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THE NO MORE TURKEY ISSUE

Holbrook wins sixth term by 56 votes

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN With the vote tally complete, Bob Holbrook's narrow victory over challenger Ted Winterer in the Santa Monica City Council race is expected to become official today.

Holbrook's victory, by a margin of 56 votes, or .08 percent of those cast in the contest, means Santa Monica voters have returned all five sitting City Council members who were up for election to the dais.

Holbrook, who is set to be sworn in for his sixth term Dec. 7, came in third in the race for three four-year terms on the council, behind Kevin McKeown, who received the most votes, and Pam O'Connor. Terry O'Day and Gleam Davis, each of whom was appointed to the council to fill a vacancy, won two-year extensions.

It was the narrowest win for Holbrook in a Santa Monica political career marked by several close calls, including his 1998 victory over Richard Bloom by 92 votes.

"I'm happy to have won the election, that's for sure," he said on Monday. "I really appreciate the fact that [Winterer] and I didn't do any negative campaigning against one another. We just went out and ran for public office the way you should."

Election officials finished vote tallying last Wednesday, according to Efrain Escobedo, executive liaison officer with the county's Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk's Office. The County Board of Supervisors is expected to certify the election results at its meeting today, he said.

Holbrook received 12,775 votes to edge out Winterer, who had 12,719.

Winterer will have a window of five business days after the results are certified in which to request a recount.

Escobedo said it would cost Winterer $4,000 per day to re-count ballots and estimated about 3,000 ballots could be counted per day. Turnout in Santa Monica was 38,128, or 64 percent of the city's 59,214 registered voters.

Winterer has the option of asking for a partial re-count of only select precincts or of only vote-by-mail ballots. A reimbursement would be made if a recount altered the outcome of the election.

Reached on Monday, Winterer declined to comment on the possibility of seeking a recount.

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SO LONG: **After 20 years on the Third Street Promenade, the Broadway Deli on Monday served customers for the last time, one day before the restaurant's deadline to clear out so its landlord can prepare the space for higher-paying tenants.**

'End of an era' as Broadway Deli closes after 20 years

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN After 20 years on the Third Street Promenade, the Broadway Deli on Monday served customers for the last time, one day before the restaurant's deadline to clear out so its landlord can prepare the space for higher-paying tenants.

On Monday, bottles of wine were marked down 30 percent, part of a liquidation sale, but otherwise it was business as usual as the longest-tenured restaurant on the promenade prepared to shut its doors for good.

"It's sad. It's the end of an institution, the end of an era," said General Manager Marc Zeidler. "It was like a family."

He has been resigned to closing since summer, when his long-term lease expired and he faced a steep rent increase to come to terms with landlord Promenade Gateway. But he said he had hoped to at least stay in business until the new year.

"It's just sad that the landlord would put 65 employees out on the streets in the month of December," he said.

Zeidler said he received a 30-day notice to vacate this month and unsuccessfully tried to get Promenade Gateway to push the closure date back a month. In response to his inquiries, he said he received only a letter threatening a lawsuit if he failed to vacate the premises by Nov. 30.

Scott Blake, asset manager at Promenade Gateway, on Monday said his company acted in good faith according to a short-term agreement with the Broadway Deli that was reached after it became clear the restaurant couldn't afford a long-term deal.

"We have replacement tenants and we have an obligation to build that space out as quickly as we can," he said of the decision to get the deli out before December. Promenade Gateway has not yet announced who the new tenants will be.

Blake said his company dealt fairly and openly with Zeidler and his partners.

"We've enjoyed a great relationship with the Broadway Deli and we certainly wish the principals and the employees luck," he said. "We've tried to be very upfront and

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Tuesday, Nov. 30, 2010

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

Movie night
Main Library
MLK Auditorium, 3 p.m. — 5 p.m.
Robert Mitchum stars in the classic thriller "The Night of the Hunter," a film about a sinister preacher who worms his way into a marriage to a sickly woman (Shelley Winters) and the nightmare he unleashes on her children when they discover his true motives.

Meet the City Manager
Grant Elementary School Auditorium
2368 Pearl St., 7 p.m.
City Manager Rod Gould will lead a discussion on the state of the economy and how it will impact City Hall's finances. Residents will learn about projects happening in their neighborhood and have the chance to list their funding priorities for the upcoming fiscal year. Fax your suggestions to (310) 917-6640. All meeting locations are wheelchair accessible.

Wednesday, Dec. 1, 2010

Story time for 2s
Montana Avenue Branch Library, 11:15 a.m.
Bring your toddlers to this six-week story time series. Series ends Dec. 15.

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

Shaking those holiday blues
Main Library
MLK Auditorium, 12 p.m. — 1:30 p.m.
UCLA psychiatrist Andrew F. Leuchter talks about the holiday blues and practical strategies for coping with them, and how to tell when they've turned into clinical, major depression. This program is free and geared towards an adult and teen audience. Space is limited and on a first arrival basis. This is an event of The Living Room ... a place for adults program series. For more information, visit www.smpl.org or contact the Santa Monica Public Library at (310) 458-8600. Library is wheelchair accessible.

Visiting violinist
Main Library
MLK Auditorium, 7 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.
Grammy-nominated pop violinist CARA-C will perform selections from her album "Clouds of Magellan." Following her performance, CARA-C will offer Q&A and discuss the techniques and inspiration that shaped the album, which has an otherworldly presence, and includes a symphonic and rhythm section backing her solo violin. For more information call (310) 458-8600.

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FREE LUNCH WITH A 4G TWIST

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People wait in line near the corner of Olympic Boulevard and Bundy Drive for a free lunch at the NomNom food truck during Sprint's celebration of its 4G service launch on Monday. Sprint treated people to lunch and shared information on the faster 4G (fourth generation) cell phone service, which allows users to surf the web and download music, movies and television shows faster on their phones.

USDA asked to approve GMO apple that won't brown

BY SHANNON DININNY
Associated Press

CASHMERE, Wash. A Canadian biotechnology company has asked the U.S. to approve a genetically modified apple that won't brown soon after its sliced, saying the improvement could boost sales of apples for snacks, salads and other uses.

U.S. apple growers say it's too soon to know whether they'd be interested in the apple: They need to resolve questions about the apple's quality, the cost of planting and, most importantly, whether people would buy it.

"Genetically modified — that's a bad word in our industry," said Todd Fryhover, president of the apple commission in Washington state, which produces more than half the U.S. crop.

But Neal Carter, president of the company that developed the apples, said the technology would lower the cost of producing fresh slices, which have become a popular addition to children's lunch boxes, and make apples more popular in salads and other quick meals.

Carter's company, Okanagan Specialty Fruits of Summerland, British Columbia, licensed the non-browning technology from Australian researchers who pioneered it in potatoes. Essentially, the genes responsible for producing the enzyme that induces browning have been silenced in the apple variety being marketed as "Arctic."

"They look like apple trees and grow like apple trees and produce apples that look like all other apples and when you cut them, they don't turn brown," Carter said. "The benefit is something that can be identified just about by everybody."

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service has considered about 100 petitions for genetically engineered or modified crops. Those that have drawn the most attention have been engineered to with-

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'Empire Strikes Back' director Irvin Kershner dies

BY ROBERT JABLON
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES Irvin Kershner, who directed the Star Wars sequel "The Empire Strikes Back" and the James Bond film "Never Say Never Again," has died at age 87.

Kershner died Saturday at his Los Angeles home following a 3 1/2-year battle with lung cancer, said longtime friend and Hollywood publicist Dick Guttman.

Kershner already had made a number of well-received movies when he was hired by George Lucas to direct "Empire," which was the second produced but fifth in the "Star Wars" chronology.

The 1980 production was a darker story than the original. In it, hero Luke Skywalker loses a hand and learns that villain Darth Vader is his father. The movie initially got mixed reviews but has gone on to become one of the most critically praised.

Kershner told Vanity Fair in October that he tried to give the sequel more depth than the original.

