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Uber for kids? HopSkipDrive takes hold in Santa Monica

Child-friendly car service eases strains on local parents

BY JEFFREY I. GOODMAN
Daily Press Staff Writer

Unable to get away from her full-time commercial production job in Santa Monica, Jennifer Heath was struggling to provide reliable transportation for her most precious cargo.

She attempted to organize a carpool to have her young son picked up from school. She tried coordinating with other families on a shuttle service. She even enlisted the help of the local learning center where he goes at the end of the school day.

"It was an everyday battle," Heath said. "It wasn't once in a while. It was always an issue."

Heath said her scheduling nightmares were solved by HopSkipDrive, a Los Angeles-based ride service designed specifically for children.

Launched last year by moms who were having problems getting their own kids to a variety of after-school activities, the company has become an ally for parents in Santa Monica who can't be in multiple places at once.

"Kids are really busy these days, and we make it easier for families to get them where they need to go," said HopSkipDrive co-founder Janelle McGlothlin, whose son was the first rider. "They're with a care-

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Courtesy photo and Matthew Hall editor@smdp.com

NOW OPEN: ArcLight Cinemas opened their new Santa Monica theater on Nov. 20 at Santa Monica Place. The 12-screen theatre is located on the third level Dining Deck above Bloomingdale's, The theater includes ArcLight's signature amenities, including reserved seating, black-box auditoriums, commercial-free movies, and gourmet cuisine, as well as 21+ screenings and their newly enhanced Membership program. Present at the event were a host of officials including Arclight VP of Operations Stephen Green, Arclight General Manager Michael Blazer, ArcLight Director of Design, Construction & Facilities Joe Miraglia, ArcLight Vice President & General Counsel Mark Weinstock, CEO Downtown Santa Monica Inc. Kathleen Rawson, ArcLight Executive VP of Operations Larry Behm, City of Santa Monica Mayor Kevin McKeown, Executive VP of Cinema Programming Gretchen McCourt, Property Management Santa Monica Place AVP Julia B. Ladd, Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce CEO Laurel Rosen, Santa Monica Travel & Tourism CEO Misty Kerns, Macerich VP Development Bob Aptaker and District Director for the Office of Assemblymember Richard Bloom Josh Kurpies.

OPCC shelter gets $1M upgrade

Renovations complete at local interim housing facility

BY JEFFREY I. GOODMAN
Daily Press Staff Writer

Call it a turning point for Turning Point.

For nearly two decades, OPCC's interim housing facility on 16th Street in Santa Monica operated without any significant repairs.

But over the last six months, the structure has undergone extensive renovations as the local nonprofit organization continues working to help people transition out of homelessness.

"It was just time for a major overhaul," said John Maceri, the nonprofit's executive director. "There's a lot of wear and tear after 20 years."

OPCC earlier this month celebrated the grand reopening of the shelter, which provides short-term housing for 55 men and women.

The semi-private sleeping cubicles on the upper level of the two-story shelter were completely rebuilt. New floors were put in. The walls were repainted. The bathrooms and showers were refurbished. The heating and cooling systems were upgraded.

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Southern California MG Walk

Raise awareness towards the fight against myasthenia gravis. For more information call 855-649-2557 or visit MGWalk.org. Tongva Park, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Master Gardeners at the Market

Free gardening tips, solutions to gardening problems, seeds and seedlings as well as technical expertise based on the Master Gardener Volunteer Training Program. Virginia Avenue Park, 9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

ACT Full-Length Practice Test with Kaplan at Main

Registration began Monday, November 2 at the Youth Reference Desk. Call (310) 458-8621 during library hours for more information. Grades 10 - 12 only. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Un-birthday Party at Main!

Celebrate your un-birthday and the 150th anniversary of Alice in Wonderland with games and fun. Ages 4 and up. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 11 a.m.

International Games Day Movie Screening: Clue (1985)

Celebrate International Games Day with a screening of the cult hit comedy based on the board game classic. Main Library, 12:30 - 2:15 p.m.

1450 Ocean: Artist Resource Fair

Come find out about ways to live and work as an artist in Santa Monica, from affordable housing to health care. Admission is free. Register at https://apm.activecommunities.com/santamonicarecreation/Activity_Search/47239. Palisades Park, 2 - 5 p.m.

Teen Photography and Creative Writing Workshop at Main

Learn how to take beautiful photos to use as inspiration to write about what matters to you. Your work will be showcased as part of SMPL's 125th anniversary celebration. Space is limited. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 3 - 5 p.m.

A Multimedia Talk on the Opera 'Norma'

The 2015/2016 season of Saturday's with LA Opera continues with this informative and entertaining talk on the opera Norma. Local resident and LA Opera community educator, Len Lipman provides interesting background on this opera with the aid of clips from DVDs and CDs. Main LIbrary, 3 - 4 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 22

Santa Monica Certified Farmers Market (Main St.)

The Sunday Main Street Farmers Market is a well balanced blend of Certified California Farmers, tasty prepared and packaged foods, entertainment and children's activities as well as local retail. 2640 Main St. @ Ocean Park, 9:30 a.m. - 1p.m.

1450 Ocean: TheGROOVE

A simple fitness class that anyone can do! There are no fancy steps or choreography to memorize. Just a couple of simple steps that make you dance to the music and get into TheGROOVE. Cost: $54-62, Drop-in $10. Register at https://apm.activecommunities.com/santamonicarecreation/Activity_Search/47226 or call (310) 458-2239. Palisades Park, 12 - 1 p.m.

What a Way to Go Transit Festival

A day full of presentations on Santa Monica transportation and an interactive festival from 12 - 1 p.m. Admission is free. Free bike valet. Attendees are urged to use public and active transportation. Church in Ocean Park, 235 Hill St., 12 - 5 p.m.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Citywide

Adopt a Family program

Hi De Ho Comics is proud to announce their partnership with the Adopt a Family Program for the 2015 Holiday Season. As a 38-year member of the Santa Monica community, Hi De Ho believes in strong community partnerships and is happy to collaborate with this successful program that has provided gifts to hundreds of families receiving homeless or transitional housing service since 1998.

The Adopt a Family program serves to help families struggling with homelessness to have as normal a holiday as possible. When a family is homeless or in shelter, there are often very limited funds. Therefore, it is very difficult to provide any type of gift giving for the children. This is often a very low point for homeless families or families struggling to get back on their feet.

The Adopt a Family program continues to provide this holiday service to the Hollywood Community Housing Corporation (HCHC). HCHC is a community-based non-profit corporation that preserves and expands the supply of affordable housing for lower income households in LA County. They do so by providing homes for large families, seniors and Special Needs residents (those living with HIV/AIDS), many of whom have experienced homelessness. This year HCHC celebrates their new collaboration with two Santa Monica agencies, Step Up On Colorado and Ocean Park Community Center.

