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THE STAY DRY ISSUE

Food trucks get earlier bed time on Main Street

Concerned about safety, police ask City Council to restrict food trucks during weekends

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL If you're looking for a little late-night nosh after an evening of carousing at the popular bars on Main Street, you're going to have to stagger a bit farther than usual.

The Santa Monica Police Department has declared the presence of food trucks on Main Street between Ocean Park Boulevard and Marine Street a hazard that attracts intoxicated people and gums up the streets, sidewalks and other public spaces.

Deputy Police Chief Al Venegas and Cap. Carol Larson called on council members to ban food trucks on the four blocks bounded by those two streets between the hours of 1 a.m. and 3 a.m., Saturday and Sunday, to cut down on drunken loitering.

"Traditionally, drinking establishments have their last call at 1:30, and by 2 a.m. they

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Bike plan passes Planning Commission, on to council

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
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CITY HALL Within a year, Santa Monicans will begin to notice changes on their city streets. Within five, it's going to be a whole new ballgame.

That's the promise of the Bicycle Master Plan, a 400-page document that got the Planning Commission's stamp of approval Wednesday night.

The plan proposes a 20-year timeline to transform Santa Monica's roadways into bicycle-friendly thoroughfares in an attempt to get people out of their cars and cycling to improve health, reduce traffic and cleanse the environment.

Santa Monicans mandated that shift in priorities when they helped to create the Land Use and Circulation Element, or LUCE, an overarching policy for the development of every aspect of Santa Monica, said Lucy Dyke, a transportation manager with City Hall.

The Bicycle Action Plan represents one way in which the LUCE is being fulfilled.

"Everything in this plan was suggested or approved by the people in this community," Dyke told commissioners Wednesday.

The plan is ambitious and far-reaching. It proposes to improve intersections across the city and add expensive new infrastructure and facilities to make bicycling more accessible and safer to all strata of Santa Monican society.

It seeks to create north-south and east-west connectors for bikes that guide people across the city and through major economic areas to ensure bike lanes lead to popular destinations.

It will also link Santa Monica with its

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RECOGNIZED

Brandon Wise *brandonw@smdp.com*

People walk by the memorial crosses at Arlington West just north of the Santa Monica Pier on Veterans Day. The crosses were built in memory of those who have sacrificed their lives for the United States while serving in Iraq and Afghanistan.

HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

Three's the magic number for v-ball

Samohi, Pacifica Christian, Lighthouse Christian advance to third round of playoffs

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

VICTOR VALLEY Victor Valley pushed, but Samohi pushed back even harder.

Santa Monica High School's girls' volleyball team was taken to five games on Thursday at Victor Valley, but were able to hold off a late rally in the fifth game to advance to the quarterfinals of the CIF-Southern Section Division 3AA playoffs.

"We had to play hard," Head Coach Liane Sato said. "It was a real battle."

No. 3 seed Samohi won the first game, 25-18, but Victor Valley came back to take the next two, sending the Vikings to the brink of elimination heading into the fourth game. Samohi was able to tie the match at two games each, setting up a dramatic finish.

The deciding game began with both teams racing out to a 6-6 score, but Samohi was able to put the pressure on, going up 13-9 in a game that requires just 15 points to win.

Sato said a few unforced errors by her Vikings brought the game to 13 all, but Victor Valley would serve into the net setting up Samohi for the game winner.

Senior Sarah Krenik would notch a kill to win the game on the next serve advancing Samohi to round three.

Samohi will again take to the road Saturday, this time at Santa Ynez. The match

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Saturday, Nov. 12, 2011

Alienate me no more
Santa Monica Bay Woman's Club
1210 Fourth St., 8 a.m. — 5 p.m.
"Parental Alienation: A Community Responds" is open to any adult who has been through parental alienation. There will be several speakers and experts on childhood abuse available for discussion during the presentation. Contact Karen Lebow, president and CEO of International Support Network for Alienated Families at (818) 212-1352 or isnaf@aol.com.

Ice, ice baby
ICE at Santa Monica
1324 Fifth St., 2 p.m.
The annual Downtown Santa Monica ice rink is back. Come celebrate the fifth anniversary and skate away on the 8,000-square-foot ice rink open to all. A place for people of all ages, one can throw a party or go on a date. Skate lessons are also available. Admission and skate rental is $12 or buy a season pass for $150. For more information call (805) 701-7248.

Around the globe
The Broad Stage
1310 11th St., various times
Shakespeare's Globe Theatre, once again the toast of London, is back for its third year at The Broad with the hectic and hilarious comic romp "The Comedy of Errors." Opening night is tonight. For more information call (310) 434-3200. Admission is $50 to $135.

Sunday, Nov. 13, 2011

Runners to your marks
FrontRunners
11620 San Vicente Blvd., 7:30 a.m.
The Get Fit Be Fit 5 and 10K race event will celebrate with the Westside community in an effort to raise funds for local children's charities, including the Santa Monica Boys and Girls Club. The family-friendly event will have a 10K, 5K Kids 1K and a Fitness Expo with local merchants and restaurants. For more information call (310) 207-0216. A list of prices is available at www.active.com.

Partnering up
Santa Monica Pier, 10 a.m.
With over 4,000 people participating last year, the Partnership Walk at the Pier demonstrates its support for ending global poverty. Last year $500,000 was raised for poverty alleviation projects. Distinguished guests will include: Bobby Shriver, Eric Roberts, Timothy Jackman and The Laker Girls. For more information call (310) 285-8575.

Monday, Nov. 14, 2011

Writers out loud
Annenberg Beach House
415 Pacific Coast Hwy., 6:30 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.
The works of feminist fictionistas Bia Lowe, Deena Metzger and Terry Wolverton will be performed live by Jesse Holcomb, Barbara Keegan and Sally Shore as part of Pacific Standard Time event "Telling Stories: The Woman's Building Writer's Workshop." The evening includes a panel moderated by Cheryl Klein, director of Poets and Writers West. For more information, call (310) 458-2257.

Conquest through the eyes of the conquered
Santa Monica College
1900 Pico Blvd., 7:30 p.m.
Santa Monica College kicks off its 11th Annual International Education Week with a screening of SMC film professor Salvador Carrasco's "The Other Conquest," a movie that presents a vision of Mexico, after the Spanish Conquest, from the perspective of the Aztec people. A post-screening discussion will follow, led by Carrasco, fellow film professor Josh Kanin and actor Damian Delgado. For more information, call (310) 434-3962.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

MAIN LIBRARY

Local libraries receive top rating

For the second year in a row, the Santa Monica Public Library earned a top-rating of five stars from the Library Journal, city officials announced Thursday.

Santa Monica was the only Southern California library to earn the prestigious five-star rating.

The ratings, announced on Nov. 1, were based on 2009 data from the Institute of Museum and Library Services. Santa Monica was ranked among the top 262 of the nation's 7,513 public libraries rated on the level of service they provided.

The libraries were evaluated on per capita statistics that included visits, circulation, program attendance and public Internet computer use. The Library Journal Index 2010 gives five, four or three stars to the top libraries rated.

"The LJ Index offers an overall indication of how a library's performance stacks up to peer libraries and provides guidance on how public libraries can better inform their stakeholders of achievements, service opportunities, and improve library awareness and funding," city officials said in a press release.

The Santa Monica Public Library offers a variety of services and programs for all ages and interests at four neighborhood library locations, city officials said.

For more information about the library, its programs and services visit your local branch or smpl.org.

KEVIN HERRERA

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Take part in ending poverty

More than 4,000 people are expected to participate in this year's Participant Walk, an annual event organized by the Aga Khan Foundation.

Hosted at the Santa Monica Pier, the Nov. 13 walk is part of the foundation's efforts to raise money to fight global poverty.

"There are three billion people in the world who live on less than $2 a day," said Rafiq Ghaswala, media coordinator for the foundation's western region volunteer team. "We kind of take things for granted in this country, and in the western hemisphere in general."

The walk, in its 17th year, began in Los Angeles. Since then, it has expanded to eight other cities and raised more than $42 million altogether.

"The theme of this year's walk is building resilient communities," Ghaswala said. "You're actually building an infrastructure that can be sustained. It's more than just doing a project and then going away. The idea is to stay within that community to build something that, in a way, sustains itself."

Ghaswala said all of the money directly goes toward programs such as rainwater harvesting in India.

"For example, (we're) building special roofs so that [rainwater] harvested is used in irrigation," Ghaswala said. "Also for harvesting energy ... we're building these chimneys so the heat given off by cooking is used to heat up other things and recycle energy in a way."

Speakers include Matt Peterson, CEO of Global Green USA, and Franklin D. Gilliam, Jr., a professor at UCLA's School of Public Affairs. The day's events include performances by the Santa Monica High School Choir and Santa Monica High School Marching Band, among others.

The walk starts at 10 a.m. at the Santa Monica Pier. Registration is free; visit www.partnershipsinaction.org for more information.

KELLY ZHOU



PALINDROME BIRTHDAY

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With the help of her family, Christina Honore celebrates her 11th birthday on Nov. 11 at 11:11 a.m. at Pacific Park on the Santa Monica Pier. It was a once-in-a-lifetime birthday party.

11-11-11 brings hopes of good luck

BY MATT SEDENSKY
Associated Press

From China to New York, people placed bets, tied the knot, made a wish and some were even extra cautious.

Friday marked the 11th day of the 11th month of 2011. Around the world, people celebrated the convergence of 11s with a splash.

Some 1,000 ethnic Chinese couples exchanged vows across Malaysia on a date viewed as auspicious and romantic. In China, a special "1111" train started at 11:11 a.m. on the No. 11 line in Shanghai.

"The numbers rhyme with one husband, one wife and one soul in Chinese and signifies a marriage that would last a lifetime," said nurse Pua Kim Giok, 25, who tied the knot with engineer Lee Chin Siong, 27. They were among 460 couples who got married at the popular Thean Hou Temple in Kuala Lumpur.

Not everyone was smiling, however.

Egypt's antiquities authority closed the largest of the Great Pyramid of Giza following rumors that groups would try to hold spiritual ceremonies on the site at 11:11.

The authority's head Mustafa Amin said in a statement Friday that the pyramid of Khufu, also known as Cheops, would be closed until Saturday morning for "necessary maintenance." The rest of the complex, which includes two other large pyramids, numerous tombs and the Sphinx, and is one of Egypt's biggest tourist attractions, remained open Friday, though security appeared to be heavier than usual.