"When I finally accepted the assignment, I knew that it was going to be a dark film, with more depth to the characters than in the first film," he said. "It took a few years for the critics to catch up with the film and to see it as a fairy tale rather than a comic book."

Kershner said he had only one sharp disagreement with Lucas. The script originally called for the heroine, Princess Leia, to tell space pilot Han Solo "I love you" and for him to reply "I love you, too."

"I shot the line and it just didn't seem right for the character of Han Solo," Kershner said.

Instead, actor Harrison Ford improvised the reply: "I know."

Lucas wanted the original line but after test previews agreed to leave in Ford's reply, which has gone on to be one of the best-known lines in the series.

"The world has lost a great director and one of the most genuine people I've had the pleasure of knowing," Lucas said in a statement, adding that he considered Kershner to be a mentor.

Lucas said he didn't want to direct the "Star Wars" sequel.

"I needed someone I could trust, someone I really admired and whose work had maturity and humor. That was Kersh all over," Lucas said. "I didn't want 'Empire' to

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Santa's a business man

Editor:

In the excellent 'Tis the Season holiday event and shopping guide that the Daily Press helped to produce, I noticed a photo of the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors in their full-page ad that included Santa Claus.

With all respect, I do not recall reading any article or even a news brief in your otherwise fine paper regarding this important and obviously news worthy chamber appointment.

Jerry Rubin
Santa Monica

Breaking the law

Editor:

There are some crazy laws still on the books in this country. Some of them are funny, some are silly, and some are downright ridiculous. Here are some of those wacky laws that just aren't enforced anymore:

In Maine, it's illegal to have Christmas decorations up after Jan. 14. In Ohio, it is illegal to get a fish drunk. In Kansas, you're breaking the law if you hunt rabbits from a motorboat. In New Jersey, it is illegal to wear a bulletproof vest while committing a murder. No joke.

In Santa Monica, it's illegal to make a U-turn in a business district. Ha ha. That's right. That one is still on the books. It's also illegal in Santa Monica to ride bikes on the sidewalk. Or crosswalks. No kidding. That's really a law.

Other wacky laws in Santa Monica you rarely, if ever, see enforced:

Driving while speaking on a hand held cell phone; Eating and drinking while driving; Failing to stop at stop signs; Public intoxication; Pedestrians walking along the bike path with the pedestrian path adjacent; Delivery vehicles, mail trucks and other vehicles dangerously parking on red curbs and in turn lanes (alleys are very close by, but it's easier to just stop in the right turn lane); Smoking within 20 feet of business entrances, including right outside every single bar and coffee shop in the city; Parking vehicles beyond the parking space limit lines; Driving the wrong way down a one-way alley; Driving in and out of a bus lane; Not using turn signals when turning or changing lanes; Changing lanes within 50 feet of an intersection; Using gas-powered leaf blowers; Illegally placing real estate ad signs in areas that block sight lines for vehicles; and Jaywalking.

When everybody breaks a law, there's no point trying to enforce it. Why bother? The only thing you can do is sit back and watch and chuckle as the beat cops drive past the FedEx trucks in the turn lanes on Santa Monica Boulevard in the downtown Santa Monica sunset.

Remember, in Tennessee you're breaking the law if you're eating ice cream while walking on the sidewalk. In Santa Monica, ice cream on the sidewalk is fine, but watch out for those 10 speeds. If a biker tries to run you down as you step out of Candy World, just hit him with your leaf blower.

Carlos Pineiro
Santa Monica





Back to Nature

Reese Halter — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Whale of a tale about the Earth

LAST YEAR ICELAND AND NORWAY KILLED 688 whales while Japan, under the guise of "scientific research," slaughtered 1,000 whales. In the 20th century humans decimated whale populations around the globe by 1.5 million animals.

Reports form the last couple of months clearly show that whales are helping researchers determine atmospheric science, Arctic oceanography, the extent of global warming, marine food web nutrition and record breaking migration patterns. Incidentally, all of these fascinating discoveries are taking place on frugal scientific budgets.

Workers from the Zoological Society of London and Queen Mary University recently examined 156 blue, fin and sperm whales swimming in the Gulf of California, a United Nations World Heritage site. The whales are showing the scientists that the hole in the ozone layer is getting worse, allowing lethal UV radiation to penetrate Earth's protective ozone shield and cause skin cancers and cataracts.

From high resolution photographs and studying whale skin samples they have concluded that the whales are becoming sunburnt during the time they are spending at the surface.

Blue whales, who have fairer skin than most whales, suffered significantly more than the much darker fin whales. And sperm whales, which spend a considerable amount of time on the surface, breathing and socializing for hours at a time, were also vulnerable to sun damage.

The study found that the lesions and sunburnt cells on blue whales had worsened considerably from an earlier survey in 2007.

Since the hole in the Antarctic ozone layer was first discovered in the 1970s, ozone levels have shrunk by up to 70 percent in the worst seasons. Although the CFCs, which damage the ozone level, were banned in 1987, ozone levels are not expected to recover until about 2050.

In fact, UV radiation is expected to increase by 4 percent in the tropics and 20 percent in the poles over the next few decades. At this point scientists are not clear whether some kind of cancers that are life threatening to the whales will develop.

One thing is for certain, people spending time outdoors must wear sunscreen and protective eye wear.

Researchers from Harvard University and the University of Vermont have found that humpback whales in the Gulf of Maine carry massive quantities of nitrogen from the deep sea where they feed to the surface and release it in their liquid-like feces. Essentially, humpbacks function as an "upward biological pump."

It turns out that humpbacks contribute more nitrogen to the Gulf of Maine than all the rivers combined, an estimated 25,000 tons, annually.

In turn, these nutrients allow more phytoplankton to grow, which increases the food supply at the base of the marine food web, therefore promoting bigger fisheries and higher abundance where whales occur in greater densities.

Clearly, it is erroneous to claim, as the three whaling countries tout, that whales compete with their commercial fisheries; rather, they enhance them.

Last month, scientists from the College of the Atlantic in Maine browsing the photo-sharing site Flickr found markings on a humpback tail or fluke taken by a Norwegian tourist whale watching at the breeding grounds near Ile Sainte Marie off the east coast of Madagascar, Indian Ocean in 2001.

In 1999 that female was pictured in the breeding grounds off Abrolhos, an area of small volcanic islands off the southern Brazilian coast, Atlantic Ocean.

The female humpback whale swam at least 6,125 miles or nearly a quarter of the globe as it was the longest documented movement by a mammal ever recorded.

Until now humpback migration patterns were believed to be north/south rather than east/west. Was she responding to a distant complex song, following prey, exploring new breeding habitats or was she simply wandering as whales were so perfectly engineered for? We have a lot to learn from our cetacean friends.

The iconic, spiraled tooth (or tusk) narwhals, permanent residences of the high Arctic, possess brains to body sizes just slightly smaller than humans. These extraordinary beauties of a beast dive greater than one mile in pitch-dark icy Arctic water, relying upon echolocation or sonar to hunt, only in the winter, Greenland halibut. They spend up to three hours a day at least a half a mile from the surface exquisitely adapted to over 80 atmospheres of pressure.

Oceanographers from the University of Washington and Greenland's Institute of Natural Resources tagged 14 adult narwhals with sensors and determined that the temperature of the Arctic Ocean was almost 2 degrees warmer than previously thought.

The Arctic is warming at an unprecedented rate. In the 1980s, the Arctic contained about 386,000 square miles of ice that was at least 5 years old. At the end of September 2010 only 22,000 square miles of such older, thicker ice remains. The Arctic has lost 97 percent of the thicker year-round ice that existed just three decades ago.

Not only are the whales helping us determine how quickly global warming is occurring, but also the extent of the hole in the ozone layer. In addition, since 40 percent of the ocean's phytoplankton is missing from warming ocean temperatures and ocean acidification (from absorbing rising levels of CO2), the whales are crucial in their role to fertilize the oceans and replenish phytoplankton — the base of the entire marine food chain.