The Adopt a Family Program matches community members to families and individuals in need. The Adoptive Family chooses the size of the Family in Need that they are able to provide for and is provided with a Wish List personally filled out by that family. The Adoptive Family then chooses items from the list that they would like to provide to the Family in Need for the holiday.

This year Hi De Ho Comics will sponsor the Adopt a Family program by serving as a drop off location for donations at 1431 Lincoln Blvd. and by also providing comic books and toys for children in the program.

If you are interested in participating in this year's program please go to www.adoptafamilyla.com/form.html and complete the contact form. Someone will then contact you to match you with a family. You may also email Kristen Parraz at kristen@adoptafamilyla.com or call her at (626) 399-2288 if you have any further questions.

- Submitted by Kristen Parraz

Citywide

PAL gift drive

DTSM is once again collecting gifts, gift cards or cash donations for the Police Activities League of Santa Monica, an after school program that provides educational, cultural, fitness and recreational programs for youth ages 6 - 17 years.

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1450 Ocean: Printmaking Lab with Zeina Baltagi

Laboratory for experimenting and printing with their 30"x48" Dickerson Combination motorized printing press. Printmakers with some experience are invited to sign up for printing time; bring your blocks or everything you need to work on them here; monotype, linocut, and other similar techniques will be accommodated. Cost: $20 (please bring exact change). Register at https://apm.activecommunities.com/santamonicarecreation/Activity_Search?detailskeyword=printmaking or call (310) 458-2239. Palisades Park, 2 - 6 p.m.

SMC Symphony Orchestra.

Under the direction of James Martin, the SMC campus community orchestra continues its 31st season with a concert featuring Tchaikovsky's final masterpiece – Symphony No. 6 in B minor ('Pathetique') – and also, for the fourth year running, performances by a selection of highly talented youth soloists from the Westside Music Foundation. Tickets are $10. The Broad Stage, 1310 11th St., 3 p.m.

Monday, Nov. 23

Toddler Time at Pico Branch
Stories, songs, and rhymes for toddlers ages 18 to 35 months, accompanied by an adult. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd., 10 - 10:20 a.m.

Homework Help @ Pico Branch

Get help with your homework! This drop-in program offers a separate study area, basic supplies, and friendly volunteers to assist with homework questions. For students in grades 1-5 only. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd., 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

"A Window Into My World" Teen Photgraphy and Creative Writing Workshop at Main

Learn how to take beautiful photos to use as inspiration to write about what matters to you. Your work will be showcased as part of SMPL's 125th anniversary celebration. Space is limited. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Social Services Commission Meeting

Regular meeting of the Santa Monica Social Services Commission. Ken Edwards Center, 1527 4th St., 7 p.m.

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SMart Thinking

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A SMart Thanksgiving

THOSE OF US WHO CAME FROM OTHER PLACES IN THE WORLD REALIZE HOW LUCKY we are to be able to live or to work in Santa Monica, or even to be able to spend some time here. Those of us who were born here and chose to stay know that Santa Monica is one of the most beautiful environments anywhere in the world.

Yet there has been a lot of anger and frustration vented recently about our city's shortcomings: too little space for the deluge of traffic that comes in and goes out of the city daily, tall buildings going up that block the sun and the fresh air coming off the water, rising home and apartment prices that prohibit all but the elite from moving into our neighborhoods.

Many interests want a piece of that natural beauty that is Santa Monica. Arguments have divided neighbors, city officials, developers and business owners. We who live in Santa Monica do care deeply about our city, and that's why our residents have had to step up time and again through our city's history to save that elusive "peace" that permeates our surroundings. Now we all need to work together once again to find common ground for preserving what we already have, that which makes our city shine. Think about the things you love about Santa Monica. How can we make sure they remain for future generations?

Our SMart Group did just that and here is the Thanksgiving Potpourri of ideas that came to mind:

"I'm thankful that this city has so many citizens willing to serve officially and to participate in countless ways of making our lives better. I do not agree with all of them all the time but their willingness to serve and participate rebounds to all our benefit."

"I am thankful to own a house in a city that has become too expensive for many. I know that I am one of the lucky ones who was able to build my house before it became too costly to do so. "

"I am grateful for the growing and energetic commitment of aroused residents in pursuing and demanding a quality environment, and who show foresight in addressing problems and meeting goals for social equality and sustainability."

"I am grateful that we have our beach and ocean that gives us the opportunity to breathe fresh air and enjoy unfettered views to forever."

"I am thankful that my city has groups of neighbors who have banded together into neighborhood associations and preservation organizations to protect our quality of life, such as the Santa Monica Conservancy and the Historic San Vicente Coalition."

"I am thankful to share my city with the world in the summer but even more thankful to have it back in the fall, winter and spring."

"I am thankful for our many and varied small neighborhoods. I especially enjoy walks up Montana Avenue and the families I see doing the very same thing, and meeting someone, as I did yesterday, who was visiting from Spain. And I'm grateful for the wonderful conversations and exchanges of ideas that arise from these chance meetings."

"I am thankful that our city is capable of producing more than its share of affordable housing."

"I'm grateful for Heal the Bay which keeps the health of our beach and ocean in the public forefront."

"I love that we have classic, timeless, varied and unique restaurants such as Chez Jay, The Galley, Melisse and the original Hot Dog on a Stick."

"I am grateful that we have a community of residents that seek to preserve our fresh air and sunshine, and who fight to resist the few power brokers that would change our unique quality of life."

"I am thankful for the rich tapestry of the arts in Santa Monica - for organizations such as the Ruskin Theatre, The Santa Monica Symphony Orchestra, Santa Monica Playhouse, Beautify Earth's murals and other public art, and so much more."

"I am thankful to live in a City where the residents care as much about their urban and natural environment as I do."

"I applaud all the service groups in Santa Monica whose members give their time and donations to help others in need."

"I am thankful that because of our residents' resistance of large scale high rises and their work towards preservation of existing housing, our town maintains a rich diversity of population."

"I am grateful for easy walking access to our Palisades Park and the magnificent vistas it provides of the sand, the Pacific Ocean and the always colorful sunsets."

"I am thankful for our great public education system - all the excellent elementary and middle schools leading students to Samohi, and our rapidly growing secondary institution, Santa Monica College."

"I love that we have extraordinary public parks, playgrounds, sports fields, skate parks and swimming pools to keep our bodies and minds sharp, and most of all to have great fun. We need more of these."

"I'm grateful for all the tourists who help keep our economy very healthy and add even more to the diversity of the daily experience in our city, and I hope they love Santa Monica as much as we do."