In the U.S., the Trump Taj Mahal in Atlantic City, N.J., was planning drawings every 11 minutes for up to $1,111.

In Las Vegas, Stephanie Joseph of the Clark County Marriage Bureau says roughly 1,700 licenses have been issued so far for 11-11-11 weddings, second only to the 2,600 licenses issued for weddings on July 7, 2007. That date more than two years ago consisted of three lucky sevens.

Bryan Savage of Oklahoma City was among those tying the knot on 11-11. He said the number 11 is meaningful to him and his fiancée, Tara Melton, because his birthday is in November and they met in November.

"It's just kind of cool and we didn't really want Valentine's Day or a holiday, but we just wanted something memorable," he said.

Plus, he said, it will be easier to remember his anniversary.

In Des Moines, Iowa, Dr. Ross Valone, an obstetrician-gynecologist, will refund any fees he collects from delivering babies Friday. In Bellevue, Wash., Jason Brown planned to open his new grocery store at 11:11 a.m.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Not a fair representation

Editor:

I and my colleagues are very disappointed to learn of the way that you have handled your Q-Line survey about the dog beach pilot program in Santa Monica. I am told that you had an overflowing amount of positive responses from people who passionately want to enjoy a dog beach. And yet you chose to print the few negative responses you got because they called in on the first day. This is an outrage. If you are going to have a survey, even if it is informal, and say it runs all week, it is not fair to only print the first five people who called. And especially without saying anything about the hundreds who sent and called in positive responses. This is unfair and unbalanced.

Many papers have online surveys where you can click "yes," "no" or "indecisive." But even if you didn't have that, what you print should surely reflect the essence of what the public in good faith sent in.

Georja Umano
Unleash the Beach
Santa Monica

Calling for compassion, respect

Editor:

Why are so many people so mean-spirited?

A David Pisarra column suggested that a traffic cop should have been courteous instead of rude when telling Pisarra to move his car ("Politeness for the police," What's The Point?, Nov. 8). Pisarra readily admitted his violation, and the column served as a reminder to community representatives of the ancient parental admonition that "it's not what you say, it's how you say it." Yet a reader ("Look who's talking," Letters to the Editor, Nov. 10) attacked Pisarra as rude, whiny, above the law and a lawyer (the last is perhaps the unkindest cut of all).

A number of readers have castigated the City Council for the plastic bag ban. You'd think that a measure that encourages people to protect the environment by carrying their own bags has forced them to become chain-dragging Jacob Marleys.

Finally, serious Republican presidential nominee (well, not really) Herman Cain is applauded for advocating the gunning down of would-be illegal immigrants. The applause might only have recognized Cain's ability to violate four of the 10 Bill of Rights at a single bound, but I doubt it. All of this nastiness is almost enough to make me feel mean-spirited. But I think that our little corner of the world will be better if more of us live in compassion and respect.

Paul Bergman
Santa Monica



On the Beat

NRO Joseph Cortez — **Send comments to editor@smdp.com**

Confusion over beach parking

Q: WHAT ARE THE OFFICIAL HOURS FOR parking in beach parking lots and why do the machines stop working as it nears dusk?

A: Great question. Santa Monica has a wonderful beach and has worked hard to provide parking for all of its visitors. I have been approached several times regarding this question and I can see where visitors may get confused at the times. Make sure you read the signs carefully, as many, but not all, beach parking lots become residential parking for those who live in the area.

As the signs read, there is no parking from sunset to sunrise. There are several signs posted throughout the parking lots and what this means is there is no nighttime parking in these lots. The Santa Monica traffic officers do not sit at the parking lots waiting for the sun to set; they actually provide a small leeway for visitors to enjoy a sunset at the beach and then return to their vehicles. This leeway is a courtesy and you should make sure to return to your vehicle as soon as the sun has set to avoid getting a parking citation.

During the summer months (April through September) the parking machines stop accepting money and will not dispense a parking pass after 7 p.m. This means if sunset is scheduled for 8 p.m., you can purchase a parking pass at 6:59 p.m. and park until sunset, but you cannot arrive after 7 p.m. and park in the lot even though the sun has not set. During the winter months (October through March) the parking machines shut down at 5 p.m. This is to further iterate that there is no parking in the parking lots during the hours from sunset to sunrise.

So, to recap, there is no parking in the metered parking lots along the beach during the nighttime hours. I recommend you utilize the parking lot located just north of the Santa Monica Pier, 1550 Pacific Coast Highway, for nighttime parking. This lot is open from 7 a.m. to 12 a.m. seven days a week. For further information regarding parking in Santa Monica please visit the Downtown Santa Monica, Inc. website at www.downtownsm.com.

Q: I read in the newspaper that the Santa Monica Police Department collects an additional fee for every "fix-it" ticket their officers write. What is a fix-it ticket and is there an additional fee City Hall charges?

A: A fix-it ticket, or correctable violation, is issued to motorists for driving an automobile with a mechanical failure, unsafe features or a missing front license plate. The reason the California Vehicle Code has these violations on the books is to keep all motorists safe on the highway. Some of the violations that would be correctable are faulty or broken headlights, faulty or broken tail lights, faulty brake lights, non-working blinkers, cracked windshields and dark window tinting. Mechanical failures may include bald tires or a faulty exhaust system.

If you are issued a correctable or fix-it ticket from a police officer, "Yes" will be checked next to the box labeled "Correctable Violation." Also, a court date will be written on the ticket, which gives you a time frame to get the violation corrected. Once you have corrected the violation, you can go to any of the Los Angeles County Superior Courts and have a Los Angeles County deputy verify the correction. It should be noted that the Sheriff's Department also charges a fee to verify that you have in fact repaired or corrected the violation(s) on your citation. Once your citation has been signed off, the court will then dismiss the citation. The courts do, however, charge a dismissal fee for each violation corrected/dismissed.

The Santa Monica Police Department does not sign off citations and/or charge any fees related to fix-it tickets.

The dismissal fee is a Los Angeles County Superior Court fee that has nothing to do with the city of Santa Monica or the Santa Monica Police Department. The Los Angeles Superior Courts have a published list of court fees that every judge must adhere too. You can find a copy at the Los Angeles County Superior Court website, www.lasuperiorcourt.org

VACATION TIPS: PREPARE FOR YOUR TRIP

With Thanksgiving and the winter holidays approaching soon, don't ruin a vacation by becoming a crime victim! Just because you and/or your family are on vacation doesn't mean that criminals are as well. Make personal safety and residential security a priority for your trip. By taking a proactive approach, you can significantly reduce the risk of being victimized at home or while away. Follow the crime prevention tips listed below so you can focus on a fun and relaxing vacation.

BEFORE LEAVING

• Lock all windows and doors before you leave. Set your alarm system, if you have one.
• Make your home appear "lived in." Use variable timers for interior lights and radios.
• Close all curtains and blinds.
• Stop mail and newspaper delivery, or have a neighbor collect them for you.
• Ask a friend or neighbor to keep your lawns mowed and watered.
• Leave your trip plans, and an emergency phone number, with someone you trust.
• Make copies and a record of your passport(s), credit cards, and traveler's checks. Give a copy of these documents to a family member or friend for safekeeping.

ON THE ROAD

• Never carry large amounts of cash. Use traveler's checks or credit cards.
• Keep careful tabs on your plane, train, or bus tickets; they're as valuable as cash.
• Carry your purse close to your body; don't let it dangle!
• Carry your wallet in an inside coat or front trouser pocket.
• Be aware of your surroundings. Ask the hotel /motel staff about problem areas.
• Avoid advertising that you are a tourist by the way you dress.
• Select tour guides carefully.
• Make sure everyone in your party knows the name, address, and phone number of your hotel.
• If members of your group separate, be sure they check in at prearranged times and locations.

Remember, the only way to stop crime is to get involved in crime prevention, even when you are on vacation!

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The Q Line

Shop around

The City Council last week endorsed a plan to create a more sustainable local economy. One issue is the lack of more affordable shopping options; "something between a 99 Cents Store and Bloomingdale's."

This past week, Q-line asked:

Do you feel you can satisfy all of your shopping needs in Santa Monica, or do you have to go outside the city for certain goods? If so, what stores or price points would you like to see?

Here are your responses:

"AS A SENIOR CITIZEN LIVING ON A FIXED income, I do not feel I can satisfy all of my shopping needs in Santa Monica. I shop at Target and the 99 Cents Store frequently. Why can't Santa Monica have a Target, JC Penney, Macy's or a K-Mart? Why can't Santa Monica have affordable restaurants such as Applebee's or the Olive Garden?"

"YOU HAVE TO GO OUT OF SANTA MONICA to go and do shopping. It's time that they kind of did bring us some stores so that we can go and shop. And I think that a Target or a JC Penney, or even a Macy's, because the stores that we have now, Bloomingdale's and Nordstrom, are just not for ordinary working people at all."

"AS A LONG-TIME RESIDENT OF THIS CITY of San Malicious and a former landlord, I would love to see a cross between Bloomingdale's and the 99 Cents Stores. And incidentally, I went to school in Monterey with a Bloomingdale's, but I can't afford the prices. So I'd love to see a 99 Cents Store. But I occasionally go to the one on Rose and Lincoln."

"WHEN TARGET TRIED TO BRING A STORE to Santa Monica, Kevin McKeown said, 'no, it's the traffic, stupid.' Richard Bloom said if we needed inexpensive, basic clothing like socks and underwear, we should wait until Macy's had a sale. It was then that I figured my car would be a burden to poor over-driven Santa Monica. The 'let them eat cake' attitude of Mr. Bloom suggested to me that I was not the right kind of consumer for the city in which I live. It was at that point that I chose to shop elsewhere. Have you been to Culver City? They really know how to provide their residents with shopping options — which probably bring in a lot of revenue, too (I wonder, do they have a 10 percent tax on cable and telephone services plus an additional 0.5 percent sales tax?). And their Farmers' Market on Tuesday afternoons is great — even allowing prepared foods. It's fun to get out of the little bubble of this over-managed city and I recommend more of you try it."