In 2008, 13 million people from 119 countries paid $2.1 billion to see the whales. Around the globe whale watching tourism is growing at 10 percent per annum. It's time now to end the whale hunt; and grant amnesty to creatures that are helping us to survive on our blue planet.

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What's the Point?

David Pisarra
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Airport security run like a Mickey Mouse operation

ONE OF THE MANY JOYS IN MY LIFE IS walking my dog through Virginia Avenue Park on a daily basis. I'm in that park usually twice a day and I see how active it is as a community centerpiece. I vote in that park, I see the young men and women who participate in the various youth programs, there is a constant parade of children and parents who play in the water feature and the sandbox, which makes it a microcosm of the city.

There are usually items left around after a weekend of playing. A random sock or jacket, the occasional set of mini-Crocs that some kid has kicked off and forgotten about.

Last week, I found a wallet for one Robert Maurice Ellston. It has some cash in it, a few frequent buyer cards, a VA benefits card and a driver's license. I figured this would be easy to return. I'd go to the address on the driver's license, wake the man up and give him his wallet back.

It turns out the address on the driver's license is not correct. It's frustrating to me, because I want to do the right thing and get this man his wallet back. I'm sure he wants his money, but I know he wants his VA card and his driver's license more.

I have a friend who lost his wallet a few weeks ago, and of course he was traveling this holiday season without any ID. Well that's not totally true, he had his birth certificate, a temporary driver's license, and a photo ID from Disneyland. That was all he needed to get on the plane to fly home. No passport, no driver's license, but a Disneyland annual pass was acceptable.

Now, I'm happy for him. I think it was great that he was able to fly home and see his family. I'm glad that the Transportation Security Administration recognized that he was not a threat to national security and didn't give him a free prostate exam. I'm curious though, because making the Facebook rounds is a video of a TSA agent doing a pat-down search of a 5-year-old boy as his father watches.

It seems to me that instilling in a child that being patted down by a stranger, who is inspecting you for a bomb or contraband items, is a rather draconian measure, when a fully grown man can get on a plane with temporary driver's license and literally, a Mickey Mouse ID.

Mom used to say it was an ancient Chinese curse/blessing "may you live in interesting times" and I guess that's where we are. Because I do find it interesting that on the one hand we are searching people who fit no profile of being dangerous, and on the other, we let a single man in his 30s, with sketchy ID travel ostensibly freely.

THAT WAS ALL HE NEEDED TO GET ON THE PLANE TO FLY HOME. NO PASSPORT, NO DRIVER'S LICENSE, BUT A DISNEYLAND ANNUAL PASS WAS ACCEPTABLE.

As for Mr. Robert Maurice Ellston, I hope that someone who knows him will read this and tell him to call me. I know that getting his driver's license reissued will be a time consuming process, and it will take at least six weeks for his new card to arrive, perhaps longer since he needs to update his address, and God only knows what kind of a wrench that could throw in the bureaucratic timeline.

But it's his VA card that I am most concerned about. I imagine that will be a huge bureaucratic process, made all the more difficult if he lacks other identifying papers, like a driver's license. The VA card is his key to health benefits, probably a pension and all the other perks we provide to the veterans amongst us. It is probably the most valuable item in his wallet, and I'd like to see him get it back.

Unless, that is, the VA is now accepting his Ralph's Rewards Card, which might be as reliable as the Disneyland Annual Pass my friend used to gain access to his flights back east.

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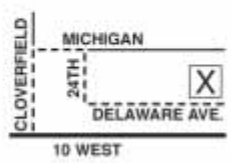
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Muslim orphans caught between Islamic, Western law

BY RACHEL ZOLL
AP Religion Writer

Helene Lauffer knew Muslim children — orphaned, displaced, neglected — needed homes in the United States. She knew American Muslim families wanted to take them in.

But Lauffer, associate executive director of Spence-Chapin, one of the oldest adoption agencies in the country, couldn't bring them together.

The problem was a gap between Western and Islamic law. Traditional, closed adoption violates Islamic jurisprudence, which stresses the importance of lineage. Instead, Islam has a guardianship system called kafalah that resembles foster care, yet has no exact counterpart in Western law.

The differences have left young Muslims with little chance of finding a permanent Muslim home in America. So Lauffer sought out a group of Muslim women scholars and activists, hoping they could at least start a discussion among U.S. Muslims about how adoption and Islamic law could become compatible.

"At the end of the day, it's about trying to find families for kids," said Lauffer.

Lauffer is not alone in raising the issue. As Muslim communities become more established in the United States, pressure is building for a re-examination of Islamic law on adoption.

Refugee children from Afghanistan, Iraq and elsewhere are being resettled here. Muslim couples who can't conceive want to adopt but don't want to violate their faith's teachings. State child welfare agencies that permanently remove Muslim children from troubled homes usually can't find Muslim families to adopt them because of the restrictions in Islamic law.

"I get all kinds of families who come to me for fertility issues. They want to adopt and they want to adopt Muslim children and I'm thinking this is a crime that they can't," said Najah Bazzy, a nurse and founder of Zaman International, a humanitarian service group in Dearborn, Mich. "No one is going to convince me that Islam makes no allocation for this. Either somebody is not interpreting it right, or it needs to be reinterpreted."

Mohammad Hamid, a clinical psychologist and co-founder of the Hamdard Center, a social service agency in the Chicago area that has many Muslims among its clients, said he regularly received requests from American Muslims for advice on how they could adopt.

"We don't tell them it's Islamic or un-Islamic," said Hamid, whose nonprofit does not handle adoptions. "Our job is to facilitate the process. We believe if the child can be adopted, you are saving a child."

The prohibition against adoption would appear contrary to the Quran's heavy emphasis on helping orphans. The Prophet Muhammad's father died before his son was born, so the boy's grandfather and uncle served as his guardians, setting an example for all Muslims to follow.

However, Islamic scholars say the restrictions were actually meant to protect children, by ending abuses in pre-Islamic Arabic tribal society.

Ingrid Mattson, professor of Islamic studies at Hartford Seminary in Connecticut, said adoption in that period had more in common with slavery. Men would take in boys, then erase any tie between the child and his biological family. The goal was to gather as many fighters as possible as protection for the tribe. Orphans' property was often stolen in the process.

As a result, Muslims were barred from treating adopted and biological children as identical in naming or inheritance, unless the adoptee was breast-fed as a baby by the adoptive mother, creating a familial bond recognized under Islamic law.

When an orphan reaches puberty, the Islamic prohibition against mixing of the sexes applies inside the home of his or her guardians. Muslim men cannot be alone with women they could potentially marry, and women must cover their hair around these men. Islamic law sets out detailed rules about who believers can and cannot marry, and an orphan taken in from another family would not automatically be considered "unmarriageable" to his siblings or guardians.

For these reasons and others, Muslim countries only rarely allow international adoption.

"There hasn't been a concerted push to open doors for Muslim orphans because the expectation would be that those efforts would fall flat," said Chuck Johnson, chief executive of the National Council for Adoption, a policy group in Alexandria, Va.

Advocates for a new interpretation of Islamic law are more hopeful, at least about the prospect for a different approach to the issue in the United States. Mattson argues that the flexibility in Islamic law for accommodating local cultures and customs can lead to a solution.

Open adoption, which keeps contact between the adoptee and his biological family, is seen as one potential answer. In New South Wales, Australia, child welfare officials created an outreach program to Muslims emphasizing that Australian adoptions are open and adopted children can retain their birth names. The New South Wales program is the only well-known adoption campaign targeting a Muslim minority population in a Western country.

The Muslim women scholars Lauffer consulted in New York, who meet annually as a shura (advisory) council, tackled the complexities of modesty rules inside the home. They debated whether Muslim adoptees in the West could be considered Islamically "unmarriageable" to their siblings or guardians, since Western governments classify adoptees the same as blood relatives. The shura council will soon release a statement on the issue through its organizing body, the Women's Islamic Initiative in Spirituality and Equality.

