it has done all year, edging up 1.07, or 0.04 percent, to 2,580.05. The technology-focused index is up 13.7 percent for the year, compared to a 9.4 percent gain for the Dow and a 9.7 gain for the S&P 500.

Financial companies were down the most among the 10 industry groups that make up the S&P 500 index. Technology, energy and materials companies were the only groups in the index to show meager gains.

"Today is shaping up to be a modest sell-off and that's to be expected," said Barnaby Levin, a managing director at HighTower Advisors.

Stocks have risen in recent weeks on better-than-expected corporate earnings reports and the introduction of a bond-buying program by the Federal Reserve that is intended to stimulate the economy by driving interest rates lower and encouraging spending.

The dollar rose 0.5 percent against a broad basket of currencies. That's a negative for big U.S. companies like Caterpillar Inc. that do a lot of business overseas, since a stronger dollar makes their products more expensive in other countries.







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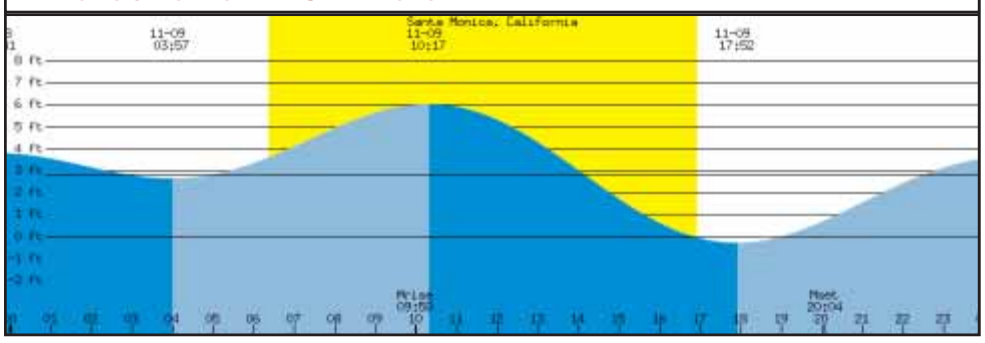
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Long Range Synopsis

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Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica



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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 Alina 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.	B	F
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	F	D
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach.	B	F
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	B	B
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Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	A+
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Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	C	A+

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	F	A
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A+	A
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A	A
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	F	F
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A	A+
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Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	B	F
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	F	F
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Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	F	F
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A+	A
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Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	F	D
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant.	A+	B
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	A+	A

LEGEND

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NFL

Coach Cable leans toward Campbell as Raiders QB

JOSH DUBOW
AP Sports Writer

ALAMEDA Jason Campbell might have done enough to win back the starting quarterback job for the Oakland Raiders even after Bruce Gradkowski recovers from a separated shoulder.

Just last week coach Tom Cable said the quarterback situation was "clear cut" and Gradkowski would be the starter when he was healthy. But Cable backtracked Monday and said he might stick with Jason Campbell, who just led Oakland to its first three-game winning streak since 2002 following a 23-20 overtime win over Kansas City.

"I really haven't wavered, but I do have a belief in me about, you know, when you're dealing it and you got the hot hand, and things are going in the right direction for your football team, you know, why would you make a change?" Cable said. "That's what I think right now, but in the back of my mind I also say, 'It's not really making a change. He was a starter before I made the change with Bruce and he's kind of come back and done a lot of good things for our team.'"

Campbell opened the season as the starter after being acquired in a draft-day trade from Washington. That lasted all of six quarters before he was benched in favor of Gradkowski at halftime of the home opener against St. Louis.

Gradkowski rallied the Raiders (5-4) to a win over the Rams and started the next three games before being sidelined by a separated shoulder against San Diego.

Campbell led a rally against the Chargers to give the Raiders a win and then had a miserable performance in his first game back as the starter against San Francisco.