"I USED TO BE 'MIDDLE' CLASS, BUT NOW more impoverished these occupying days. I shop mostly outside of Santa Monica, mainly so because of high prices, and driving/parking congestion aggravations. Also, my shopping is more now mostly to satisfy food needs, and sadly, that is often met on the specials and expired aisles. Exorbitantly priced vendors like Ralph's, Whole Foods, the Co-Op, etc., rarely see me. Interesting, the linking of 'shopping sites' and the 'sustainability' matter in the question. That prompts mention of perhaps the principal disconnect now in our bursting, troubled community, as next-depression wonder again now surfaces. If we here ever again get back to talking about appropriately scaled living on these few square miles, maybe then the imbalanced, corrupted local capitalism might be repaired and a healthier supply-demand marketplace restored. Should such return us to robust-enough local productions of food and other needed products, business relationships would no doubt thrive again nicely. From that, populating our streets with a good mix of wanted business sites would just come naturally as well. Economics 101. Until such a better economic balance may return, having a generally felt sense that the community is actually sustainable probably won't return either."

"YES, WE NEED MID-PRICE SHOPPING. Probably a range of shops. Not just clothing, but also housewares. Target or Kohl's would be nice. Also, clothing stores that carry things for a mature market. Even if many of the things we see Downtown would fit, they are not made for anyone over 25, much less those of us over 60. I haven't bought anything to wear in Santa Monica since Robinsons closed. There is no place to buy a sheet or towel at a reasonable price, and these things do need to be replaced. Truly frustrating for those of us who would prefer to leave our sales tax money here."

"SO OUR CURRENT CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS want a store between the 99 Cents Store and Bloomingdale's. I seem to recall when Target was proposed that our mayor Richard Bloom rejected it because he thought we could shop at Robinsons or Macy's. Of course they are gone now. Kevin McKeown rejected it because of environmental reasons, and that was despite that the building Target proposed was going to be green and Target stated they were going to hire locals and donate money and services to local organizations. Bob Holbrook rejected it despite his wife wanting it, and because he thought it would be bad for our city. Gee, like the traffic from all the other developments is good? Since the sales tax increase and bag charges, I have avoided shopping in Santa Monica; there are enough stores in west L.A. that serve me fine, give me free parking and bags."

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Protecting gadgets while cooking holiday dinner

BY MICHELLE LOCKE
For The Associated Press

Cooking with iPads and other tablet computers is on the rise. But what if a slip of the saute pan leaves that $500 gadget Wi-Fried?

Enter the growing market of wraps, stands and shields designed to make sure that floury hands and splattering pans don't turn into a recipe for techno disaster.

One solution is disposable, clear covers, such as Clever Wraps. You slide your device inside and, voila, grease, water and other undesirables stay out.

Clever Wraps cofounder Karen McElaney says the idea began with a desire to protect gear from kids, not cooks. She and her business partner had active teens who were apt to drop their phones and other handheld devices in snow, surf, etc.

They tried putting the gadgets in clear plastic bags, but that didn't work well since the bags tended to slip and the gadgets would end up getting pulled out.

"It just came to us one day, 'What if the bag for the device fit perfectly?'" says McElaney.

The result was a product called Ringer Wraps, which has since morphed into Clever Wraps and includes a line of clear, plastic wraps that don't interfere with touchscreens or Bluetooth technology, while making sure that gadget-loving cooks won't have to cry over spilled milk.

The wraps were designed for single-use, though depending on what happens in the kitchen they can be wiped down and reused.

Among those closely following the rise of tablets in the kitchen are the staff of Epicurious.com, the online recipe site.

"We've been fascinated by the adoption of the devices and the app downloads and the speed with which they have been downloaded," says Beth Ann Eason, senior vice president and general manager at Conde Nast, which oversees Epicurious.com.

Epicurious, which has the popular EPI recipe app, has been researching how customers are accessing recipes and found a significant increase in tablet use in the early evening when cooks might be expected to be in the kitchen.

Tablet guards vary widely in price and some food bloggers vote for a plain, sealable plastic bag, which may not be the slickest solution around but is low cost.

The plethora of protectors plays into a huge market of products intended to protect your gadgetry, says Scott Stein, senior editor at CNET.

Casez in particular are big, possibly because some of the new devices can be delicate.

In general, it's a good idea to get protection for your device, "especially if you're using it near anything liquid."

Other gadget protectors available include Chef Sleeve, created after Santiago Merea watched his wife bake with her iPad. The apps and connectivity were great, but "I noticed that she had to stop by the sink and wash her hands every time she went from the food to the iPad and vice versa. That was a lot of hand washing! So I figured there had to be a better solution."

He tried using a gallon-sized freezer bag, but found that the bag was too big and the plastic not clear enough. So he started researching and came up with a clear plastic that is recyclable. The product packaging can double as a stand.

And from Fuse comes an Antibacterial Screen Guard made of a material that is hostile to germs and protects against fingerprints and grime.

Gear for your gear, it just might keep you and your gadgetry out of the soup.

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Chef Sleeve: www.chefsleeve.com
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Traditional turkey dinner to cost 13 percent more

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON Putting a traditional turkey dinner on the table is going to be pricier this Thanksgiving.

The American Farm Bureau Federation reported Thursday that a meal with turkey and all the trimmings will cost about 13 percent more this year.

The trade group estimates a classic meal for 10 will cost $49.20 on average. That is $5.73 more than last year's $43.47 average.

The meal will cost less than $5 a person, but it's still much more expensive than in years past. The jump results from food makers and grocers raising their prices to cover higher commodity costs.

Nearly everything from cranberries to pumpkin pie is pricier this year, but the biggest hike is for the main course: A 16-pound turkey costs almost $4 more this year, at $21.57, according to the trade group.

The group surveyed prices in stores nationwide. But grocers often discount key items as the holiday approaches and that could reduce the cost of Thanksgiving dinner.

John Anderson, senior economist for the Farm Bureau, said it's important to remember that Americans spend a smaller percentage of their income on food than most people around the world.

"Given what is going on in the economy, higher prices on anything are not welcome," Anderson said. "(But) it does not have the same impact as food prices in other parts of the world do. We are fortunate in that sense."







Tour De Feast

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Welcome to the salad revolution

PINKBERRY MEETS THE FARMERS' Market! At California Monster Salad you will feel like a kid in a candy store — a very mature, healthy, sugar-free candy store, but fun nonetheless!

Proprietor Daniel Radell has certainly created something special with the one and only California Monster Salad, located just east of the intersection of Santa Monica Boulevard and Fourth Street. Essentially, California Monster Salad is a high-end, create-your-own salad spot. They boast an array of unique and standard salad toppings. The restaurant also serves up a collection of signature salads too. While it may seem commonplace to have a fresh and healthy eatery in the middle of the high-food IQ city of Santa Monica, it is the details that separates the California Monster from your standard salad store.

From the eco-friendly paint down to the biodegradable forks and salad bowls, lettuce is not the only thing that is green at California Monster Salad. Another nice touch is, as you enter, it is almost a guarantee you will be offered a sampling of one of their freshly made juices. Some of their beverage mainstays are iced teas, kale lemonade, and my favorite, the cucumber mint lemonade. The California Monster Salad also offers a delivery service. So no more ordering salads from Domino's Pizza. A better option has arrived in town. The restaurant also offers homemade breads, soups and organic gluten-free desserts.

Aside from fresh drinks, soups and desserts, the real meat and potatoes at this place are their salads. Offering 10 or so signature salads with fun names like the Greek Bikini, Kalifornia Kale and Mermaid Medley are all tempting options, but it is the create your own Monster Salad which is a customer favorite.

The first step is to select one of five different greens, which are all stowed away in large salad-style humidors. From the popular romaine to the hearty kale, you also have the option to mix and match your greenery. Step two is select up to five different toppings. With almost 50 toppers to choose from, this is your opportunity to really get nuts, literally. The third and final step is to select your dressing. Knowing that a dressing can make or break a salad, California Monster Salad puts a great deal of emphasis in making things right.

"You can make a beautiful salad and it can be ruined with a dressing. We make sure everyone taste the dressing so it is exactly what they want," said Radell.

With no added salt, sugar, or mayonnaise, California Monster Salad whips up their dressings daily rather than using any bottled brands. Ironically enough, due to the great popularity, the restaurant will be bottling their stuff in the near future.

With so many salads to choose from, in an "only in Santa Monica" moment, I went with the salad in a bread cone. Chef Stacey tossed up their signature Coastline Chicken salad, pouring it into a cone-rolled flatbread. Upon holding my salad-cone, I was that yoga-practicing, documentary-watching 31-year-old in the health-conscious, eco-friendly, high-fiber candy store. It was one of the best salads I have ever had and certainly the greatest salad cone I have ever eaten in my entire life. The California Monster Salad is truly a new gem here in Santa Monica.

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WRAPPED: **From the eco-friendly paint down to the bio-degradable forks and salad bowls, lettuce is not the only thing that is green at California Monster Salad.**

Holidays are here, and so are hotlines to help

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Faced with a holiday cooking conundrum? There's undoubtedly an app for that.

But if you're a little more old school, there still are numerous hotlines you can call when a kitchen crisis hits.

Or do damage control before it reaches that stage. Most companies now offer tons of tips, advice and how-to videos on their websites and via Facebook and Twitter.

• Crisco Pie Hotline: (877) 367-7438

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• Nestle Toll House Baking Information: www.verybestbaking.com/Resources.aspx

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• Reynolds Turkey Tips Hotline: (800) 745-4000 or www.turkeysuccess.com/

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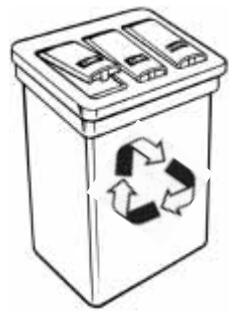
• Food Network star Rachael Ray also will have a one-day Thanksgiving hotline from noon to 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 15., (888) 908-1216.