It's unclear how successful their efforts can be. There is no central authority in Islam to hand down a ruling on adoption. Muslims consult individual scholars, or, in the United States, seek an opinion from an imam at their local mosque.

Catherine England, a Muslim who teaches in the Seattle area, adopted four children after she and her husband learned they could have no children of their own. One of her children is an orphan from Afghanistan. Two others are biological siblings.

"I felt that my understanding — and this is entirely my understanding — is that what is forbidden in Islam is closed adoption," said England, who converted to Islam more than three decades ago. She consulted a Muslim scholar who she said affirmed her view that open adoption was allowed.

Lauffer hopes to hear more stories like England's soon.

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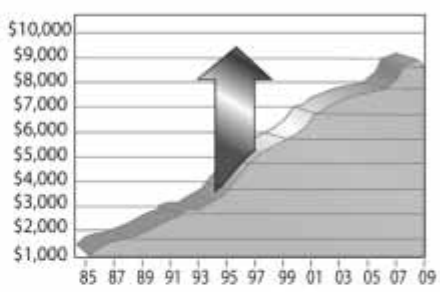
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Experts weigh in on college essays

BY BETH J. HARPAZ
Associated Press

NEW YORK With college application deadlines looming, the pressure is on for high school seniors to write the perfect essay.

But what are schools really looking for? And what role should parents play when teens try to sum up their lives in a few hundred words?

Here are some insights from admissions officials at The Ohio State University and at Oberlin College, along with advice from the author of "Write Your College Essay In Less Than a Day."

Ohio State, one of the country's biggest schools with 56,000 students on its Columbus campus, gets 26,600 applications a year and admits more than 14,000 students. "When you're getting the volume of applications we do, you put the greatest weight on the high school transcript and performance in high school," said Mabel Freeman, assistant vice president for undergraduate admissions.

But like a lot of colleges, Ohio State also asks applicants to write 300 words on why they are interested in attending.

"Our use of the essay is to try to determine if this is going to be a good match for an institution and a student," Freeman said. "We are a big public research institution, diverse and urban. For the right student, this is the right place. But for some students, it could be overwhelming."

She added that "the essay will never trump the transcript, but it can be the tipping point."

Students who are unable to visit the campus should try to find an online video tour and look at the college website and other material so they can show in their essay that they understand what the school offers and why it's a good match.

As for the 300-word limit, Freeman says, "most of my faculty and admissions professionals are not sure that any 17-year-old has much more than 300 well thought-out words to say on any topic. Make your point and be done. Organize your thoughts, make your statement and defend it. Why would this be a place that could help you be successful?"

What about the parent's role? "I'm fine with a student running the app past mom or dad, saying, 'Does this look correct to you? Am I saying things that seem right about who I am?'" Freeman said. "We're very concerned about the student who finishes at 1 a.m. and hits send without anybody looking at that app in the light of day."

On the other hand, parents must not be so over-involved that they write the essay. One year, Ohio State asked applicants to suggest a course they might add to their high school curriculum if they were principal. One writer suggested an advanced biology course, adding something like, "If my son had such a course, he would be in better shape."

"It couldn't have been more blatant" that the applicant's parent had written the essay, Freeman said.

Oberlin College, also located in Ohio, is a small private school with 2,900 students. Oberlin received 6,000 applications last year, admitted a third and enrolled 700. Like hundreds of other schools, Oberlin uses the online Common Application, which includes six essay choices on topics like writing about someone who's had an influence on you or discussing an issue of personal, local, national or international concern. Oberlin also has a supplemental essay with a theme found on many apps: "Given your interests, values, and goals, explain why Oberlin College will help you grow (as a student and a person) during your undergraduate years."

"It is a way for our admissions committee members to get a sense of fit between the applicant and Oberlin, and allows us to envision how this applicant may become part of the fabric of our community," said Debra Chermonte, Oberlin's dean of admissions and financial aid.

She said admissions officers "aren't looking for perfection in 17- and 18-year-olds. We are looking for the human being behind the roster of activities and grades. We are looking for students who love to learn, whose investment in ideas and words tell us that they are aware of their world beyond their own homes, schools, grades and scores."

Essays also demonstrate writing skills. "We also want to see that a student is able to write that first paper for a freshman seminar while avoiding careless mistakes that will drive faculty crazy," Chermonte said.

Parents, she added, "can be great critics and editors." In one essay Oberlin received, an applicant professed admiration for Julie Taymor, an Oberlin grad who created "The Lion King" musical. Unfortunately, the applicant spelled it as "The Loin King," an error that a parent proofreader might have caught.

Elizabeth Wissner-Gross, author of "Write Your College Essay in Less Than a Day" (Random House, $15), says the hardest part of writing a college essay is finding the right topic.

"Everyone has stories to tell, and you don't have to be the top student to have a great story," said Wissner-Gross, whose website is EducationalStrategy.org. "If you find that you're laboring over it, it probably isn't the right story. If it's the right story, then you'll be dying to tell it and it'll be fun to write."

She added: "The main thing colleges want to know is why they should accept you. You want your essay to tell them that as directly as possible."

Depending on the topic, "the best way to do it is to tell a real story that gives them one slice of your life rather than trying to summarize your life in 500 words. Think of a good story that shows your greatest achievement so far. It doesn't have to be that you cured cancer or published a novel. It could be an act of compassion or community service, or something related to a job, or how you dealt with a challenge or a hardship growing up."

Wissner-Gross says a typical five-paragraph, 500-word college essay "starts with the climax of the story — the most exciting or most confusing part of the story or the challenge." The second paragraph tells "who, what, when, where, how and why." The third paragraph continues the story. The fourth paragraph includes your credentials, and the fifth should "tie it all together" with a happy ending, punch line, moral or summation of "why I want to study this in college."

But students must keep the focus on themselves. "It shouldn't be a story they observed, but rather a story in which they played a central or pivotal role and saved the day or solved the problem." The essay should "show that you've grown through the experience."

Parents can help kids brainstorm essay topics. But avoid tales from early childhood, Wissner-Gross said.

She cautioned that "if a child is afraid to show the parent the essay, that's a light bulb. A lot of kids will use this opportunity to confess all their worst misdeeds. It's not a good idea."

While parents should proofread essays, their bigger role starts in ninth grade, by making sure teens have extracurricular activities, whether sports, clubs, work or volunteering.

Students who have the hardest time writing essays, Wissner-Gross says, are the "kids who have such outrageously sheltered lives that they never experience anything."



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For employees, though, news the restaurant was ending its run couldn't have come at a worse time.

Ricardo Cruz, who started at the Broadway Deli as a busboy in 1990 and worked his way up to become a manager, on Monday said the closure felt like the death of a relative.

"This has been home, not only for me but for a lot of people," he said. "At least for the time being, I cannot picture not coming to work here."

For many employees, losing their livelihoods during the holiday season made the closure especially difficult, he said.

"December is the worst time to lose a job and I think that's extremely hard," he said. "It's a sad day all around."

While the closure had been expected since Promenade Gateway in April went before the Planning Commission to request permits it needed to subdivide the space at Third Street and Broadway for new tenants, news the deli had reached the end of the line caught some regular customers, including Santa Monica resident Steve Taub, off guard.

"I'm shocked," he said. "It's been a staple of Santa Monica for ever and ever and ever, for tourists and for locals."

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APPLE
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stand certain weed killers, but among those the agency has approved are tomatoes altered to ripen more slowly — the first genetically modified crop approved in the U.S. in 1992 — and plums that resist a specific virus. This is the first petition for apples.

The USDA's biotechnology regulations are designed to ensure that genetically modified crops are just as safe for agriculture and the environment as traditionally bred crop varieties, spokesman R. Andre Bell said in a statement. The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service works with the Environmental Protection Agency and the Food and Drug Administration, depending on the product, to ensure safety.

The approval process can take years, and it's not clear the apples will be accepted even if they pass government inspection.