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Town (R) 2hr 5min
5:15pm, 8:05pm, 10:55pm

Life As We Know It (PG-13) 1hr 52min
5:15pm, 7:55pm, 10:35pm

Secretariat (PG) 1hr 56min
5:25pm, 8:15pm, 11:00pm

Stone (R) 1hr 45min
5:40pm, 8:10pm, 10:40pm

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Due Date (R) 1hr 40min
11:00am, 1:30pm, 4:00pm, 6:30pm, 9:00pm

Saw 3D (R) 1hr 30min
10:20am, 12:40pm, 3:05pm, 5:30pm, 7:50pm, 10:15pm

Social Network (PG-13) 2hr 1min
12:15pm, 3:15pm, 6:15pm, 9:15pm

Megamind 3D (PG)
12:00pm, 2:30pm, 5:00pm, 7:30pm, 10:00pm

Jackass 3D (R) 1hr 34min
10:00am, 12:30pm, 3:00pm, 5:30pm, 8:00pm, 10:30pm

Red (PG-13) 1hr 38min
11:45am, 2:25pm, 5:10pm, 7:45pm, 10:30pm

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10:00am, 1:00pm, 4:00pm, 7:00pm, 10:05pm

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8:10pm

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7:40pm, 10:10pm

Welcome to the Rileys (R) 1hr 50min
7:40pm, 10:15pm

You Will Meet A Tall Dark Stranger (R) 1hr 38min
7:50pm, 10:10pm

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Social Network (NR)
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Megamind 3D (NR)
11:00am, 1:30pm, 4:00pm, 6:30pm, 9:00pm

Red (PG-13) 1hr 38min
10:45am, 1:25pm, 4:10pm, 6:45pm, 9:30pm

For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide When the Rainbow Is Enuf (NR)
12:45pm, 4:05pm, 7:10pm, 10:15pm

Paranormal Activity 2 (PG-13) 1hr 31min
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Treat yourself, Sagittarius

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★★ Keep reaching out for a key person, who could be a relative, friend or someone who is a source of information. Though you might not be able to plan a trip just yet, start considering where and when. Tonight: Burning the candle at both ends.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ News, though surprising, could force you to get past self-imposed mental filters. Break free and learn to better understand those in your immediate environment. You might be surprised by what happens when you gain some perspective. Tonight: Let your mind wander. Surf the Net.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Someone you counted on might back out at the last minute. Your creativity mixed with a partner's perspective stabilizes what could be a difficult situation otherwise. Tonight: Flex with the moment and a friend.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ Others want to dominate, which should not be a new scenario for you. Although how you handle it might be quite different. People are changing, as are their reactions. You, too, will be making an adjustment. Tonight: The only requirement is not to be alone.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Rarely can you focus to the current extent. You might want to revisit an issue with a fresh mind and some detachment. The insight you gain could help mend bridges. Listen to what is being shared among your associates. Tonight: Slow down and take time to visit with individuals you generally only say "hi" to.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ Don't hesitate to scrap a bad idea, because you will come up with another idea and yet another, until you find the one you like. If you're in the arts, your muse has arrived. Just tap into it. Tonight: Let your hair down.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ Accept the limitations of a situation, and you will be one step closer to processing them. You would like to make profound changes. Make sure you really want this type of transformation. You can create nearly anything you want. Tonight: At home.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ Count on your ability to profoundly turn a situation around through communication. Remember, there are many ways to say something. Think about the most effective way for each situation. Tonight: Take time to chat with a neighbor or sibling.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Do you need to add to the current financial pressure? A decision made right now could do exactly that. Be very careful, as you are in a process of reorganizing and rethinking your money/life structure. The fewer commitments made now the better. Tonight: Treat yourself to a special item for the fall.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ To many, you seem reasonable and staid. Little do they know about the many changes that are bubbling up within. Use your ability to discern the frivolous and toss it out of your life. Tonight: Whatever puts a smile on your face.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ The fewer decisions you make and the less you act on your personal situation, or even a business deal, the better. You might feel a bit overwhelmed by information. What you realize is that either your facts or your perspective was off. Tonight: Just do for you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ You might be surprised to see your perspective change radically, and to see yourself acting on new views. You do need to check in with yourself about a goal or a project you might be fostering today. It might not feel appropriate any longer. Tonight: Where the crowds are.