"I am thankful to be living in a place where normal citizens can talk to government and attempt to influence its course, without repercussion. I'm also very glad to be surrounded by folks who have committed ethics, and are willing to act to make this a better place."

"I'm thankful for Santa Monica's great library system."

"I am thankful for the generosity and camaraderie of my neighbors and fellow citizens who sacrifice their time and energy to preserve the unique qualities of our City for all to enjoy."

I am thankful for our new city manager who brings a fresh outlook to our community - a manager whose varied background has led him to realize that it's human-scaled design and spaces, not flashy buildings, that create a quality environment.

"I am thankful to be cooled by the ocean breezes in summer, warmed by the temperate climate in winter and powered by the sun all year long."

Happy Thanksgiving!

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PAL's Best Gift Ever Drive is in its 10th year and we need your help to make a child's holiday special. The gift you donate may be the only one some of these kids receive this Christmas.

Email info@downtownsm.com if you would like to receive a letter from a PAL youngster and help fulfill their wish list. Don't have the time? That's cool. Drop off a gift suitable for a child 6 to 17 years of age, a gift card to a local shop or make a cash donation at the DTSM headquarters, ICE at Santa Monica or PAL.

DTSM: 1351 Third Street Promenade, Suite 201

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All gifts and donations need to be received by Friday, December 11.

For more information, please call (310) 458-8988. Learn more here.

If you are a business owner or store manager and would like to donate a gift, please give DTSM a call at (310) 393-8355.

Volunteers are also invited to the PAL Best Gift Ever Wrap Party on Tuesday, December 15, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Santa Monica Place, Community Room, Level 3. Help wrap all the gifts with pretty ribbons and bows. RSVP by December 11 to info@downtownsm.com.

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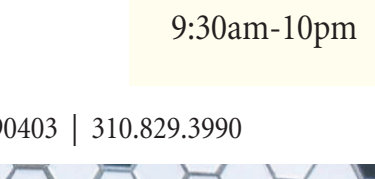
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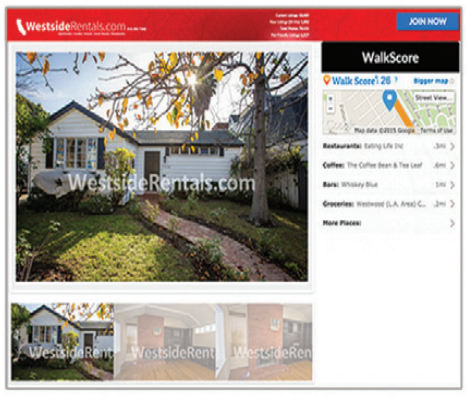
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giver who understands the needs of kids.

"When one has a recital and the other has baseball practice, there are all kinds of pressure points. We were trying to solve that for ourselves. For tons of families in Santa Monica, this is changing their family dynamics for the better because there's less stress and more quality time."

McGlothlin and the two other HopSkipDrive co-founders knew potential users would be most concerned about safety, so they've taken extensive measures to put parents at ease.

All of the company's 300-plus drivers have at least five years of childcare experience. They have gone through fingerprinting and background checks, and they've met company officials in person. Their driving records are evaluated monthly.

In addition, children are given personalized passwords so they can identify their proper drivers. And parents can use the company's app to track their children's rides in real time.

"As a parent, it's never comfortable having someone else drive your kid, so it's been a gradual process," Heath said. "It's so hard to determine who we felt lived up to our safety needs. To have someone else who thought of every concern that we had and to have each of those completely covered was just a huge relief."

Since the start of the school year, HopSkipDrive has regularly chauffeured Heath's second-grader from Ocean Charter School in West Los Angeles to Realm Creative Academy in Santa Monica.

The service has come in handy for parents of children who visit the Pico Boulevard youth center, which offers classes and afterschool activities as well as workshops and camps.

"We had several families who were forever in serious frustration about trying to find reliable transportation for their kids," Realm co-founder Victoria Forsman said. "They were using things like Nanny.com or Care.com, but when this came it really took the pressure off a lot of those families because they could rely on a service that was focused on that one particular thing."

Forsman said the presence of HopSkipDrive could help her academy attract more business. She added that she knows several teachers who drive for the company to make extra money.

"Parents oftentimes have incredibly sophisticated schedules for their children's activities, and it's hard to do with work life," Forsman said. "The need of our families was definitely expressed."

Added Heath: "I'm so appreciative. It's made such a huge difference in our life."

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Courtesy photo

IN TRANSITION: OPCC's Turning Point provides interim housing for 55 men and women.

SHELTER

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The common areas downstairs were also redone. The facility now boasts new plumbing lines, hot water heaters and elevator equipment as well as fresh furniture and a new dishwasher for a kitchen that prepares hundreds of meals each day.

The $1-million renovations were funded by a "significant" contribution from former county supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, who attended the grand reopening Nov. 10, as well as by donations from foundations, philanthropists and individuals, Maceri said.

"We're very excited and very grateful for the community for supporting us," he said. "I know the staff and residents are excited to have a nice new facility. It was just time. It was something we'd planned for. There's a natural lifecycle to all buildings, and it was time."

Turning Point first opened in 1978 in the basement of First Christian Church near the intersection of 6th Street and Arizona Avenue, but the church was destroyed in the Northridge earthquake in 1994.

Around that time, OPCC bought the property on which Turning Point now sits. The facility on 16th Street between Broadway and Santa Monica Boulevard was built starting in 1995 and has been in use since 1997, Maceri said.

The recent renovations began in April and were completed around the end of September. The project was timed to coincide with several residents' moves into permanent housing, Maceri said, and remaining residents were placed in other facilities. New clients began moving in this month.

"It was too much to do a renovation with with residents in place," he said. "We pretty much took it down to the studs."

Turning Point, which has a core staff of about 15 people, already has a waiting list. Residents typically come from OPCC's main access center, and they are also referred by emergency officials at Providence Saint John's Health Center in Santa Monica.

Residents usually stay at the facility for a few months. Some of them work and some enroll in job training programs, while others attend school.

About 95 percent of Turning Point clients who move into permanent housing are able to maintain stable living situations, according to Maceri, a success rate that he attributes to the comprehensive services they receive from OPCC.

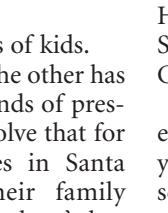
Based at Turning Point is OPCC's wide-ranging Wellness Program, which includes workshops and classes on substance abuse, money management, diet and exercise, medication, anger management and other life skills.

"It's not just getting people into housing. It's keeping them there," Maceri said. "We don't want them to return to being homeless."

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LOS ANGELES

16-year-old charged as adult in California officer's killing

A 16-year-old has been charged as an adult with murder in the shooting death of a Southern California police officer in what investigators called a botched robbery.