Fryhover raised concerns about cross-pollination of conventional trees with genetically modified ones if they were planted in close proximity. He also questioned whether Arctic apples would generate enough in sales to outweigh the $10,000 to $20,000 per acre cost of replanting.

Carter said growers replant orchards all the time and the company aims to have big growers plant the apples in large blocks so cross pollination is minimized. Carter said he's confident the fruit won't harm the environment and he's submitted paperwork to the USDA and FDA to prove his point.

"Some people won't like it just because of what it is," he said. "In the end, it's a great product, no question about it, and people will see the process used to get it had very sound science."

Companies have invested heavily in crops genetically modified to improve flavor, increase yields or nutrition and make them drought resistant, said Andrew Kimbrell, executive director of the Center for Food Safety, a nonprofit public interest group based in Washington, D.C. Often, though, the genes that define those traits are one small part of a complex system, he said.

"Scientists have been saying they're only turning one thing off, but that switch is connected to another switch and another switch," Kimbrell said. "You can't just do one thing to nature. It's nice to think so, but it just doesn't work that way."

He also said the non-browning technology appears to benefit apple growers and shippers more than consumers by allowing companies to sell apples that are older than they look.

"A botox apple is not what people are looking for," Kimbrell said. "I'm predicting failure."

Crunch Pak, based in Cashmere, Wash., is No. 1 in the sliced apple market, with customers including Costco, Kroger Co., Publix and Wal-Mart Stores Inc. The company, founded in 2000, has tripled in size in the past four years, with nearly 500 employees and a new processing plant in Pennsylvania.

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"Quite honestly, I would rather have an apple turn brown than think it's still OK because it's still white," he said. "I'm not discounting the anti-browning. It's just not the panacea."

Everyone agreed that consumers will make the final call. They have largely accepted other genetically modified crops, but whether they will do the same with apples remains to be seen.

"There's something about an apple. It's the symbol of health and nutrition, and then to turn around and say it's been genetically modified — doesn't that go against what consumers say they're looking for?" Fryhover asked. "Right now, I wouldn't say the industry is poised to go either direction. We need to know more."

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turn into just another sequel, another episode in a series of space adventures. I was trying to build something, and I knew Kersh was the guy to help me do it. He brought so much to the table. I am truly grateful to him."

The Philadelphia-born Kershner studied music, painting and photography before turning to film. He studied at the University of Southern California film school and in the 1950s made U.S. government documentaries in Greece, Iran and Turkey.

He was a director and cameraman for a television documentary series called "Confidential File" in Los Angeles before getting his first movie break in 1958 when Roger Corman helped finance his first feature, "Stakeout on Dope Street," that Kershner wrote and produced with colleague Andrew Fenady, Guttman said.

He went on to direct a number of noted features in the 1960s and 1970s, including "A Fine Madness" with Sean Connery, Joanne Woodward and Jean Seberg, "The Flim-Flam Man" with George C. Scott, "Loving" with George Segal and Eva Marie Saint, and "The Eyes of Laura Mars" with Faye Dunaway.

The 1976 television movie "Raid on Entebbe" earned him an Emmy nomination for direction. Besides "Empire," his big-budget work included the 1983 James Bond movie "Never Say Never Again" with Connery and "Robocop 2" in 1990.

"We all enjoyed knowing Kersh, learning from him and admired his creative spirit and indomitable will," Francis Ford Coppola said in a statement. "It was always exciting to talk with him about all aspects of cinema and life. He will most certainly be missed."

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LOS ANGELES California's seven largest health insurers face nearly $5 million in fines for failing to pay hospitals and physicians fairly and on time, following an 18-month audit by a state regulator, an official said Monday.

Improper claim payments are burdening health providers as they struggle to stay afloat in a bad economy, California Department of Managed Health Care Director Cindy Ehnes said.

"If providers are not paid, patient care and access suffers," Ehnes said. "The insurance companies in this state must pay their fair share of their claims promptly, fairly and on time."

Audits ordered by Ehnes in 2008 found seven health plans weren't meeting a legal threshold of paying 95 percent of claims correctly. On average, plans paid about 80 percent of claims correctly, Ehnes said.

Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield of California each have agreed to pay $900,000 fines. United/Pacificare is being fined $800,000; HealthNet and Kaiser Foundation Health Plan are being fined $750,000 each. Cigna is being fined $450,000; and Aetna is being fined $300,000.

Additionally, insurers will have to pay an uncapped amount of restitution to hospitals and health providers, which is expected to cost tens of millions of dollars, Ehnes said.

The fines and corrective actions have been negotiated and agreed upon with the insurers, officials said. Insurers also face a follow-up audit.

Nicole Kasabian Evans, a spokeswoman for the California Association of Health Plans, said the lobbying group was preparing a response on behalf of insurers.

Hundreds of thousands of claims may have been affected, said Ehnes, but the state's audit relied on statistically significant samples of each insurer's claims, so an exact number is unknown.

Ehnes also criticized what she called the hollow provider dispute resolution process discovered at five of the seven plans — all but Anthem and Blue Shield.

Providers with a claim dispute would often end up contacting the same department that had initially denied their claim, which rarely took a "real renewed interest in the claim," Ehnes said. Corrective plans are in place to prevent that in the future, she said.

TV producer charged with killing wife denied bail

BY ANTHONY MCCARTNEY
AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES A reality TV producer charged with killing his wife in Mexico will not be released from a Los Angeles jail while he fights extradition, a federal judge ruled Monday.

Former "Survivor" producer Bruce Beresford-Redman did not demonstrate a special circumstance that would warrant his release on bail, U.S. Magistrate Judge Suzanne Segal said.

She said that his arguments that he should be released so he could help care for his young children were not unique. Although she was not required to, Segal also ruled that Beresford-Redman posed a flight risk.

He faces charges of the aggravated homicide in the death of his wife, Monica, during a vacation in Cancun in April. Prosecutors say he surrendered his passport and was told by Mexican authorities to notify them if he was leaving, but he instead returned to the United States.

Prosecutors have filed documents stating that hotel guests and workers in Cancun heard and saw the couple arguing and that traces of blood were found in a hotel room that the Beresford-Redmans were sharing with their children.

Beresford-Redman's attorneys presented under seal evidence that his children had been harmed by their father's arrest on Nov. 16. The children have been "very traumatically" affected, defense attorney Vicki Podberesky said after the hearing.

"I'm not surprised, but I'm disappointed because this is a unique case," she said.

The family of Monica Beresford-Redman expressed relief at the judge's ruling.

"The kids are suffering because they lost the most important person in their lives — their mother," said her sister Jeane Burgos.

Beresford-Redman, who is also a co-creator of "Pimp My Ride," has not yet entered a plea, but has said he is innocent of the killing. He was shackled as he was escorted into the courthouse Monday by marshals.

His attorneys contended his arrest is unconstitutional and have asked Segal to dismiss the case. The judge said that motion was premature, but scheduled arguments about a potential dismissal for Dec. 7.

Podberesky argued that prosecutors have only presented hearsay evidence so far.



Scientists trick cells into switching identities

BY MALCOLM RITTER
AP Science Writer

NEW YORK Scientists are reporting early success at transforming one kind of specialized cell into another, a feat of biological alchemy that doctors may someday perform inside a patient's body to restore health.

So if a heart attack damages muscle tissue in the heart, for example, doctors may someday be able to get other cells in that organ to become muscle to help the heart pump.

That's a futuristic idea, but researchers are enthusiastic about the potential for the new direct-conversion approach.

"I think everyone believes this is really the future of so-called stem-cell biology," says John Gearhart of the University of Pennsylvania, one of many researchers pursuing this approach.

The concept is two steps beyond the familiar story of embryonic stem cells, versatile entities that can be coaxed to become cells of all types, like brain and blood. Scientists are learning to guide those transformations, which someday may provide transplant tissue for treating diseases like Parkinson's or diabetes.

It's still experimental. But at its root, it's really just harnessing and speeding up what happens in nature: a versatile but immature cell matures into a more specialized one.