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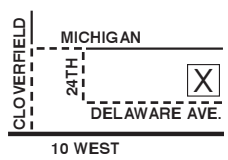
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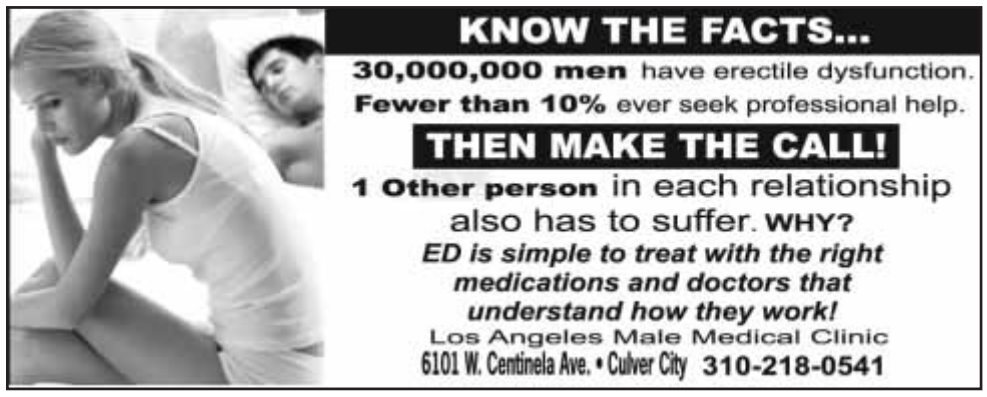


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are closed," Venegas said. "At this time, they patronize the food trucks, which keeps them there that much longer."

What sounds like an innocent attempt to soak up a night of revelry actually costs Santa Monica a hefty bar tab.

The crowds and their propensity to jaywalk and engage in other risky activity has forced the police department to assign four officers and a sergeant to the area at a price tag of $67,000 in unfunded overtime.

Officers are concerned about more than just people having a bit too much fun.

Activity around bars also leads to other public safety issues of varying degrees of severity, from noise complaints to aggravated assault.

To drive the point home, Larson and Venegas showed 1 minute and 52 seconds of footage shot on Main Street over the course of five days.

It showed people crowding sidewalks around food trucks, walking across the middle of dark streets without a crosswalk and staggering to waiting taxi cabs which parked themselves in the middle of active lanes of traffic to pick up the intoxicated bar patrons.

"We're not saying that the food trucks are causing the problem, but it's the food trucks taking advantage of the extra people out there in states of inebriation and keeping them there long after the bars have closed; that's our concern," Venegas said.

Matt Geller, spokesman for the Southern California Mobile Food Vendors Association, urged council members to acknowledge the public safety aspect of food trucks, but also the economic benefits.

"We do realize that Main Street has become an issue, but it's also important to note that the good thing over the last six to seven months is a spike in the population there," Geller said.

The food trucks are simply filling a demand that another restaurant or food establishment will meet once they're gone, he said.

Typically, Santa Monica hasn't had a lot of luck restricting food trucks.

Local municipalities do not govern their own streets, a duty left to state government to ensure that road rules are consistent across city and county lines.

Therefore, it's difficult for city governments like Santa Monica's to put boundaries on what food trucks can and cannot do beyond enforcing parking restrictions and normal road rules.

The proposed ban was narrow enough, in both the times and geographic space it limited trucks to, not to tread on too many toes, said City Attorney Marsha Moutrie.

Given that and the police department's assurances that the restrictions would relieve a public safety hazard, council members could feel assured that the ban would pass legal muster.

There was something of a time crunch, Moutrie said.

"We're hoping if you support this law, that you'll pass it before the holiday break," she said. "It's narrow as to time, narrow as to location and we think it will greatly improve the safety on Main Street."

That didn't stop the council from engaging in a lively debate on the topic, focusing largely on the relative benefits of getting food into drinkers to sober them up versus sending them on their way drunk and hungry.

"Is it your professional opinion that there's a greater safety problem by food trucks being there than people leaving bars inebriated on an empty stomach?" City Councilmember Kevin McKeown asked Venegas.

Venegas acknowledged that food can help alleviate some of the symptoms of overdrinking, but that the problem he was trying to solve was congestion on the streets.

"We're not trying to do away with food trucks, but they can move to a different location," Venegas said.

The council approved the suggested ordinance with a vote of 5-1, with Councilmember Terry O'Day against. O'Day wasn't convinced that a ban was the only way to solve the public safety issue and wanted to see other options.

If passed on a second reading at the Nov. 22 meeting, the new law will take effect 30 days later, just in time for the holiday season.

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is scheduled for 5 p.m.

Sato said she doesn't know much about Santa Ynez, but has heard that they "are pretty stacked."

Santa Ynez features a number of tall players, giving Sato reason to approach the game with caution.

"We feel good," Sato said of her team's mood. "We're just making sure the girls are focused."

PACIFICA CHRISTIAN SWEEPS TO QUARTERFINALS

Pacifica Christian's girls' volleyball team easily swept through Azusa en route to a three-game victory at Crossroads Thursday to advance to the CIF-SS Division 4A quarterfinals.

The win (25-15, 25-13, 25-21) sets up a home game against Fairmont Prep on Saturday at Culver City High School. The game is scheduled for 7 p.m.

LIGHTHOUSE CHRISTIAN GOES DISTANCE FOR WIN

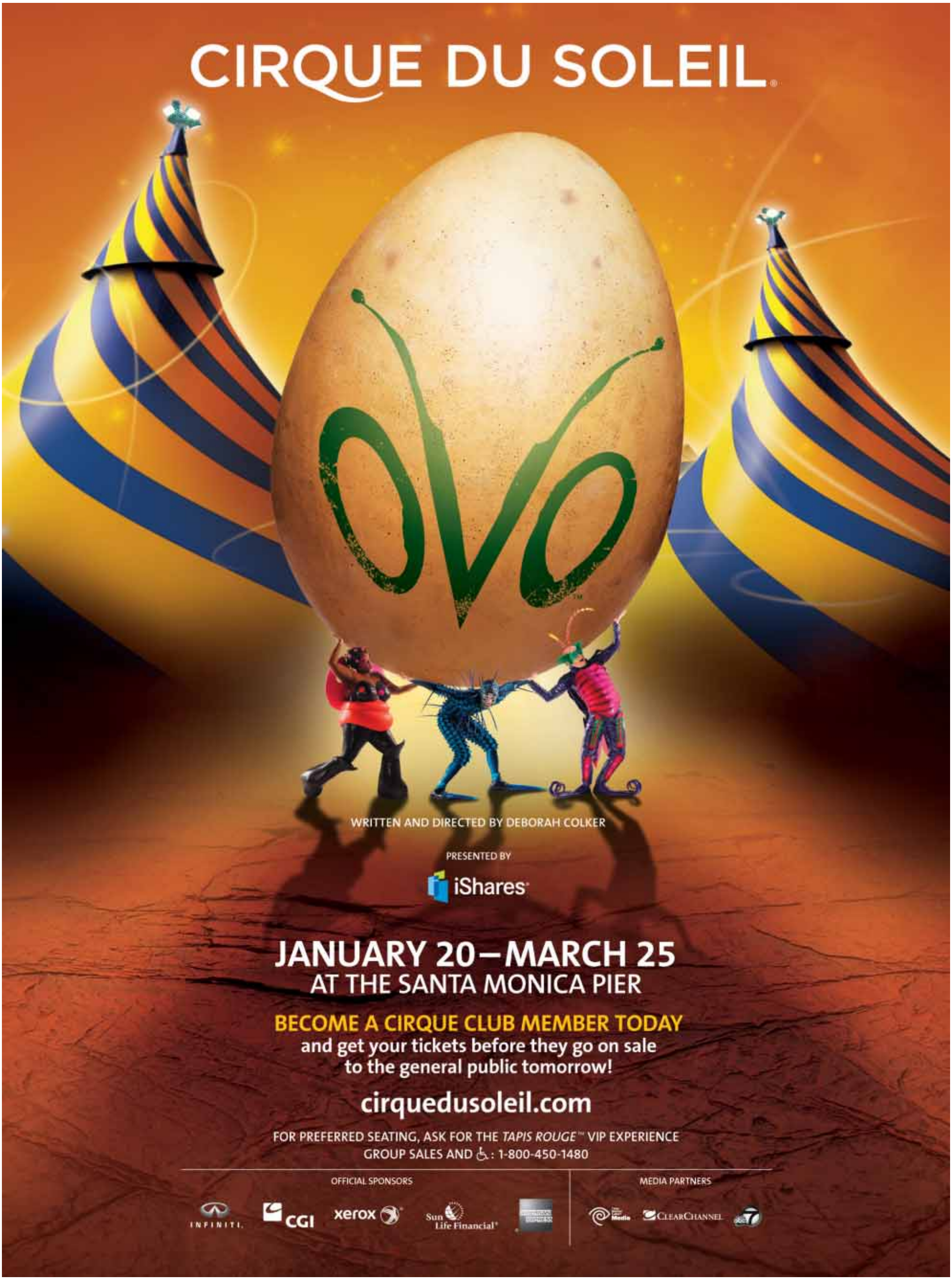
It took five games, but Lighthouse Christian's girls' volleyball team was able to get past Orangewood Academy Thursday to advance to the quarterfinals of the CIF-SS Division 5AA playoffs.

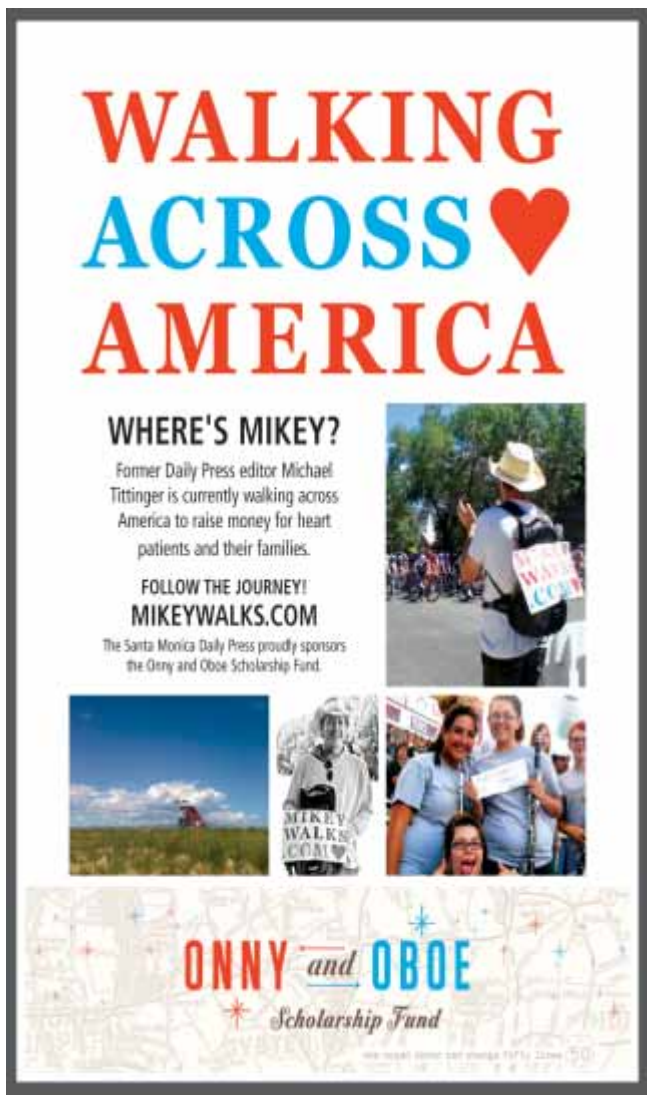
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neighbors through connections with the Exposition Light Rail line, the beach bike trail and improvements on major roads.