The teen, Abel Diaz, was charged Friday with murder in the death of Downey police Officer Ricardo "Ricky" Galvez.

Diaz was set for a court appearance later Friday, when an attorney will be appointed to his case. He faces life in prison if convicted.

Two other men arrested in Galvez's killing are expected to be charged Monday. Their names haven't been released.

The 29-year-old Galvez was in plainclothes in the driver's seat of his personal car at the end of his shift Wednesday night when he was shot.

The former Marine, a five-year veteran of the police department, died in his car.

LOS ANGELES

Man convicted of killing 4 outside Los Angeles boardinghouse

A 34-year-old man has been convicted of four counts of first-degree murder for shooting and killing two men and two women outside a Los Angeles boardinghouse three years ago.

The district attorney's office says jurors found Ka Pasasouk guilty Thursday after deliberating for less than two hours.

He could face the death penalty for killing 49-year-old Teofilo Navales, 34-year-old Robert Calabia, 24-year-old Amanda Ghossein and 26-year-old Jennifer Kim in December 2012.

Jurors will return Dec. 2 for the beginning of the trial's penalty phase. They will be asked to recommend whether Pasasouk should be sentenced to death or life in prison without parole.

Deputy District Attorney Dan Akemon said the crime began as a drug- and alcohol-fueled robbery and the killings continued to get rid of witnesses.

LOS ANGELES

800 dogs, cats flown places with better odds of adoption

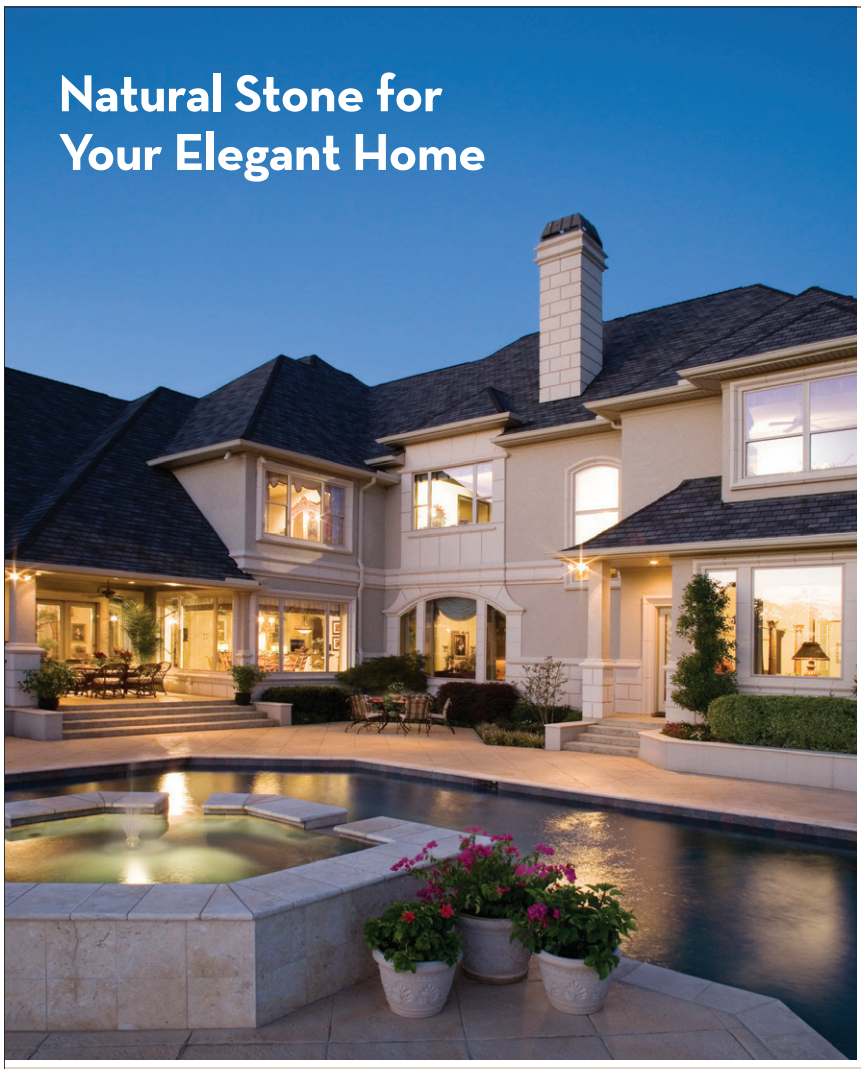
Some 800 dogs and cats from California animal shelters have something to be thankful for this holiday season - a free ride to other states where they have a better chance of finding homes.

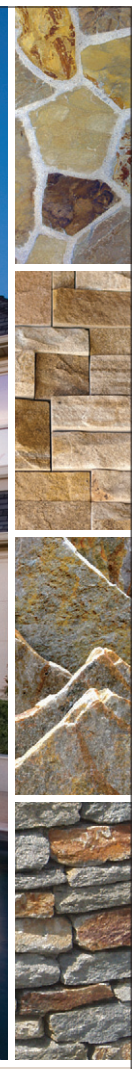
The animals left Los Angeles aboard 22 airplanes Friday. They're heading to Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Illinois and Wisconsin in an airlift organized by the Wings of Rescue group.

The departure of an additional 200 ani-

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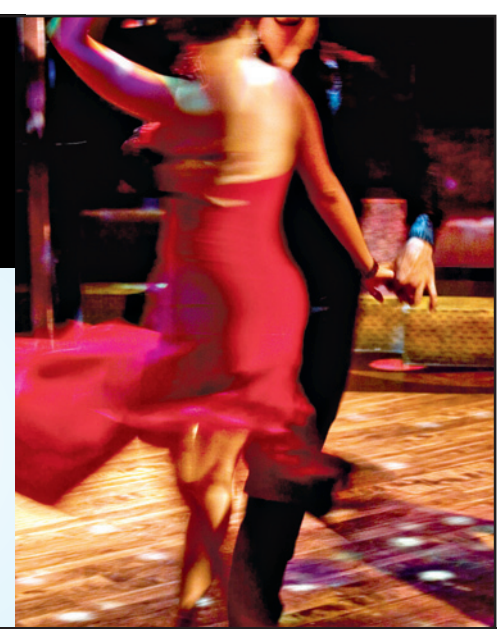
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How you can fight Medicare fraud

IT'S AN UNFORTUNATE TRUTH, BUT health care fraud drives up costs for everyone in the health care system.

Fraud schemes often depend on identity thieves getting hold of people's Medicare numbers. So guard your Medicare number. Treat it as you would a credit card.

What can you do to protect yourself from health care fraud? Here are some tips:

Don't share your Medicare number or other personal information with anyone who contacts you by phone, email, or by approaching you in person, unless you've given them permission in advance. Medicare will NEVER contact you and ask for your Medicare number or other personal information.