The first step beyond that came in 2007, when researchers reversed the process. They got skin cells to revert to a state resembling embryonic stem cells. That opened the door to a two-part strategy: turn skin cells from a person into stem cells in the lab, and then run the clock forward to get whatever specialized cell you want for transplant.

The new direct-conversion approach avoids embryonic stem cells and the whole notion of returning to an early state. Why not just go directly from one specialized cell to another? It's like flying direct rather than scheduling a stopover.

Even short of researchers' dreams of fixing internal organs from within, Gearhart says direct conversion may offer some other advantages over more established ways of producing specialized cells. Using embryonic stem cells is proving to be inefficient and more difficult than expected, scientists say. For example, the heart muscle cells developed from them aren't fully mature, Gearhart noted.

And there's no satisfactory way yet to make mature insulin-producing cells of the pancreas, which might be useful for treating diabetes, says George Daley of Children's Hospital Boston and the Harvard Stem Cell Institute.

So direct conversion might offer a more efficient and faster way of getting the kinds of cells scientists want.

A glimpse of what might be possible through direct conversion emerged in 2008. Researchers got one kind of pancreatic cell to turn into another kind within living mice.

But far more dramatic changes have been reported in the past year in lab dishes, with scientists converting mouse skin cells into nerve cells and heart muscle cells. And just this month came success with human cells, turning skin cells into early stage blood cells.

The secret to these transformations is the fact that all cells of a person's body carry the same DNA code. But not all the genes are active at any one time. In fact, a cell's identity depends on its lineup of active genes. So, to convert a cell, scientists alter that combination by inserting chemical signals to activate particular genes.

"This is something that's really caught fire because it's an easy strategy to use," Gearhart said. "Everyone's out there trying their different combinations (of chemical signals) to see if they can succeed."

But success is not so easy. "There's a lot of experiments failing," Daley said. "A lot of people are just taking a trial-and-error approach, and that's fundamentally inefficient. And yet, it may create a breakthrough."

Even when the experiments work, there are plenty of questions to answer. Can this technique reliably produce transformed cells? Are these new cells normal? Or do they retain some hidden vestiges of their original identity that might cause trouble later on?

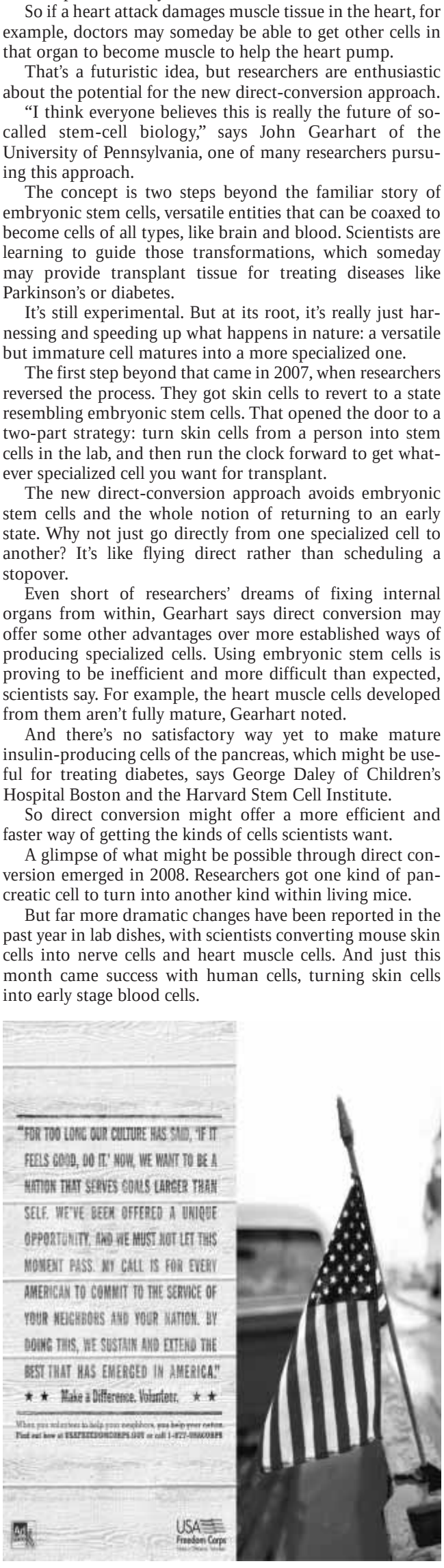
"When we make a duck look like a cat, it may look like a cat and meow, but whether it still has feathers is an issue," Daley said.

And ultimately: Would it be safe to transplant these cells into patients?

"We're a long way from showing safety and efficacy for any of these things," Gearhart said. "This stuff is all so new that we have a lot of work to do."

In any case, he and Daley said, scientists will still work with embryonic stem cells and the man-made versions first produced in 2007, called iPS cells. Those technologies clearly have places in various kinds of research, and it's not yet clear whether they or direct conversion will eventually prove best for manufacturing replacement cells for people.

That question, Daley said, "is way, way open."









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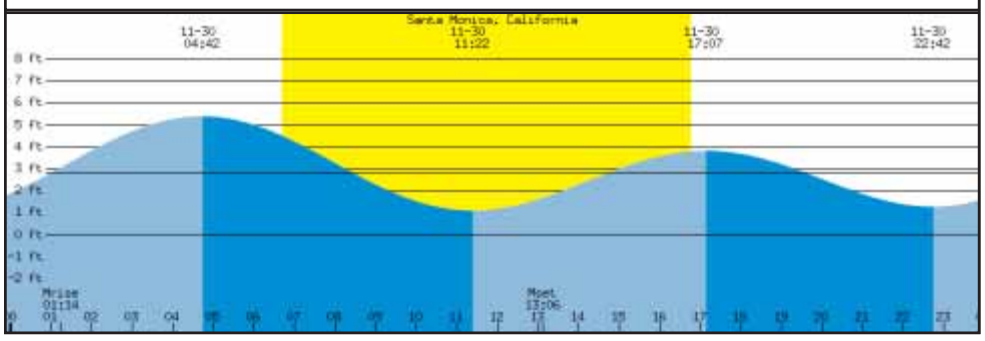
Swell Forecast

Looks smaller, about knee to maybe waist high everywhere. In fact, it'll be so small from wind swell that we may see some very weak southern hemi creep in to south facing breaks.

Long Range Synopsis

Looks even smaller, about knee high most everywhere.

Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica



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 **November 16, 2010**

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QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 1
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 17
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 30 / 16
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 16 / 25

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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Las Aline creeks.	A+	A+
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	C	A+
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A	A+
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A	A+
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	A+
Paradise Cove Pier at Rominer Canyon Creek mouth.	B	F
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A+	F
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach.	F	F
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	C	A
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	A+	F
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	D
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	F	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	F	B
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	C
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	A+
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A+	D
Pena Creek at Los Tunos County Beach.	A+	A
Tuna Canyon.	ns	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	F	A
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	A+
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	F	F
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	F	A+

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

LEGEND

DRY -- each location is graded on an A – F scale based on bacterial pollution levels present in the surf zone
WET -- grades for days of recorded rainfall and the following 3 days
ns -- no sample taken

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MLB

AP sources: Dodgers working to finalize deal for Uribe

BY JANIE MCCAULEY
AP Baseball Writer

SAN FRANCISCO Infielder Juan Uribe is closing in on a three-year deal to leave the Giants for the rival Los Angeles Dodgers, two people with knowledge of the situation told The Associated Press on Monday.

A key member of the World Series champions this season, Uribe was set to travel from his native Dominican Republic to Southern California to undergo a physical on Tuesday, one of the people said. Both people spoke on condition on anonymity because nothing had been announced.

San Francisco offered Uribe salary arbitration last Tuesday, when general manager Brian Sabean acknowledged the sides were far off in their numbers. Sabean had hoped to bring back Uribe to keep much of his roster intact heading into 2011.