Happy birthday

This year, you change what is no longer working in your daily life. This transformation could be anything, from a car or a computer to taking a course in better communication. You become proactive, perhaps making radical changes. If you are single, late spring starts drawing forth very interesting people. Make sure you want to be with the person you choose before you commit. If you are attached, your partner might become more demanding in 2011. You will like the results should you choose to make this effort. CAPRICORN can be too serious, especially when you are trying to have fun.

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



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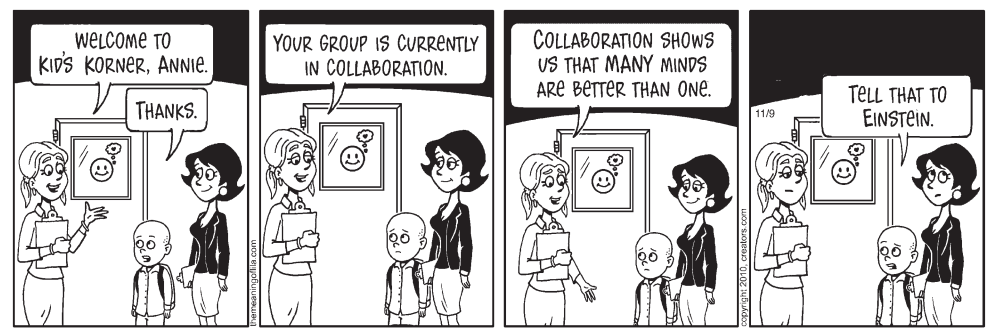
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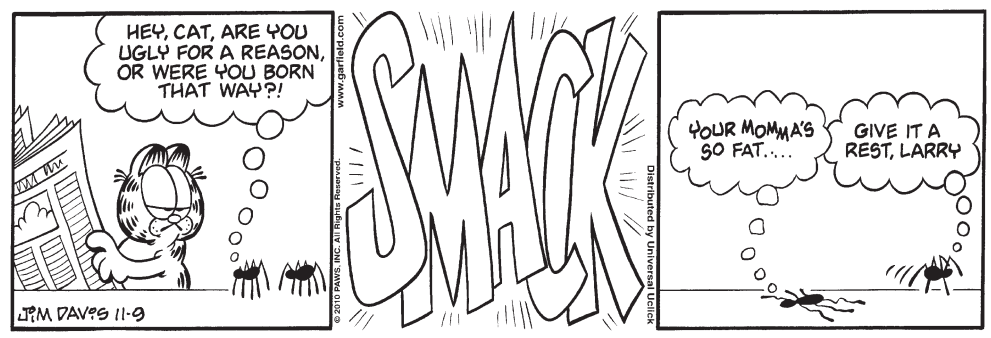
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Sudoku