Tell your friends and neighbors to guard their Medicare number.

Don't ever let anyone borrow or pay to use your Medicare number.

Review your Medicare Summary Notice to be sure you and Medicare are only being charged for services you actually received.

Be wary of salespeople who knock on your door or call you uninvited and try to sell you a product or service.

Don't accept items received through the mail that you didn't order. You should refuse the delivery and/or return it to the sender. Keep a record of the sender's name and the date you returned the items.

Fraudsters often surface during Medicare's open enrollment season, which runs from Oct. 15 to Dec. 7. So if you're planning to enroll in a Medicare Part C health plan (Medicare Advantage) or Part D prescription drug plan:

Be suspicious of anyone who contacts you about Medicare plans unless you gave them permission.

There are no "early bird discounts" or "limited time offers" for Medicare plans.

Don't let anyone rush you to enroll by claiming you need to "act now for the best deal."

Be skeptical of free gifts, free medical services, discount packages, or any offer that sounds too good to be true.

Any promotional items you're offered to enroll in a Medicare plan must be worth no more than $15. And these items can't be given on the condition that you enroll in a plan

A common ploy of identity thieves is to say they can send you your free gift right away - they just need your Medicare number to confirm. Decline politely but firmly. Remember: it's not rude to be shrewd!

If you suspect a health care fraud, report it by calling 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). You can learn more about protecting yourself from health care fraud by visiting www.Medicare.gov or by contacting your local Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP).

SMP is a wonderful, nonprofit organization. It's made up of highly-trained volunteers who teach others about health care fraud. SMP volunteers show Medicare and Medicaid recipients how to protect against, detect, and report fraud. The volunteers are seniors and professionals such as doctors, nurses, accountants, investigators, law enforcement personnel, attorneys, and teachers.

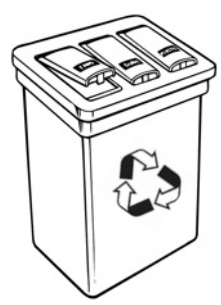
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David Sayen is Medicare's regional administrator for Arizona, California, Nevada, Hawaii, and the Pacific Territories. You can always get answers to your Medicare questions by calling 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227).

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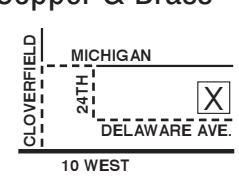
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Sugar, corn industries settle sweetener spat

BY BRIAN MELLEY
Associated Press

The sugar and corn industries ended their bitter billion-dollar dispute over sweeteners Friday in a secret out-of-court settlement.

The deal midway through a trial in Los Angeles federal court put an end to dueling lawsuits that pitted sugar processors against the makers of high fructose corn syrup over losses each side blamed on efforts by their rival to win over consumers.

Sugar processors were seeking $1.5 billion in a false-advertising claim against corn refiners and agribusinesses giants Archer Daniels Midland and Cargill and other companies after they tried to rebrand their publicity-plagued product as "corn sugar."

Western Sugar Cooperative and other sugar processors said they lost money when corn refiners launched a "sugar is sugar" ad campaign that stated, "Your body can't tell the difference."

Corn refiners and the companies countersued for $530 million, saying they lost that much after the sugar industry made false and misleading statements that included a comment that high fructose corn syrup was as addictive as crack cocaine.

They blamed the sugar industry for being behind the "junk science" that associated the product with diabetes and obesity.

The arch-rivals sugar-coated their rancor in a settlement statement that announced their commitments to "practices that encourage safe and healthful use of their products, including moderation in the consumption of table sugar, high fructose corn syrup and other sweeteners."

Attorneys on both sides refused to discuss terms of the settlement or whether any money would be exchanged.

Eric Rose, a spokesman for the sugar processors, said they "achieved a satisfactory settlement of the disputes in the lawsuit."

Big Sugar and Big Corn have battled in the marketplace since the 1970s when high fructose corn syrup was introduced as a cheaper alternative to sugar.

The fortunes for corn began slipping when studies in the mid-2000s began connecting the product to health problems such as obesity.

Corn refiners launched the ad campaign to support its bid before the Food and Drug Administration to change the name to "corn sugar."

The FDA rejected the request in 2012, finding that sugar was a solid, dried and crystallized food, not syrup.

Although some consumers passionately favor one product over the other, science has determined they are nearly identical and are metabolized the same way, said Roger A. Clemens, a University of Southern California research professor of pharmacology and pharmaceutical science.

Sugar is sucrose, which is half fructose, half glucose. High fructose corn syrup is typically 55 percent fructose and 45 percent glucose.

The trial had presented a chance for jurors to weigh in on the vexing debate and side with one sweetener after years of dispute in the court of public opinion over the evils of both.

A big win by one side over the other could have had a broader impact on the food industry, the law and advertising.

Attorney Dan Herling, who was not involved in the case but has handled suits alleging false or misleading labeling or advertising of foods, said a jury verdict could have provided a model for lawyers looking to take on foods with genetically modified or non-organic ingredients.

"I would also imagine that people who come up with marketing campaigns would have to take a step back and say if we do this not only how is the market going to react, but is it going to lead to a lawsuit," Herling said.

Attorney Mark Lanier, who represented sugar processors, predicted before the trial that if he prevailed, other companies would the follow the likes of Hunt's ketchup and Capri Sun juices and switch to sugar from high fructose corn syrup.

"I think both sides will get massive PR out of the win or the loss," he said. "Good PR or bad PR. Both sides have a lot hanging on it."

The settlement essentially brings the case to a draw in the public eye.

The outcome was similar to one between the sugar industry and the makers of Splenda seven years ago.

Sugar processors alleged that McNeil Nutritionals engaged in misleading advertising for promoting the sweetener as a natural food product with the slogan "tastes like sugar because it's made from sugar."

Terms of that deal have never been disclosed.

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LOS ANGELES

Police: Mystery man at airport was likely off-duty pilot

An unidentified person spotted Thursday on a Jetway connecting a JetBlue plane with a Los Angeles International Airport terminal likely was an off-duty pilot scheduled to catch a courtesy flight to New York, authorities said.

A worker at LAX spotted the person around 6 a.m. but apparently did not see a security clearance badge. The JetBlue plane was towed as a precautionary measure from Terminal 3 to a remote area of the airfield and later was cleared for takeoff following a search, airport police Officer Rob Pedregon said.

No travelers were onboard at the time, JetBlue said in a written statement.

Police found that an off-duty pilot was scheduled to ride to New York on JetBlue Flight 24, but instead got on a Virgin America flight to New York after the JetBlue plane was delayed, Pedregon said.