Planners included bicycle education in the plan, both for those riding bikes and motorists who still need to learn to share the road.

"Educating bicyclists alone is not enough," Dyke said, and discussed plans to deploy bike-friendly messages on public vehicles as well as through curriculum and materials.

For those that don't have bicycles, the plan has a solution. A bicycle sharing program already has grant funding, and will be online by 2016.

The Bicycle Action Plan lays out the next 20 years of development for Santa Monica's bicycle infrastructure, but Santa Monicans will see early fruits of the plan in the coming months.

A slate of road improvements have been designed, funded and are ready to roll out when the City Council gives the word, possibly as soon as Nov. 22.

Staff is prepared to move on 17 miles of new bicycle lanes, 14 miles of shared road infrastructure and 2,500 new bike parking spaces.

That almost doubles the current infrastructure, and the increases will continue to pile up with the nation's first bicycle education campus appearing on the beach and the largest bike center opening its doors next Friday.

"It's as profound a shift as you can imagine," Planning Commissioner Richard McKinnon said Friday.

It represents a realignment of Santa Monica's priorities away from the car-centric Los Angeles culture and toward the growing number of residents choosing alternative forms of transportation, like bicycles or the coming light rail.

At present, Santa Monicans accomplish approximately 3 percent of their trips by bicycle, compared to the 14 to 35 percent that city officials are hoping for by 2030.

Even the simple changes like those rolling out over the next two years will help people feel more comfortable about switching their habits, McKinnon said.

"For a number of people, paint on the street has encouraged them to ride a bike," he said, referring to delineated bike lanes and "sharrows," or painted signs indicating to motorists that bicyclists also have the run of the road.

Planning commissioners largely applauded the plan, focusing many of their comments on funding for the various pieces of the plan. The plan has $8 million in commitments from Metro, the federal government and the state budget.

Exactly what that money will cover first is the decision of the council, which will hear the plan at their next meeting on Nov. 22.

In the meantime, commissioners urged staff to strengthen lines of communication with the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District and Santa Monica College to improve facilities around the schools and encourage students to bike before they're old enough to drive.

Biking is already popular, said Commissioner Ted Winterer, noting that when he bikes with his children to school, the racks are full.

"That suggests that we have more work to do with the school district for infrastructure to enable more kids to bike," Winterer said.

They also directed staff to try to prioritize the bike share plan, which is currently funded to begin in 2016, and explore the possibility of putting a bike track around the Santa Monica Airport campus.

Staff still has policy details to work out on the plan, specifically a bike parking ordinance and a fee attached to new development to help pay for the plan and other transportation improvements.

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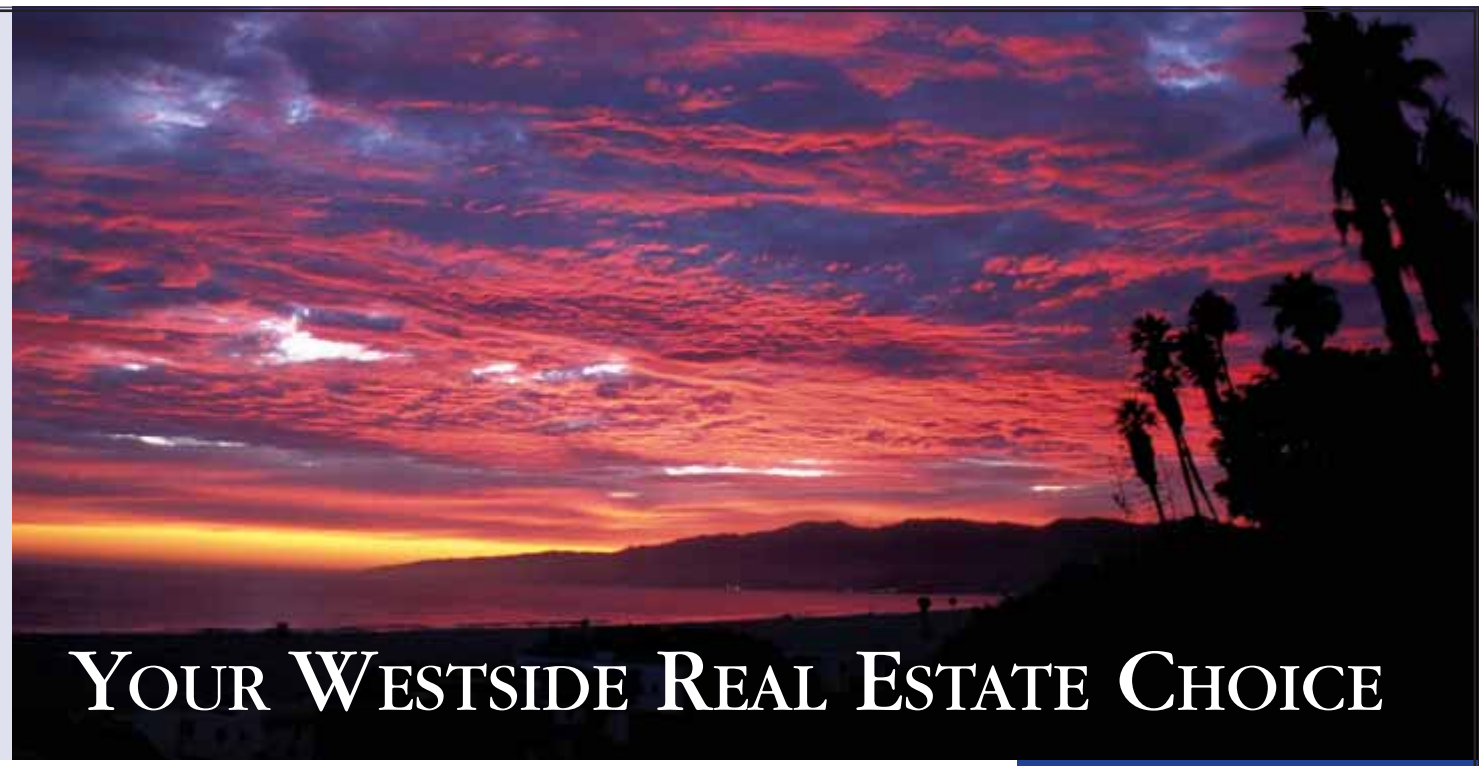


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Vikki MacKinnon, a numerologist in Calgary, Alberta, said she expected the day to be a "cosmic wake-up call."

"Eleven is a number of illumination and enlightenment, a number of insight, blinding flashes of the obvious, and a number of transformation," she said.

In Mount Holly, N.J., Virtua Memorial hospital says Jacob Anthony Saydeh entered the world at 11:11 a.m. on Friday. And to make the Veterans Day birth even more remarkable, the boy's mother is an Air Force veteran and his father currently services in the Air Force.

It's the second child for Staff Sgt. Christopher Saydeh and his wife, Danielle. They live at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, where he is a member of Air Force security forces. They are a third-generation military family.

The Chinese have always had a fascination with number sequences.

And in a country where ages of first marriages are creeping upward, the 11/11/11 date represents six "bare sticks," a term for bachelors in Chinese.

And there are now more of them, with housing prices, focus on jobs and growing independence of young women meaning people are getting married later.

"It's just difficult for men to afford the housing prices nowadays, and traditionally in China that is the responsibility of the man his family. I feel a lot of pressure from this," said Zheng An, a 26-year-old employee at a solar company in Shanghai.

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LA mayor wants to drop tax to lure car dealers

BY JEFF WILSON
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES The heart of car culture may be beating in Los Angeles, but the nation's second-largest city has allowed two-thirds of its new automobile dealerships — and the sales tax revenue they generate — to slip away during the past quarter-century.

It seems few noticed as the gleaming cars and SUVs on dealers' lots left town to escape what critics call punitive business taxes.

Tough economic times have changed that.

Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa announced this week, days before the Los Angeles Auto Show, that he wants to eliminate business taxes on new car dealers in an effort to lure them back and keep the dealers that are left.

The business tax is self-defeating because it brings in limited revenue while scaring away auto dealers that would generate substantial sales tax revenue, the mayor said.

"For too long, L.A.'s business tax has driven auto dealers outside the city limits," Villaraigosa said. "It's time to reform the way we tax auto dealers so that we can bring more jobs and more sales tax to our city."

Since 1986, some 95 car dealers left Los Angeles for cities like Glendale, Burbank and Pasadena that have much lower business taxes or none at all. Glendale, for instance, has no gross receipts business tax, while auto dealers in Los Angeles are charged $1.27 per $1,000 in gross receipts, whether the dealers are profitable or not.

There are now 52 dealerships selling new cars in Los Angeles. Last year, those dealers accounted for $3.6 million in business tax revenue but a whopping $29 million in sales tax revenue for the city. The city's share of the sales tax is roughly 1 percent of the price of a new car.

"It's time to stop surrounding cities from using LA's broken tax system to lure businesses and jobs away from us," City Council President Eric Garcetti said. "Targeting car dealers is a big first step. But we must eliminate the business tax all together. LA's costly and cumbersome tax scheme is one that taxes businesses even when they lose money."

Garcetti and Councilman Mitch Englander plan to co-sponsor a motion instructing the city attorney to prepare an ordinance eliminating new car dealer gross receipts taxes. It's unclear when a draft will be completed for a City Council vote.