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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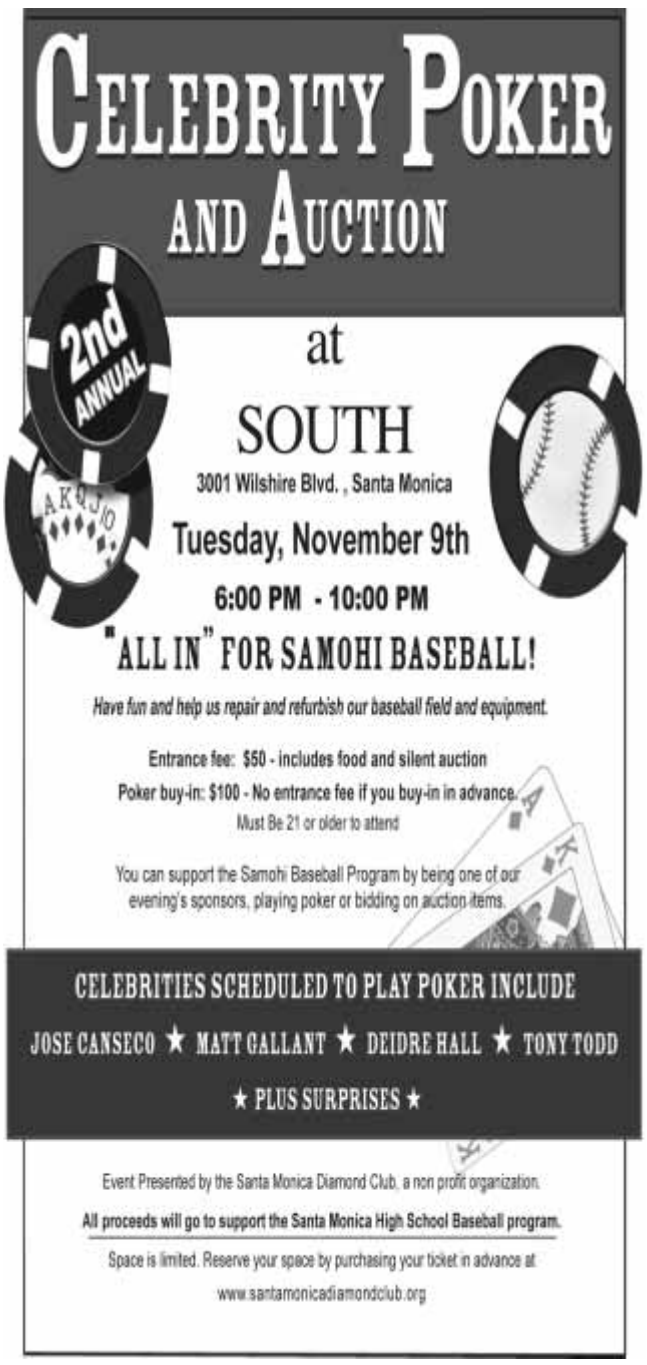
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GETTING STARTED

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



CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Holmes' creator
6 Current of air
11 "Too rich for my blood"
12 Circle spokes
13 Surfed
15 Blunder
16 Old horse
17 Mal de —
18 Typical soldier
20 Sachet scent
23 Some Picassos
27 Revered one
28 Latvia's capital
29 Yellow gem
31 Over-watered
32 Oozes
34 Fitting
37 Chum
38 Fake hair
41 Saw stars, in a way
44 Judy Jetson's brother
45 Com-poser's creation
46 Mister, in Madrid
47 Macho fellow