The off-duty pilot later confirmed that he was on the Jetway around 6 a.m., but police weren't sure that is who the employee saw because the employee worked the overnight shift and was not available Thursday as the investigation unfolded, Pedregon said.

Flight 24 took off after the plane was cleared and all passengers and luggage went through security screening a second time, Pedregon said. It landed more than five hours after it was originally scheduled. Weather problems in New York added to the delay.

LOS ANGELES

Attempted murder charge for tourist assault

A Los Angeles man has been charged with attempted murder and assault in the unprovoked stabbing of a Russian tourist on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

Donald Offerman was charged Friday in the attack across from the famed TCL Chinese Theatre. The 54-year-old hasn't been assigned an attorney.

Prosecutors say the 20-something tourist was walking with his family Wednesday when Offerman came up from behind and slashed the man with a large kitchen knife.

Prosecutors say Offerman rushed toward the victim's family and swung the knife at them several times. A struggle ensued between Offerman and the tourist.

Two off-duty New York City police detectives stopped the attack and have been credited with saving the life of the tourist, who survived after undergoing surgery.

Prosecutors describe Offerman as a transient.

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SUNDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **1-3 ft** ankle to waist high
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BEACH REPORT CARD

NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous 30 days up to the ending date of **January 12, 2015**

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QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 0
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
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- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 33 / 20
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 5 / 19

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

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

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

Crime Watch is culled from reports provided by the Santa Monica Police Department. These are arrests only. All parties are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

ON NOV. 12 AT ABOUT 7:59 P.M.

Officers responded to a call of a theft occurring now at the CVS store located at 2505 Santa Monica Boulevard. According to the reporting party, the suspects, a male and female, had stolen from the store before, getting away with thousands of dollars in cosmetics during the prior incidents. The loss prevention officer pointed out the suspects, who were still in the store, and they were taken into custody without incident. The loss prevention officer was able to show the officers surveillance footage of the same suspects stealing from the CVS location, and provided report numbers from the thefts. On one of the prior occasions, the male suspect threatened to hurt the loss prevention officer when he tried to stop them from exiting with unpaid-for merchandise. There was also information that the same pair was responsible for thefts from additional CVS stores in Los Angeles. Officers arrested the duo for robbery, grand theft, and conspiracy, and transported them to the jail for booking.
Tebatha Inez Zazueta, 39, of Baldwin Park, had bail set at $50,000.
Randy Lee Torres, 44, of Los Angeles, had bail set at $50,000.

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department responded to 375 calls for service on Nov. 19.

HERE IS A SAMPLING OF THOSE CALLS CHOSEN BY THE SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS STAFF.

Disturbance, Lincoln/Ocean Park, 12 a.m.
Defrauding innkeeper, 600 block Pier, 2:58 a.m.
Petty theft, 1000 block Euclid, 4:12 a.m.
Child molestation, 2100 block Lincoln, 7:01 a.m.
Disturbance, 700 block Arizona, 7:01 a.m.
Grand theft auto, 2400 block Santa Monica, 7:46 a.m.
Hit and run, 1000 block 20th, 7:53 a.m.
Fight, 1800 block Lincoln, 8:05 a.m.
Disturbance, 4th/Pico, 8:34 a.m.
Petty theft, 200 block SM Pier, 9 a.m.
Vandalism, 1500 block Berkeley, 9:09 a.m.
Burglary, 2700 block Arizona, 9:10 a.m.
Battery, 400 block Wilshire, 11:41 a.m.
Urinating/defecating in public, 2800 block Main, 11:50 a.m.
Disturbance, 1800 block Lincoln, 12:01 p.m.
Trespassing, 1400 block Princeton, 12:26 p.m.
Fraud, 1500 block Montana, 12:47 p.m.
Lewd activity, 3000 block Delaware, 12:54 p.m.
Battery, 200 block Santa Monica, 1:12 p.m.
Petty theft, 300 block Colorado, 1:47 p.m.
Drinking in public, 1100 block 6th, 1:53 p.m.
Burglary, 1000 block 5th, 2:35 p.m.
Bike theft, 600 block Santa Monica, 2:57 p.m.
Grand theft, 2600 block Virginia, 2:59 p.m.
Domestic violence, 1500 block PCH, 3 p.m.
Identity theft, 2700 block Santa Monica, 3:12 p.m.
Disturbance, 1800 block Lincoln, 4 p.m.
Person with a gun, 1300 block 4th, 4:27 p.m.
Grand theft, 2600 block Virginia, 4:35 p.m.
Identity theft, 2200 block Marine, 4:38 p.m.
Disturbance, 1900 block Pico, 5:06 p.m.
Car crash, 23rd/Dewey, 6:03 p.m.
Disturbance, 1100 block 12th, 6:12 p.m.
Auto burglary, 1800 block Ocean, 6:35 p.m.
Battery, 20th/Santa Monica, 7:21 p.m.
Family disturbance, 1400 block 25th, 8:17 p.m.
Trespassing, 2700 block Barnard, 9:32 p.m.
Public intoxication, 200 block Wilshire, 8:48 p.m.
Car crash, 1800 block 20th, 11:21 p.m.
Shots fired, 2600 block Washington, 11:26 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

The Santa Monica Fire Department responded to 49 calls for service on Nov. 19

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EMS, 800 block 2nd, 1:23 a.m.
EMS, 100 block Wilshire, 1:54 a.m.
EMS, 3rd/Santa Monica, 1:56 a.m.
EMS, 800 block Ocean Park, 3:01 a.m.
EMS, 2000 block 5th, 9:38 a.m.
EMS, 700 block Navy, 9:52 a.m.
EMS, 800 block 2nd, 10:44 a.m.
EMS, 1200 block 16th, 11:26 a.m.
EMS, 500 block Ocean, 12:14 p.m.
EMS, 1500 block 14th, 12:56 p.m.
EMS, 1000 block Wilshire, 1:12 p.m.
Automatic alarm, 1400 block 10th, 2:19 p.m.
EMS, 1300 block 20th, 3 p.m.
Automatic alarm, 1400 block 5th, 4:13 p.m.
EMS, 2600 block Centinela, 4:31 p.m.
EMS, 1300 block 15th, 4:39 p.m.
EMS, 17th/Pearl, 5:45 p.m.
Structure fire, 1500 block 5th, 6:12 p.m.
EMS, Main/Pier, 7:27 p.m.
EMS, 1800 block 18th, 7:52 p.m.
EMS, 500 block Olympic, 8:40 p.m.
Elevator rescue, 1100 block 5th, 9:25 p.m.
EMS, 1200 block 6th, 9:45 p.m.
EMS, 2400 block Beverley, 10:20 p.m.
EMS, 1800 block 17th, 11:04 p.m.
EMS, 1800 block 20th, 11:20 p.m.
EMS, 0 block Pico, 11:28 p.m.