Not everyone is on board with the plan.

City Administrative Officer Miguel Santana and Chief Legislative Analyst Gerry Miller urged caution in making any changes.

"Complete elimination of the business tax would be poor public policy," said their analysis, released Tuesday. "This would increase the tax burden on residents or result in decreased city services which would make Los Angeles a less desirable place to do business."

The mayor's $4.3 billion budget proposal for fiscal year 2011-12 relies on business tax revenue of $439.2 million.

Villaraigosa planned to promote his no-tax proposal to auto manufacturers and dealers in town for the auto show, where more than 50 vehicles are set to make their worldwide or North American debuts.

He made his announcement Tuesday at Beverly Hills Porsche, which is relocating next year to the Westwood area of Los Angeles and will benefit from a three-year business tax holiday for new businesses through 2012. It's only the second dealership in 25 years to open in the city.

"When this move is done, this Porsche facility will still be called Beverly Hills Porsche, but let me tell you, that's fine with me. I say give Beverly Hills the name, we'll happily take the sales tax," Villaraigosa said.

Beverly Hills Porsche sold $100 million worth of cars last year, which could bring Los Angeles about $1 million in sales taxes.

The dealership's president, Geoff Emery, said the mayor's office helped with some red tape, but he was mainly interested in the site because it's off heavily traveled Interstate 405.

The 200-member Greater Los Angeles New Car Dealers Association said LA's business tax has been an important factor in dealer relocation decisions.

"Eliminating the business tax for new auto dealers in Los Angeles is a win-win, generating higher sales and higher sales tax for the city," said Charlie Gill, the association's executive director. It has been working on getting rid of the business tax for 17 years.

"It was so obvious then, back as early as 1973, that it was hamstringing dealers in Los Angeles," Gill said. "Up to now the question has been whether to grow in L.A. or somewhere else. Now, there's this real sense L.A. is a real friendly place to do business in."

Bert Boeckmann, the president and owner of San Fernando Valley's Galpin Motors, whose stable of new cars includes the world's largest dealer of Ford Motor Co. vehicles, has already paid more than $500,000 this year in Los Angeles business taxes and contributed millions in sales tax revenue.

"It is the one thing that impedes competition with other cities," he said. "In the past, there has been no incentive to be in Los Angeles."

Boeckmann was considering a move of some of his new car operation to property he owns in Burbank, where he owns property. But he said Villaraigosa's proposal may change that thinking.

The business tax was the main reason Bob Smith BMW moved out of L.A.'s Canoga Park neighborhood to the city of Calabasas, where there's no business tax, Tim Smith said.

Now, because of the mayor's proposal, Smith said he's considering Woodland Hills and Canoga Park for a new Bob Smith Mini Cooper dealership.

"I think it's a very smart thing to do," Smith said of eliminating the sales tax.



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Ex-Grand Canyon head: Coke talks ended bottle ban

BY FELICIA FONSECA
Associated Press

GRAND CANYON NATIONAL PARK, Ariz. A plan to ban the sale of plastic water bottles at the Grand Canyon was scrapped after talks with Coca-Cola, which is a donor to the national parks system and a bottled water distributor, a former park superintendent who worked on the plan said.

However, National Park Service spokesman Dave Barna said Thursday the plug was pulled on the ban after the agency's director determined it wouldn't solve the littering problem at the popular tourist spot and that the plan needed more work.

The Coca-Cola Co. was not the leading factor in the decision to dump the plan two weeks ahead of its scheduled Jan. 1, 2011, start, Barna said. Coca-Cola also denied trying to influence the decision.

Steve Martin, who retired as superintendent of Grand Canyon National Park earlier this year, said he worked to get employees, concessionaires and others on board with the plan to ban the disposable water bottles that make up as much as 30 percent of the park's solid waste.

Water-filling stations were installed around the park at a cost of more than $300,000 this year.

Martin said he had the approval of the regional office and had briefed officials at Park Service headquarters in Washington last year about the ban.

While Nestle first expressed concern about the ban, Martin said it wasn't halted until Coca-Cola spoke with the National Park Foundation, which raises money for the sites.

Martin said it's unsettling to think that the Park Service, which stands to be an environmental leader, might have sidestepped ethical duties to be free of corporate influence.

"Both the paper record is there for how widespread the understanding of what we were doing was, and the approvals," he said. "That's what makes it so extraordinary. Right as we're moving to the finish line on a really excellent program, because of Coke' s influence, it was scuttled."

Coca-Cola, which distributes water under the Dasani, Glaceau and Aquarius Springs brands, has donated more than $14 million to restore and renovate national parks, said company spokeswoman Susan Stribling.

At no time did Coca-Cola try to influence the Park Service's decision, she said. That was echoed by the National Park Foundation, which said Coca-Cola approached it late last year asking how to be part of the discussion.

Stribling and the foundation said Coca-Cola never threatened to pull financial support if the ban went into effect. Barna said the Park Service would not have responded favorably to Coca-Cola in that situation.

"We're not going to sell out the national park...," he said. "That's absurd."

Stribling said Coca-Cola focused on implementing a recycling program at the Grand Canyon to cut down on waste.

"Eliminating anything altogether is never really an answer; it's not a solution," she said. "You're taking away the ability for people to make their own choices about what they eat or drink."

Barna contends Martin didn't get the required approvals. And although the Park Service was aware of the ban in September and had discussed how to best publicize it, agency director Jon Jarvis didn't find out about it until mid-December when the foundation relayed a message from Coca-Cola, Barna said.

Zion and Hawaii Volcanoes national parks have instituted bans similar to the one proposed at the Grand Canyon, one of the most highly visited national parks in the country. A new concessionaire contract at Zion provided an opportunity to eliminate bottled water sales, Barna said. Doing the same at Grand Canyon would mean a hit of at least $300,000 to the concessionaire halfway through the contract and potentially leave the Park Service liable for the losses, he said.

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Change in pipeline plan could present new problems

BY JAMES MACPHERSON & MATTHEW BROWN
Associated Press

BILLINGS, Mont. The White House plan to seek alternate routes for a Canada-to-Texas oil pipeline presents a tangle of new problems for the project's backers, and any of those obstacles could still sink the proposal before the first spade of dirt is turned.

Shifting the path to avoid a major aquifer could increase the number of perilous stream crossings and put the line closer to populated areas. Major changes also risk alienating pipeline supporters, who tout the economic benefits of creating thousands of jobs. And the most vocal opponents plan to keep up their fight regardless of the route.

The obstacles are tall enough, some observers say, that Canada's oil-sands industry could even decide to bypass U.S. markets altogether and sell fuel directly to China using a pipeline through western Canada to the shores of the Pacific.

TransCanada's $7 billion Keystone XL pipeline would carry up to 700,000 barrels of crude a day from Alberta's tar sands to Gulf Coast refineries. The original route crossed six states, including Nebraska, where opponents worried about threats to the massive Ogallala aquifer. The line also would pass through Montana, South Dakota, Kansas and Oklahoma.

Largely because of complaints from Nebraska, the State Department agreed Thursday to look for new routes that would steer clear of the state's Sandhills region and the aquifer, which flows beneath eight states and provides irrigation to huge farming areas. That effort will delay a final decision until early 2013.

TransCanada's director of field operations, Jim Krause, declined Friday to go into any detail about possible alternative routes.

"We only got the news late yesterday," Krause said. "We're mulling a lot of things."

Thirteen alternate routes were reviewed and rejected by the State Department over the past three years. Among those were paths to follow an existing TransCanada pipeline that roughly tracks the Canadian border east from Montana across North Dakota and then turns south to go through eastern South Dakota and Nebraska.

That option, favored by Nebraska's governor, passes through a much smaller portion of the Ogallala aquifer. But it was rejected in part because the route is longer and would have raised the project's price tag by about 25 percent, or an estimated $1.7 billion.

Also rejected were two routes that paralleled a stretch of Interstate 90 in South Dakota to avoid the Sandhills. Those would have cost almost $500 million more and involved putting the line through more densely populated areas and across more streams and rivers that could be fouled if the conduit broke or leaked.

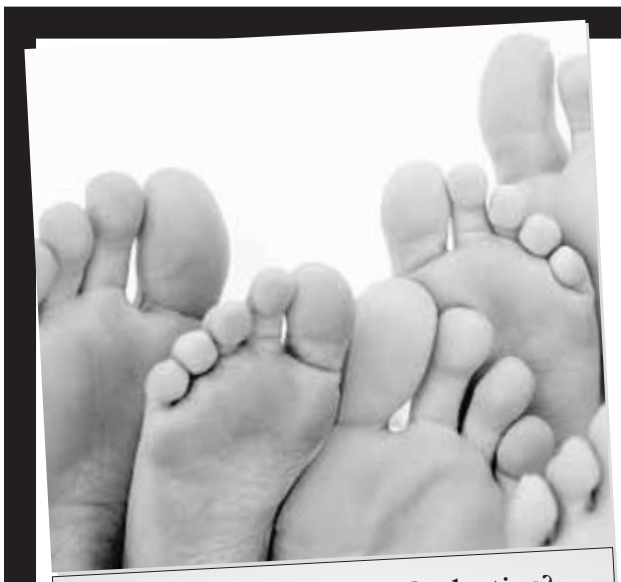
Two western routes that passed through Wyoming and Colorado were thrown out because they would have added several hundred miles to the line, again making it more expensive.

An industry consultant who headed the federal pipeline safety agency under the Bush administration said any changes probably mean building a longer pipeline than TransCanada originally planned. That could expose the project to still more objections because a longer pipeline has more points at which it can fail.

"You could set this pipeline up for a death by a thousand cuts: Next, year, the new route's not good enough," consultant Brigham McCown said. "I'm very skeptical about the fairness of the process at this point."

The environmental group Friends of the Earth has sought a broader government review that would address national energy policies and whether it is in the country's best interest to expand the use of a fuel considered more environmentally damaging than conventional oil.

"I don't think there is an alternative route that solves the problems of this project," said Damon Moglen, the group's climate director.