The 31-year-old Uribe hit .248 with 24 homers and 85 RBIs in 2010 while playing in 148 games, including 103 at shortstop. He homered and drove in five runs during the World Series for the Giants, who won in five games against the Texas Rangers, and had nine RBIs in all during the postseason. San Francisco won the city's first championship since moving West in 1958.

The versatile Uribe would give new manager Don Mattingly plenty of options for the Dodgers, whose owners, Frank and Jamie McCourt, are embroiled in a nasty divorce dispute largely regarding who will assume ownership of the team. Dodgers general manager Ned Colletti has said the Dodgers will have a budget that will allow them to compete in 2011.

At 80-82, Los Angeles finished fourth in the NL West in manager Joe Torre's final season after reaching the NL championship series the previous two years. It marked the club's first losing season since 2005.

Sabean said last week the Giants already have had discussions regarding other available shortstops to fill the void left by departed World Series MVP Edgar Renteria, who is contemplating retirement.

"So this may take some time to get sorted out," Sabean said of Uribe. "I think both parties are willing to do something faster, we're just not talking the same language in ballpark figures. You have to be patient because we like the player ... but you do have to do business at hand and that's why we're juggling the trade scenario. I really don't know what the outside world is going to bring to him offer wise."

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Queen of the Lot (R) 1hr 54min
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Do your thing, Scorpio

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ A different energy greets you. A power play or someone in charge creates a situation where you feel you must respond. A discussion with this same person demonstrates the different options you might have. Tonight: Detach and relax more.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★ Understanding the parameters of a situation, whether social or at work, allows you to make the best choice. Stop and talk to various people during the day. Sometimes people move too swiftly to be cordial. Tonight: Can you squeeze in some exercise?

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Someone you have counted on vanishes way too quickly. Allow greater give-and-take in the next few days. Don't cut off someone just because you disagree. Evaluate this person's position. Tonight: Go with a spontaneous idea.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ Maintain a low profile no matter where you are or what you are up to. Your ability to relax and be more present depends on the ability to let go. Don't try to change anyone. Have a dialogue and express your different views. Tonight: A quiet night at home.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You might be correct. You might be absolutely sure that you are right. Nevertheless, your words fall on deaf ears, as no one seems to get the gist of your message. Try a different mode of communication. Tonight: Meet a friend halfway.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★ Swing into action knowing full well your limits and another's needs. A child or a loved one might be pushing the envelope. Recognize this person's need to be in control, and help him or her find it within rather than outside. Tonight: Pay bills first.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ While others seem to be running around, you might feel as if you are in danger of being tripped up or distracted. Make it your business to stay focused on one issue at a time. Don't overthink a domestic matter, for now. Tonight: As you wish.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Maintain a low profile, especially as you seem easily drawn into an argument or sharp discussion. Your ability to relate might feel impaired. It might be that you are in the whirlwind of this person's life. Tonight: Do your thing.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ A take-charge attitude allows you to have a greater say in what appears to be a very chaotic situation. Remain relaxed, knowing what is needed. Others will eventually respond to the voice of clarity and sanity. Tonight: Where people are.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ Your tone seems to draw a stronger reaction than you intended. Ask yourself if you have an issue involving what is going on. Could you be giving mixed signals? A discussion could evolve into a brainstorming situation. Tonight: The only answer is yes.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Step up to the plate. A challenge might not be personal, but it will help you detach in order to understand the complete perspective, as full as your mind allows. A male or very strong-willed friend plays a role that pushes too hard for you. Tonight: Put on some music on the way home.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ A partner gives you his or her share of advice. Will you listen? Do you want to listen? The discussions that revolve around this matter open up a lot of different feelings or ideas. Make it OK not to agree. Tonight: With a trusted adviser.

Happy birthday

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

This year, you often feel as if your nerves are fried. How you handle a personal matter and the choices you make depend on your ability to detach and flex. Your network of friends and associates will support you in various ideas, though the cost might not be worth it. If you are single, you'll meet someone out of the blue, when you least expect it. Spring 2011 attracts a special suitor. Romance is intense in 2011 for single and attached Sagittarians. If you are attached, develop a stronger friendship as well. LIBRA proves to be a friend through thick and thin.



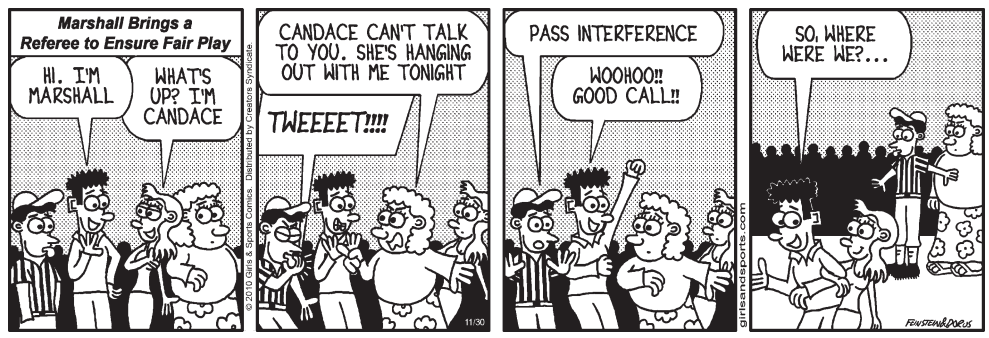
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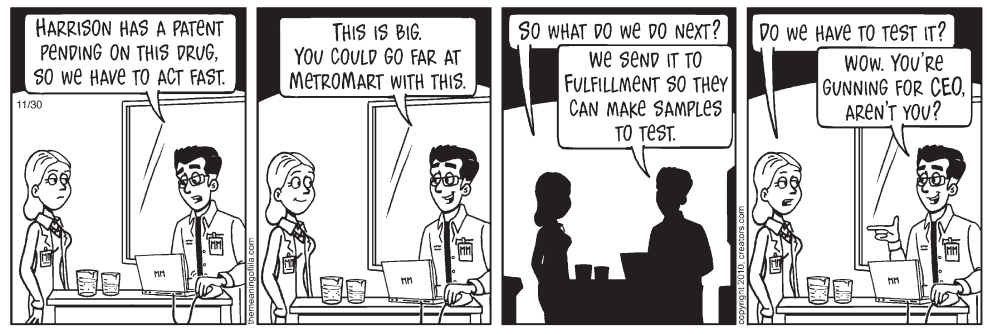
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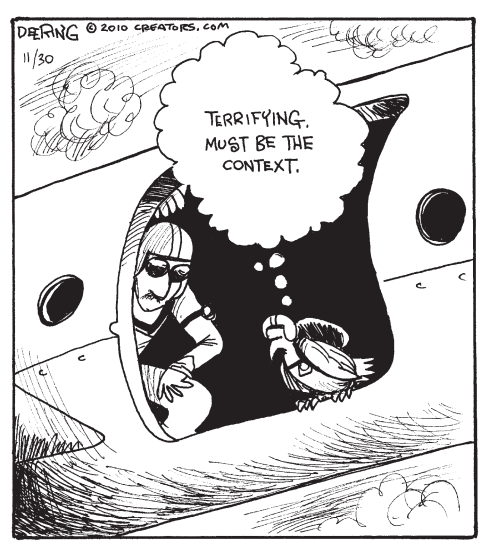
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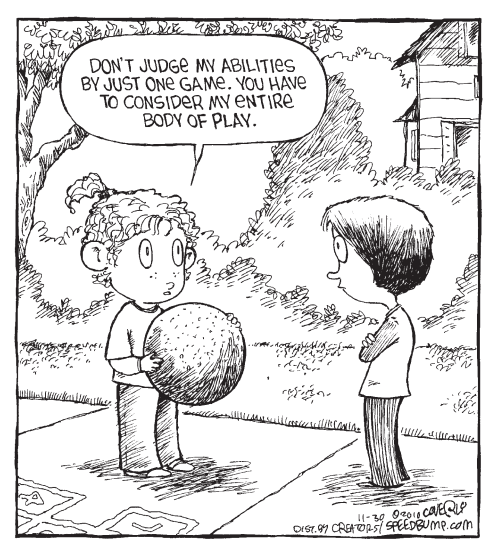
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Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★