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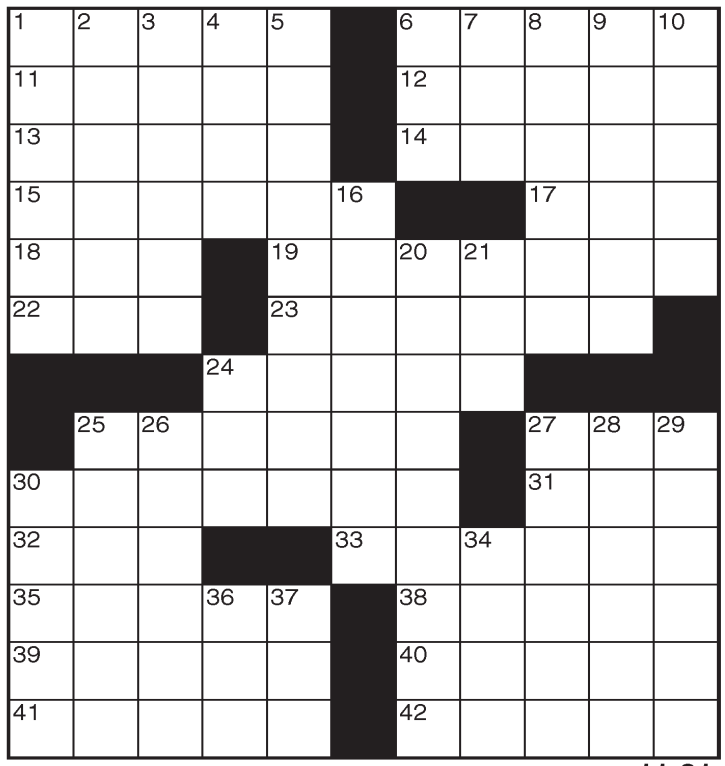
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Yesterday's answer

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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 ★★★★

GETTING STARTED

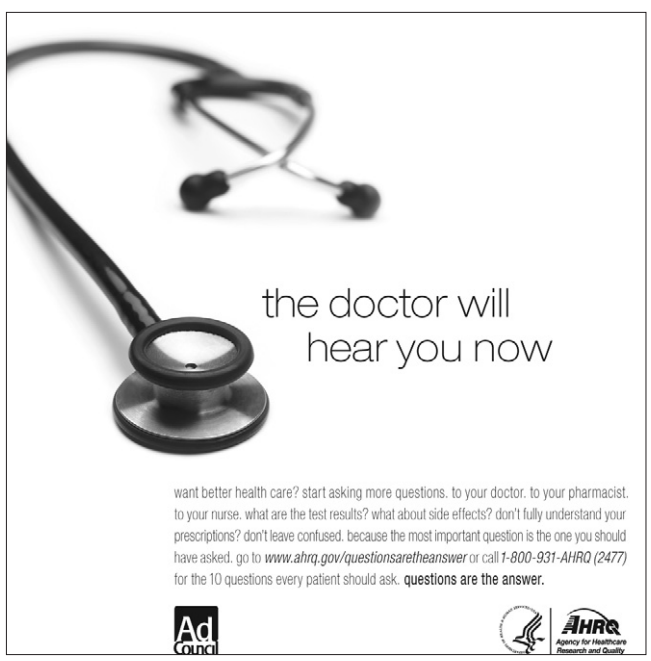
There are many strategies to solving Sudoku. One way to begin is to examine each 3x3 grid and figure out which numbers are missing. Then, based on the other numbers in the row and column of each blank cell, find which of the missing numbers will work. Eliminating numbers will eventually lead you to the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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

2	5	3	7	8	9	6	4	1
6	9	4	1	5	2	7	8	3
8	7	1	4	6	3	2	9	5
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TODAY IN HISTORY

1877 – Thomas Edison announces his invention of the phonograph, a machine that can record and play sound.

1905 – Albert Einstein's paper, "Does the Inertia of a Body Depend Upon Its Energy Content?", is published in the journal Annalen der Physik. This paper reveals the relationship between energy and mass. This leads to the mass-energy equivalence formula E = mcÇ.

1910 – Sailors onboard Brazil's most powerful military units, including the brand-new warships Minas Geraes, São Paulo, and Bahia, violently rebel in what is now known as the Revolta da Chibata (Revolt of the Lash).

1916 – World War I: A mine explodes and sinks HMHS Britannic in the Aegean Sea, killing 30 people.

1918 – The Flag of Estonia, previously used by pro-independence activists, is formally adopted as the national flag of the Republic of Estonia.

1920 – Irish War of Independence: In Dublin, 31 people are killed in what became known as "Bloody Sunday". This included fourteen British informants, fourteen Irish civilians and three Irish Republican Army prisoners.

1922 – Rebecca Latimer Felton of Georgia takes the oath of office, becoming the first female United States Senator.

NEWS OF THE WEIRD BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Members of the New Orleans Vampire Association are not, of course, like Dracula or those "Twilight" characters, but rather people who are convinced that consuming other people's blood prevents illness or provides energy -- and thus seek "donors" to sit for regular or occasional slicings or pin pricks for friendship, or money or sex. Though some members have gone full-gothic in dress and lifestyle (as described in an October Washington Post report), an academic researcher studying the community has concluded that the vampires generally exhibit no signs of mental illness.

■ Cliches Come to Life: (1) In December (2010), Mr. Alkis Gerd'son moved out of student housing at Canada's University of Victoria, which had been his home since 1991 (even though he had not taken a class in 13 years). Gerd'son claims various stress disorders (over, perhaps, finding a job?) and had until then stymied efforts to evict him by filing claims before human rights tribunals. (2) Ricardo West, a professional Michael Jackson impersonator ("Michael Lives! The Michael Jackson Tribute Concert") was charged in August (2010) in Allen Park, Michigan, with 12 counts of child molestation.

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Activism • Animals • Arts • Community • Education • Environment • Health

Saving the earth? That's kid's stuff

by Katharine Romefelt

How far would you go to protect the future of your planet? Minors across the country are suing the government for neglecting the environment, and their reasoning is valid. Today's environmentally destructive habits are like a chain smoker – the consequences of our actions are perfectly tolerable, that is until they lead to an inevitable demise.

The current generation in charge can afford to overlook the damage being done to the earth because the severe consequences of global warming likely won't affect them, but our generation will be left to deal with the effects of their carelessness. These rebellious teenagers believe our government has an obligation to protect the environment as a "public trust" for future generations, and are trying to get our leaders' attention.