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Highs and Lows of the Criminal Justice System – Drug Offenses

One of my clients recently commented to me that she was very thankful that our criminal justice system afforded her an opportunity to help her kick her nasty drug habit. Her comments got me thinking about how often the criminal justice system is denigrated and maligned by a large majority of the population (and a large majority of those who go through the system) for the inability to rehabilitate and treat offenders in order to prevent a reoccurrence or repeat offense. Despite this widely held sentiment, there is a much better track record of success when it comes to the system's approach to drug offenses. California law makers and prosecutorial agencies decided long ago that it is far better to treat drug offenders than to punish them. This is a precarious and often delicate relationship because while no one wants to condone drug use, virtually everyone realizes that harsh punishments more often than not simply breed recidivism. This article will focus on two ways to combat drug use through the criminal justice system: DEJ and Prop 36.

California's drug laws maintain a close relationship with the electorate of California. That is to say that as popular feelings and opinions on drugs softens, so too do the laws criminalizing drug possession. For example, California Penal Code Section 1000, more commonly known as DEJ (Deferred Entry of Judgment), and the passage of Proposition 36, reflects California citizens' collective sentiment that drug offenders should be given every available option to seek treatment and stop using drugs before a court imposes jail or prison.

DEJ is covered by Penal Code Section 1000 and applies to cases where a person is caught in possession of a controlled substance, smoking device, or even alcohol. The basic principle behind DEJ is that is an offender in possession of a controlled substance (i.e. cocaine, methamphetamine, ecstasy or a pipe, etc.) may enter a guilty plea, stay clean, take drug treatment classes, and then have the guilty plea withdrawn and the case dismissed after an 18 month period. Note that even if the underlying offense is dismissed some employers and licensing agencies may still pursue administrative action. DEJ only applies to cases where the controlled substance is for personal use (meaning not a sales case) and where the offender is first determined to be eligible. Moreover, if an offender violates DEJ and defies a court's orders the judge may enter the guilty plea and sentence the offender accordingly.

In order to be found eligible for the DEJ program it must be demonstrated that: 1) There are no prior convictions for any offense involving controlled substances, 2) The offense charged did not involve a crime of violence or threatened violence, 3) There is no evidence of a violation relating to narcotics or restricted dangerous drugs, 4) The defendant's has not previously violated probation or parole, 5) The defendant has not been placed on DEJ within 5 years of the offense date, and 6) The defendant has no prior felony conviction within five years. If all of these requirements are satisfied, then a person is eligible for DEJ and has the opportunity to earn a dismissal.

Similar to DEJ, Proposition 36 was passed by California voters in November 2000 as a legislative means to allow drug offenders to receive probation with treatment rather than incarceration. For practical purposes, Prop. 36 is a secondary option to get addicts and users treatment when DEJ and/or other programs have failed to get people the help that they so desperately need. A user is ineligable for probation under Prop. 36 if they have a prior felony "strike" within five years, if in the same case they have been convicted of a non-drug related felony or misdemeanor, if they were in possession of a firearm while under the influence, and/or if they have twice failed Prop. 36 or continuously refuses treatment.

A person sentenced to Prop. 36 will complete drug treatment classes, counseling, and whatever other courses are deemed appropriate by the court. The offender will also submit to urine or blood testing as well. Upon successful completion of the Prop. 36 program the case is not automatically dismissed as is the case with DEJ; however, one can petition to the court to dismiss the action with a showing that they have successfully completed the program and gone above and beyond what was required.

The DEJ and Prop. 36 programs can work wonders for drug users and offenders. It is often quite refreshing to see someone enter the program as a downtrodden, distraught, and disheveled drug addict and exit the program clean, sober, and enlightened about the many dangers of drug use. I will never forget the look of happiness, joy and relief that filled my client's face when the judge congratulated her on her progress and then dismissed her case. There was applause from the small audience in the courtroom, and my client felt as though she had accomplished something positive rather than felt the shame of having committed a crime. It was refreshing to both of us that the criminal justice system actually helped and truly served the interests of justice.

If you or anyone you know has been arrested for a drug related offense or any other misdemeanor or felony offense contact criminal defense attorney and former prosecutor Jacob Glucksman through The Legal Grind immediately to preserve your rights!

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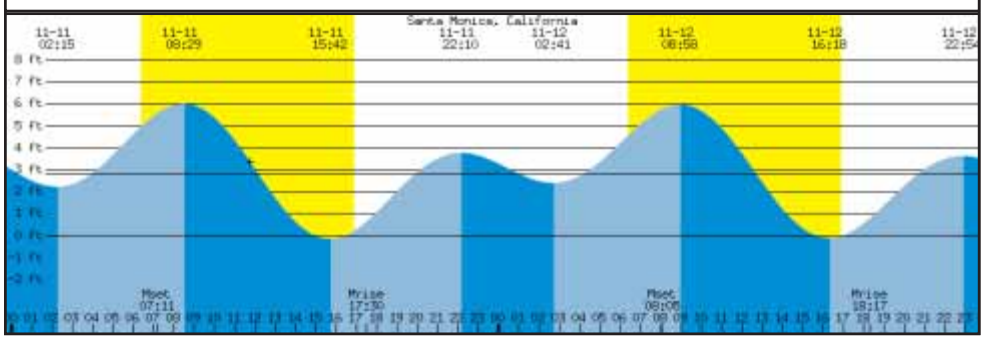
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Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	B	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	A	D
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	A+
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	B	A+
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	B	F
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	B	F
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A+	A+
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	A+
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	D
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A	ns
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A	B
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St..	A	F
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower.	F	D
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	C	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	A	A+
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	A+	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty).	A+	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	C	F
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant.	A	A+
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	F	F
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A	A+
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A	A+
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Los Alisa creeks.	A+	ns
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).	B	A+
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	F	A+
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A	A+
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	F	A+
Solstice Canyon at Las Flores County Beach.	F	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A+	A+
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	F	A
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	A	A+
Surfrider Beach (broach location)- daily.	F	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	F	A+
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	A+
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	A+
Big Rock Beach at 19949 PCH stairs.	F	A+
Pena Creek at Los Tunas County Beach.	A+	A+
Tuna Canyon.	A+	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	F	F
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	A+
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	A+

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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NCAA BASKETBALL

Gardner leads No. 22 UCLA past McNeese St, 67-59

LOS ANGELES Rhema Gardner scored a career-high 18 points and No. 22 UCLA opened its season with a 67-59 win over McNeese State in the Preseason WNIT on Friday night.

Atonye Nyingifa added 16 points and 12 rebounds, while former Santa Monica High School standouts Moriah Faulk and Thea Lemberger scored 10 points apiece in Cori Close's UCLA head coaching debut.

Ashlyn Baggett scored 15 points and sister Caitlyn added 12 for McNeese State, which shot 31 percent overall in its opener.

The Bruins outclassed the Cowgirls to start the second half, turning a 13-point lead into a 53-28 advantage in a 6-minute span before fending-off a late comeback bid.

UCLA will host the winner of New Mexico-Texas Tech in the WNIT's second round on Sunday.

Close, who started her coaching career on the Bruins' staff in the mid-90s, returned to UCLA in April after spending seven seasons as a Florida State assistant. She replaced Nikki Caldwell, who left to take over LSU after guiding the Bruins to consecutive NCAA tournament appearances.

The Bruins won 28 games last year, one shy of a school record, but face the season without the help of their leading scorer, Jasmine Dixon. The All-America honorable mention will miss the year with a ruptured Achilles tendon.

Gardner and Nyingifa are already filling the void in the frontcourt for the undersized Bruins. Gardner was four points shy of her entire total from a season ago, while Nyingifa was two points away from her career best of 18.

The game was played at the much more intimate John Wooden Center, which will serve as the Bruins' home while Pauley Pavilion undergoes a major renovation.

McNeese State came into the contest fresh off its most successful season in program history. The Cowgirls captured the Southland Conference championship for the first time before losing in first round of the NCAA tournament to eventual champion Texas A&M.

UCLA controlled the opening 20 minutes and then scored the first eight points after halftime as part of a 14-2 run. Nyingifa had seven points during the spurt, which resulted in a 53-28 lead with 14:18 remaining.

Kendra Wells eventually snapped the drought with a jumper as part of an 8-0 run that got the Cowgirls' within 53-36.

McNeese St. mustered one final push over the final minutes. Candace LaCombe and Ashlyn Baggett hit 3-pointers to close to 66-59 with 11 seconds left.

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Saturday, Nov. 12

Tatanka (NR) 1hr 40min
5:00pm

The Immature (NR) 1hr 38min
When the Night (NR) 1hr 54min
7:30pm
Actress Barbora Bobulova in person

Sunday, Nov. 13

The Father and the Foreigner (NR) 1hr 50min
4:00pm
Composer Carlo Siliotto and actor Haaz Sleiman in person

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Corpo Celeste (NR) 1hr 38min
7:30pm
Actress Francesca Inaudi in person

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Anonymous (PG-13) 2hrs 10min
5:00pm, 8:00pm, 11:15pm

Tower Heist (PG-13) 1hr 44min
11:30am, 2:30pm, 5:00pm, 7:45pm, 10:30pm

Like Crazy (PG-13) 1hr 29min
10:30am, 1:00pm, 3:20pm, 5:40pm, 7:50pm, 10:15pm

Big Fix (NR) 1hr 52min
12:00pm, 2:30pm

Immortals 3D (R) 1hr 50min
11:45am, 2:15pm, 5:15pm, 8:15pm, 11:00pm

AMC 7 Santa Monica
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Jack and Jill (PG) 1hr 31min
11:30am, 2:00pm, 4:25pm, 7:00pm, 9:30pm

Tower Heist (PG-13) 1hr 44min
10:50am, 1:40pm, 4:15pm, 7:15pm, 10:00pm

Puss in Boots (PG) 1hr 30min
11:15am, 1:30pm, 4:30pm, 6:45pm, 9:00pm

Puss in Boots 3D (PG) 1hr 30min
10:30am, 1:00pm, 3:30pm, 6:00pm, 8:15pm

Immortals 3D (R) 1hr 50min
10:45am, 1:45pm, 4:45pm, 7:45pm, 10:30pm, 11:30pm

J. Edgar (R) 2hrs 17min
10:15am, 11:00am, 1:15pm, 2:00pm, 4:30pm, 5:00pm, 7:30pm, 8:00pm, 10:30pm, 11:00pm, 11:30pm

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Pete Smalls Is Dead (NR) 1hr 22min
1:50pm, 4:20pm, 7:00pm, 9:30pm