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GETTING STARTED

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Thick-trunked tree
7 Pickling herb
11 Large lizard
12 Notion
13 Seeing only one person
15 Good quality
16 Word processor choice
18 TV warrior princess
21 Moon goddess
22 Gentle touch
24 List abbr.
25 Cargo unit
26 By way of
27 Sensitive
29 Squad
30 Notorious emperor
31 Ethanol source
32 Start
34 Starting to succeed
40 Writer Rice
41 Charm
42 Camera part
43 Raised platforms

2 In the past
3 French affirmative
4 Fruit salad ingredient
5 Insecure feeling
6 Deep voice
7 Calorie counter
8 Lupino of film
9 Was ahead
10 Put down
14 Dallas native
16 Thin mattress
17 Promptly, in a way
19 "Not in a million years!"
20 Korean or Thai
21 Permit
22 Playfully shy
23 Sleuth Spade
25 Skimpy swimwear
28 Witches
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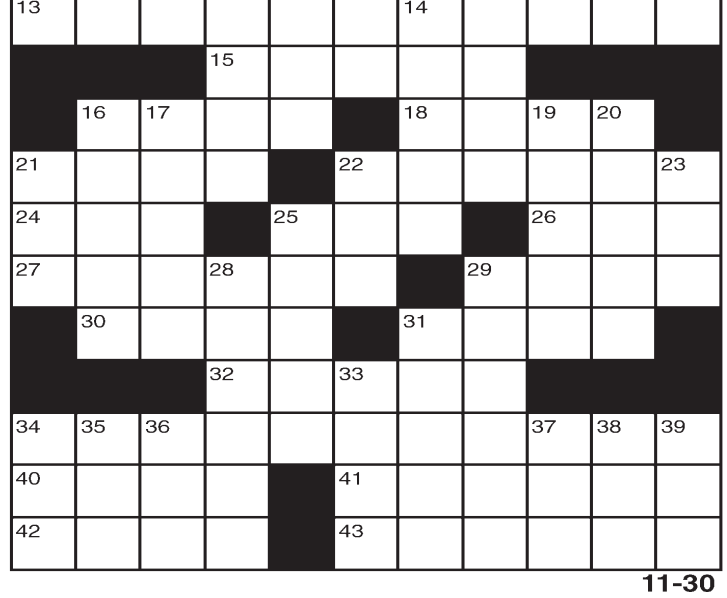
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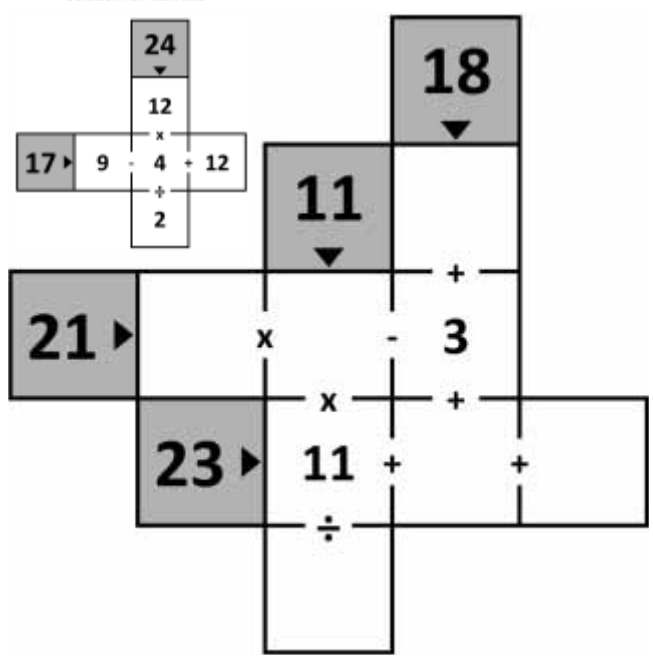
- Fill the grid with the set of given numbers (1 to 12) to satisfy the Equa demands (7 to 24) in the shaded boxes. The Equa demands represent the sum of the digits that you will insert into the empty squares.
- Each horizontal row has one Equa demand to satisfy; each vertical column also has one demand to satisfy. Each empty square in the grid dictates the math operation (addition +, subtraction -, multiplication X, and division ÷) that must be performed to meet the demands.
- You must follow the given math operations for each square and you must make sure all the numbers satisfy the demands in the shaded boxes when connected in adjacent threes and calculated together from left to right, and top to bottom.
- The numbers you insert into the grid must satisfy the Equa demands both horizontally and vertically.

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Fill in the empty fields with the given numbers so when calculated together they satisfy all Equas in the gray boxes:

2, 3, 5, 8, 8, 10

Solution for Task 219



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MEGA MILLIONS: 5 9 34 43 47
Meganumber: 8
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Meganumber: 5
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Fantasy 5: 1 12 17 20 32

DAILY 3: MIDDAY: 9 7 4
EVENING: 3 3 8

DAILY DERBY:
1st: 08 Gorgeous George
2nd: 03 Hot Shot
3rd: 11 Money Bags
RACE TIME: 1:40.45

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Fathers of the Year: (1) Real Father: In September, a judge in Kent County, Mich., finally ordered Howard Veal, 44, to prison to serve at least two years for failure to pay child support. He is more than $500,000 behind in payments to 14 mothers for the 23 children he has fathered. Authorities suspect there are even more. (2) Fake Father: French officials arrested a 54-year-old immigrant in September on suspicion of welfare fraud. They had recently begun to notice the man applying for government benefits for 55 children by 55 different mothers. (He may have fathered none at all.)

■ Swiss artist Gianni Motti has been displaying (through the end of November) a bar of soap at Zurich's Migros Museum of Contemporary Art, claiming it was made from fat that had been liposuctioned from Italy's Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi. Motti said a clinic employee had surreptitiously given him the fat following Berlusconi's treatment in 2004, but the clinic has denied any involvement.

■ David Rees draws the political cartoon "Get Your War On," but in his new day job, he is an artisan -- of pencil-sharpening. "With an electric pencil sharpener, a pencil is meat," he complained to the Los Angeles Times in August. For $15 (postage paid), Rees will lovingly, painstakingly sharpen a customer's favorite pencil or one of his own classic No. 2's and ship it in a secure tube to protect its newly super-sharp point. Rees also gives periodic exhibitions, wearing safety goggles and apron, to demonstrate his guarantee of "respect" for the instruments -- "an authentic interaction with your pencil."

TODAY IN HISTORY

1803 In New Orleans, Louisiana, Spanish representatives officially transfer the Louisiana Territory to a French representative. Just 20 days later, France transfers the same land to the United States as the Louisiana Purchase.

1824 First ground is broken at Allenburg for the building of the original Welland Canal.

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Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles
Petition of ROSANNA MARIA VALENTONE for Change of Name
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner or Attorney: ROSANNA MARIA VALENTONE filed a petition with this court for a decree of changing names as follows: ROSANNA MARIA VALENTONE to ALESSIA ROSE VALENTONE. The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted.
Notice of Hearing:
Date: JAN. 6, 2011 Time: 8:30AM, Dept. A., Room 104
The address of the court is 1725 Main St., Santa Monica, CA 90401.
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Santa Monica Daily Press.
Date: NOVEMBER 29, 2010
GERALD ROSENBERG
Judge Of The Superior Court
11/30/2010, 12/7/2010, 12/14/2010, 12/21/2010

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 20101454343 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 10/12/2010 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as HONEY DO. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: JAMIE TATE 3636 JASMINE AVE, UNIT 202 LOS ANGELES, CA, 90034. This Business is being conducted by: an Individual. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 10/12/2010. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 11/09/2010, 11/16/2010, 11/23/2010, 11/30/2010.

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