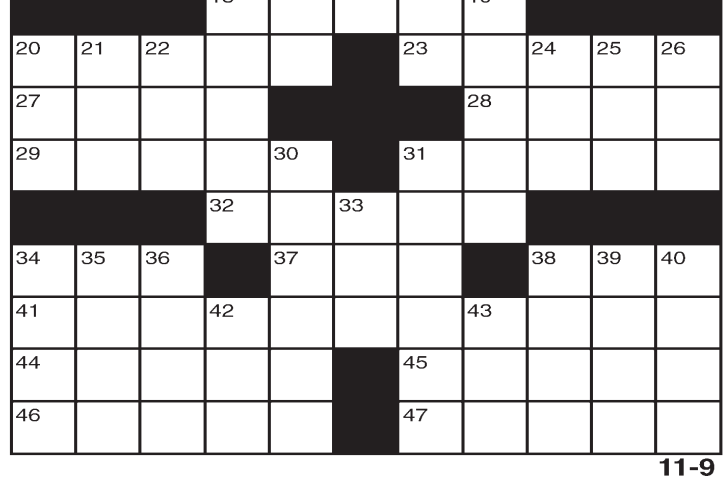
DOWN

1 Back-gammon need
2 Epps of "House"
3 "— Cheatin' Heart"
4 Big galoot
5 Kind of cuisine
6 Knight's foe
7 Uncooked
8 First person
9 Lincoln's bill
10 Stratum
14 — Mahal
18 Charity events
19 Franc replacers
20 Set fire to
21 Wedding words
22 Cut off
24 Use a spade
25 Nest item
26 Put into words
30 Light breeze
31 Diver's creation
33 Devour
34 High cards
35 Lacking color
36 Rotate
38 Caprice
39 Tiny amount
40 Broad-way's Verdon
42 Sticky stuff
43 Take to court

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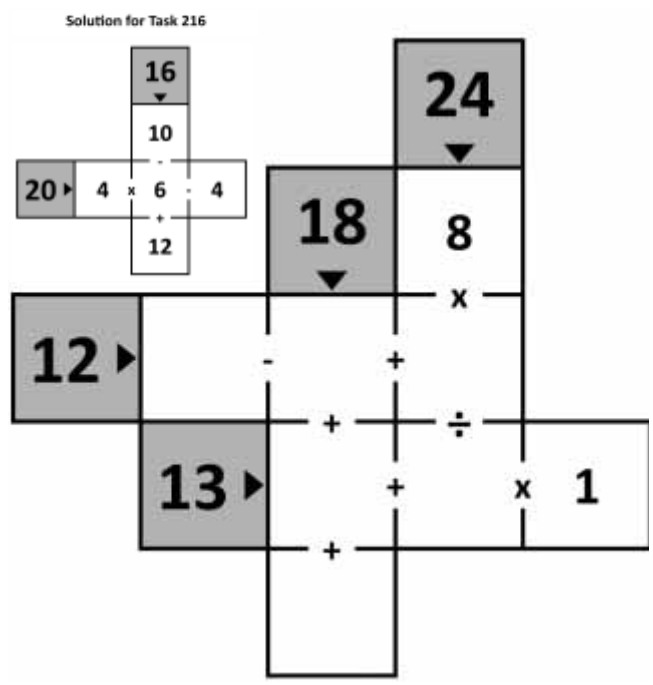
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Good News for Frisky Married Muslims: (1) Abdelaziz Aouragh's recently opened Internet site sells Shariah-compliant aids to promote the "sexual health" of married couples, mostly lubricants, lotions and herbal pills, with lingerie coming soon (but no videos or toys). (All products have been cleared by Saudi religious scholars.) He says he aspires to open actual storefronts soon. (2) Ms. Khadija Ahmed, attending to customers while dressed in flowing robe and head scarf, is already open for business in Manama, Bahrain, offering, since 2008, lingerie, orgasm-delaying creams and even some sex toys. ("Vibrators" are "against Islam," she said, because they are intended as replications of a body part, but "vibration rings" are permitted.) Bahrain, obviously, is among the most liberal countries in the Persian Gulf region, but Ahmed is considering expanding to Dubai and Lebanon.

■ Shareholder James Solakian filed a lawsuit in October against the board of directors of Bible.com, on the ground that the website address -- a potential "goldmine," he says -- was not being properly exploited financially. Although the company's business plan was, explicitly, to become "very, very profitable," it also vowed, according to a Reuters report, to be governed by "Christian business principles."

TODAY IN HISTORY

1917 Joseph Stalin enters the provisional government of Bolshevik Russia.

1918 Kaiser Wilhelm II of Germany abdicates after the German Revolution, and Germany is proclaimed a Republic.

1921 Albert Einstein is awarded the Nobel Prize in Physics for his work with the photoelectric effect.

1923 In Munich, Germany, police and government troops crush the Beer Hall Putsch in Bavaria. The failed coup is the work of the Nazis.

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