Margin Call (R) 1hr 49min
1:40pm, 4:30pm, 7:20pm, 9:55pm

Women on the 6th Floor (Les femmes du 6eme etage) (NR) 1hr 44min
1:55pm, 7:30pm, 10:00pm

Midnight in Paris (PG-13) 1hr 28min
11:00am

Skin I Live In (La piel que habito) (R) 2hrs
1:20pm, 4:10pm, 7:10pm, 10:00pm

Revenge of the Electric Car (NR) 1hr 30min
5:00pm

My Reincarnation (NR) 1hr 30min
11:00am

Becoming Santa (NR) 1hr 37min
11:00am

Swell Season (NR) 1hr 30min
11:00am

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Rum Diary (R) 2hrs
12:10pm, 3:00pm

Jack and Jill (PG) 1hr 31min
10:15am, 12:30pm, 3:00pm, 5:15pm, 7:45pm, 10:15pm

In Time (PG-13) 1hr 49min
10:50am, 1:30pm, 4:15pm, 7:00pm, 9:50pm

Martha Marcy May Marlene (R) 2hrs
11:30am, 2:00pm, 4:35pm, 7:10pm, 10:35pm

Ides of March (R) 1hr 42min
11:15am, 2:10pm, 4:50pm, 7:30pm, 10:00pm

Very Harold & Kumar 3D Christmas (R) 1hr 29min
10:00am, 11:45am, 2:15pm, 4:40pm, 5:55pm, 7:15pm, 8:20pm, 9:30pm, 10:45pm

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

Don't cook tonight, Cappy

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ The phone rings, almost preventing you from going off and doing what you want. You toss everything in the air and speed out the door. You could have a good time just in this action alone. Recognize you have limited energy and time. Tonight: Chatting up a storm.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ Treat yourself well. Indulging others might be fun, but you also need some indulgence. Does a massage feel right? How about just taking off for the day, doing what you want? Allowing yourself to live a little more could add to everyone's happiness. (No one wants an unhappy Bull.) Tonight: Maintain the theme.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★★ You could be a force to be dealt with, but are you simply reacting, or are you doing what you want? Ask yourself this question as you attempt to maximize the possibilities. A friend might have a flaky attack. Get used to it. Tonight: What feels right.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★ Know when to step back and let others rule the roost. Understand what you want, and go with the moment. You tend to go to extremes when dealing with an older relative or friend. Use care with this person. Tonight: Rent a movie.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★★ You naturally find yourself surrounded by friends, if not in person, then on the phone. Unexpected news from a distance might surprise you and could force your hand. Be sensitive to a child or loved one who would delight in more time with you. Tonight: Where you are, the party is.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★ Your plans could change rapidly because of a key friend or loved one. Show your willingness to flex. The unexpected opens many new doors. Tonight: Wherever you are, others are well aware of your presence.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ In a sense, you are defending against a loved one's unpredictability and sassiness. You opt for escape, perhaps taking off for a drive or visiting a friend at a distance. Tonight: Let your imagination lead.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Your sense of well-being comes out very quickly with contact and a discussion with a loved one. Once you gain a perspective, you leap into play mode, or at least become far more active. Make plans with a special person. Tonight: Great dinner with great company.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Others come up with the ideas; it is your job to say yes or no. When you tap into your creativity, others could be intimidated. It is best to allow them to express their ideas. Express your appreciation as only you can. Tonight: Out and about.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★ Go off and do your Saturday errands, but don't forget a family member. This person can become extremely difficult if he or she doesn't feel valued. Let your instincts come out with a child or loved one. Open up and share more with this person. Tonight: Just don't cook!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★★ Let more of your inner child out. Others delight in this spirit, and you like sharing on this level. Recognize that although you love surprises and impulsiveness, it doesn't mean that others do. Tonight: Play the night away.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★ Stay very centered and listen to feedback from family and/or a roommate. Your feelings are rather intense concerning your security and family. Finances can take wild swings either way. Be very careful, as the unpredictable night doesn't always favor you. Tonight: Let everyone pitch in.

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

You often are caught off guard this year, but you recuperate quickly. Revisit what works in your life, as you will be letting go of what doesn't work. Don't always think that money is so essential in expressing your caring. In fact, some diversity could be well received if you are attached. If you are single, you date and sort through your many would-be significant others. GEMINI can come on strong and be overly intense.



MYSTERY PHOTO

Morgan Genser *news@smdp.com*

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By Dave Coverly



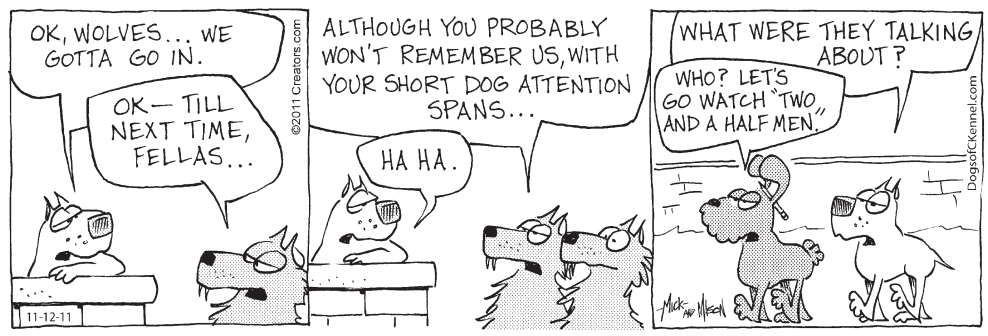
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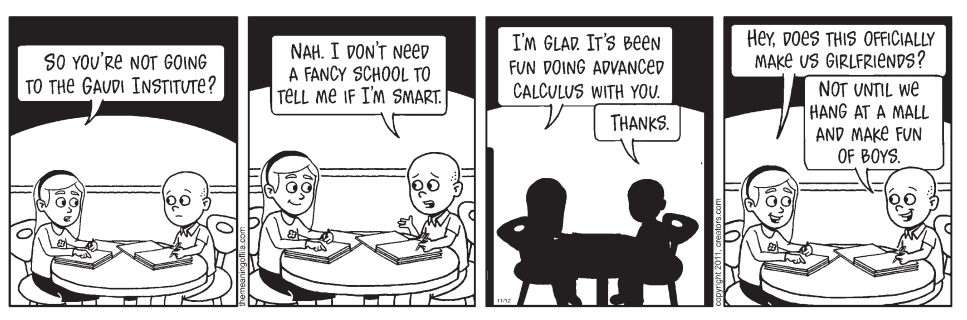
Garfield

By Jim Davis



The Meaning of Lila

By John Forgetta & L.A. Rose



Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★★★

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GETTING STARTED

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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

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10 Bar mixer
12 Sphinx setting
13 Bugs' rival
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17 Count start
18 Fancy homes
20 Forest worker
22 Witty remark
23 Honshu port
25 Spank
28 Mesmerized
32 Tiny opening
34 Put down
35 Easter find
36 Man's accessory
38 Lace end
40 "Death-trap" co-star
41 "Death-trap" co-star
42 Aids in crime
43 Some bucks
44 Escape vehicles

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1 Saskatchewan capital
2 Human need
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6 Encyc. unit
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8 Long attacks
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21 Rome raider
24 Patella
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29 In cahoots
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31 Sorts
33 Mink's cousin
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Boise State University's highly rated football team suspended three players for several games at the beginning of the season for violating eligibility rules by receiving impermissible financial benefits. According to an October news release by the school, the most prominent player sanctioned was Geraldo Boldewijn, the team's fastest wide receiver, who had improperly received the use of a car. (However, it was a 1990 Toyota Camry with 177,000 miles on it.)

■ (1) It's Bad for You: A 44-year-old woman was hospitalized with a head injury and a broken clavicle in September after she inadvertently walked into a still-moving train at the Needham Center station near Boston. Her attention had been diverted because she was trying to light her cigarette as she walked. (2) Sometimes, It's OK: A 51-year-old woman told police she fought off an attempted street robbery in Pennsville Township, N.J., in October by burning the age-20-something assailant with her lit cigarette. She said the man yelled "Ouch" and ran away.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1922 The Sigma Gamma Rho sorority is founded on the campus of Butler University in Indianapolis, Indiana.

1927 Leon Trotsky is expelled from the Soviet Communist Party, leaving Joseph Stalin in undisputed control of the Soviet Union.

1933 Hugh Gray takes the first known photos of the Loch Ness Monster.

1936 In California, the San Francisco – Oakland Bay Bridge opens to traffic.

1941 World War II: temperatures around Moscow drop to -12° C as the Soviet Union launches ski troops for the first time against the freezing German forces near the city.

1942 World War II: The Naval Battle of Guadalcanal between Japanese and American forces begins near Guadalcanal. The battle lasts for three days.

WORD UP!

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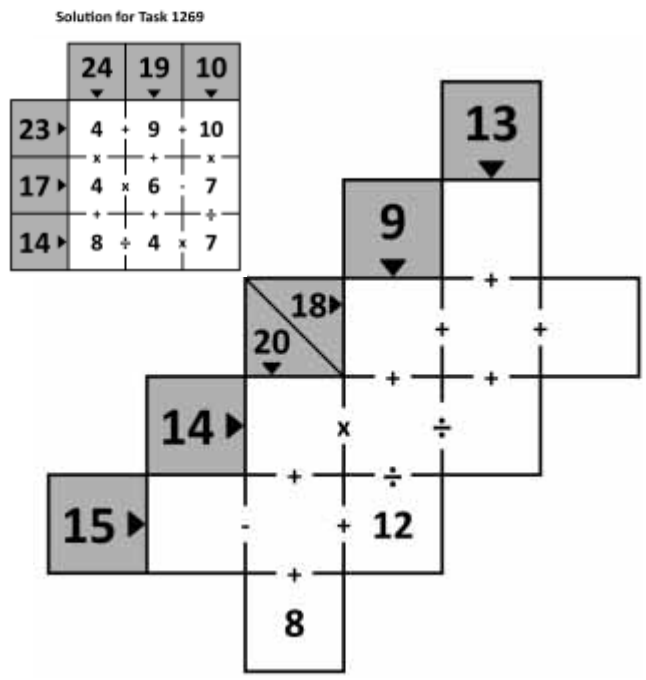
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