Efforts by minors to file lawsuits against their states in Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, North Carolina, and Oregon have mostly been dismissed, but a recent petition administered by minors in Seattle, Washington has more hope. This particular case has gone the farthest because a reasonable judge in King County Superior Court agreed to hear the teenagers' arguments on the petition's "merits" rather than on a procedural or jurisdictional issue.



You don't have to be a certain age in order to take action against injustice in the world. Our snowpack is melting, the earth is warming, the ocean is acidifying, and sometimes it seems like those in charge don't really care. Search the Causes directory at giive.org for nonprofits in your own community to help protect the Environment.

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Be near live music, Leo

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ You might feel a bit off as you change gears to weekend mode. In the early morning, someone could describe you as irritable. Don't worry so much -- you are full of ideas, and you will be able to enjoy yourself far more than you thought possible. Tonight: Carry on.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ You could be surprised by everything you hear. When someone says that a matter is confidential, stay mum, even if you don't agree that the secret is worth keeping. Take time to complete a particular project. Tonight: Keep your whereabouts hush-hush.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ You might feel as if your actions won't make much of a difference. A loved one will communicate what he or she would like to do, but only after you already have made plans. Curb your frustration, and use your creativity to find a solution. Tonight: Where the action is.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Reach out to someone at a distance. You tend to accept a lot of responsibility that others won't. A family member or loved one is hot under the collar and is likely to be difficult. You can do only so much. Focus on where you can make a difference. Tonight: Out and being noticed.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Speak to people who can help you get past an immediate problem. This type of contact is important. Your perspective could radically change as a result. Brainstorm with people whose minds you respect, but who come up with very different ideas. Tonight: Be near live music.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ One-on-one relating allows you to connect with certain people on a much more intimate level than usual. People reveal more when they feel that they are important and that their feelings are valued. Family remains a high priority. Tonight: Out with a special person.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Others could be unusually challenging, which might trigger some anger on your part. You tend to be diplomatic, and as a result, you don't openly share your feelings. Change what you are doing, and let go of disappointment for now. Tonight: Let someone else run the show.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ You have a project on the back burner that you need to work on. You might find that you are sitting on a lot of anger, which seems to emerge at the drop of a hat. Find out why you are feeling this way. Perhaps you aren't in sync with what is going on. Tonight: Rent a movie.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Your adventurous style encourages you to take strange risks. You might want to say "no" to more wild decisions for now; otherwise, you could hit a snafu eventually. A close friend or loved one will express his or her support. Tonight: Add more spirit to the moment.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Stay close to home, knowing that you would like to cocoon for a little while. You might enjoy taking a nap, turning off your cellphone and letting the outside world exist without you. Everyone will be able to manage. Tonight: Try a new neighborhood hot spot.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ You'll speak your mind and get plenty of feedback from a friend. Reach out to a loved one who tends to be somewhat difficult. You might not like what you hear, but you'll know to take what this person says with a grain of salt. Tonight: Hang out at home.

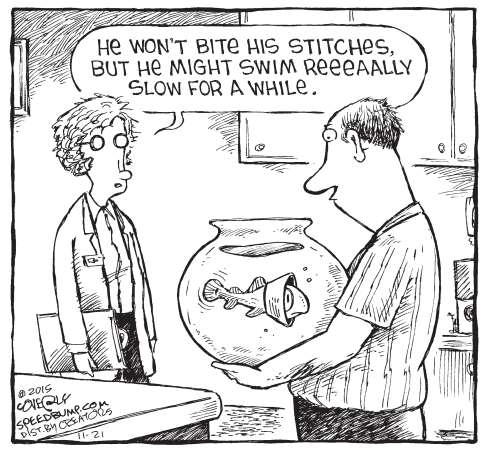
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Before you splurge on a big expense, make sure you really want this item. You could discover that you are simply riding an impulsive wave and will change your mind later. Do some comparison shopping before deciding to move forward. Tonight: Make it your treat.

Weekend Edition, November 21-22, 2015

This year you often find that you are overtired and perhaps too focused on work. Make a point of letting go more often. You will benefit from having a less stressful schedule. If you are single, someone who enters your life could be very important to your life's history. You will find yourself relating to someone who makes you very happy. If you are attached, the two of you have a great time together, but you often need to get away together in order to fully appreciate the bond. Don't let the grind of daily life interfere with your relationship! ARIES can be challenging.

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

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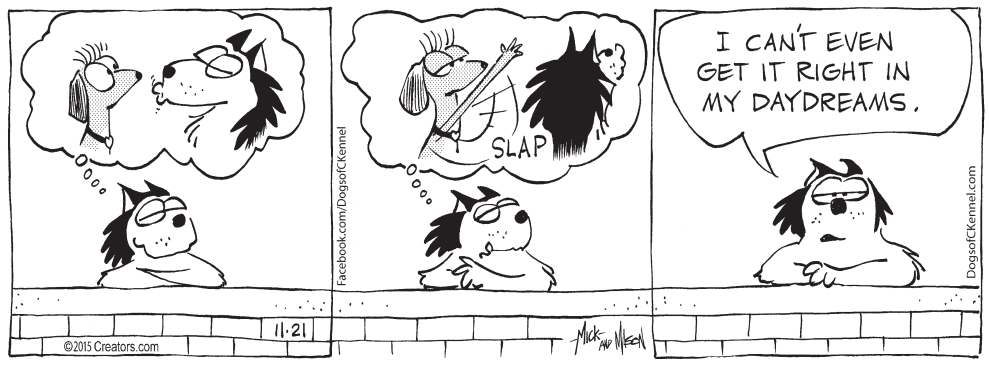


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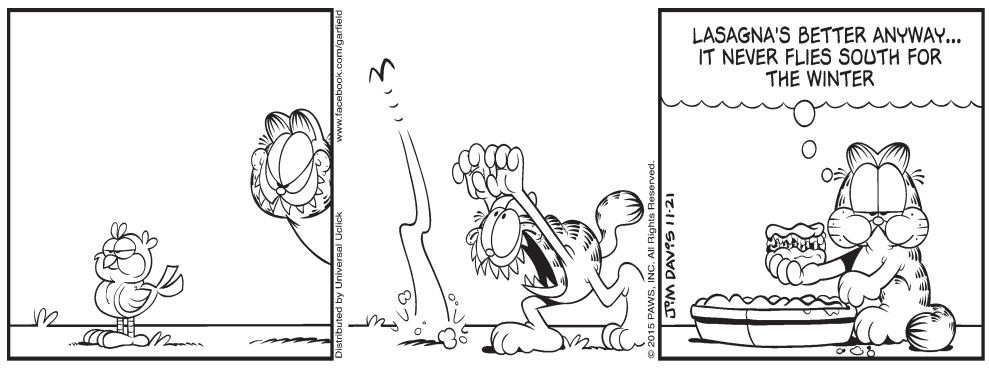
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