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THE DRIP DROP ISSUE

Millions allocated to approved RDA projects

Consent equals over 40 percent of the city's annual budget

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

Editor's note: This story is part of an ongoing series that tracks the city's expenditures appearing on upcoming Santa Monica City Council consent agendas. Consent agenda items are routinely passed by the City Council with little or no discussion from elected officials or the public. However, many of the items have been part of public discussion in the past.

CITY HALL $267,667,608.

The Santa Monica City Council is expected to approve an expenditure Tuesday night equal to 40 percent of the city's 2011-12 budget to cover a host of projects funded through the city's Redevelopment Agency.

The money is held in a designated account in the General Fund, established solely for funding redevelopment priority capital projects identified in August 2010.

That amount will cover a number of projects that promote safety and revitalization, like traffic signal synchronization, work to stabilize the Palisades Bluffs and the $11 million Pico Neighborhood Branch Library.

Affordable housing also takes a large chunk of the designated funds, totaling a $111,561,517 investment in low-income housing and the acquisition and rehabilitation of other housing throughout the city.

According to the staff report, the Redevelopment Agency prepaid some of the projects and a $38.7 million bond issued in May.

The massive expenditure, which has been approved in a variety of actions since August 2010, constitutes the vast majority of the $269,905,192 consent agenda, which

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STAYING DRY

Fabian Lewkowicz *FabianLewkowicz.com*

Santa Monica College students take cover after getting off the bus on Pico Boulevard on Monday. More rain is expected today.

Are daily deal sites working for Santa Monicans?

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE Check your inbox each morning and you'll probably see one, an e-mail promising you half off of a cosmetic service, a steal on a tropical vacation to Mexico or buy-in to a lottery of sought after sports tickets.

Daily deal websites are sprouting up on the Internet like mushrooms after a rainstorm, and, like some fungi, they can be as dangerous as they are appealing for the unwary business owner.

From a consumer point of view, the daily deal websites provide a cheap way to access things they already wanted or tempt them into a spur-of-the-moment purchase they might not otherwise have made.

Companies like Groupon.com or Livingsocial.com capitalize on that and rake in half of the money that people spend on the deals, depending on the terms of the contract made with businesses.

Businesses can benefit from the exposure to the massive number of clients these sites offer if they're savvy, but some find themselves in way over their heads, inundated with orders for products or services that they're putting out for only a quarter of the amount they'd normally receive.

It's a delicate balance that can be a windfall if business owners play their cards right, said Laurel Rosen, president of the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce.

Rosen helped craft a week of Groupon.com deals focused exclusively on five Santa Monica businesses including Willow Spa, Pacific Park, Fairmont Miramar Hotel & Bungalows and the Border Grill.

The chamber worked with each of the businesses to ensure that the promotions offered would benefit them by creating return customers or by encouraging those brought in by the deal to purchase other goods or services.

Willow Spa, for instance, promoted their baths, which don't fill up appointment books as quickly as massages, Rosen said.

"They sold over 600 baths that week, and many of those people said, 'Well, why don't I get a massage?'" Rosen said. "They have to see if they have an opportunity to market

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The Santa Monica High School Orchestra presents its annual Winter Concert. The orchestra will broadcast the music of Brahms, Schubert, Mendelssohn, and music for the holiday season. Tickets available at the door. Cost: $10 for adults, $5 for students and seniors. For more information, call (310) 739-3709 or e-mail steve.nemzer@yahoo.com

Art for art's sake
Pete and Susan Barrett Gallery
11th St. and Santa Monica Blvd., 10 a.m. — 8 p.m.
The 34th Holiday Student Art Sale, sponsored by Santa Monica College, offers up blown glass, jewelry, ceramics, printing and more, all crafted by the students of the SMC Art Department. Free parking available. Sale to continue through Wednesday, Dec. 14. Proceeds go towards the Art Department. For more information, call (310) 434-3434.

Femme fatale
Martin Luther King Jr. Auditorium
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 3 p.m. — 4:30 p.m.
A film in preparation for Citywide Reads 2012 featuring hard boiled author Raymond Chandler, the Main Library is showing Otto Preminger's classic film noir "Laura." Dana Andrews stars as a detective who falls under the spectral charms of the very woman whose murder he's investigating. Cost: free. For more information, call (310) 458-8600.

Wednesday, Dec. 14, 2011

Sweatin' to the Nutcracker
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 3:45 p.m. — 4:45 p.m.
This creative dance workshop for kids is designed around music from the ballet "The Nutcracker." Dance away to a holiday classic. Cost: free. For more information, call (310) 458-8600.

Take a picture
Roberts Art Gallery
601 Pico Blvd., 8:15 p.m. — 3:15 p.m.
Now open, take a shot at Santa Monica High School's first annual ROP Photography Exhibit, featuring work by students from the Samohi art program. Prints are available for sale. Exhibit open weekdays, through Dec. 30, or through Jan. 7 by appointment. Cost: free. For more information, call (310) 395-3204, ext. 71446 or e-mail abarnes@smmusd.org.

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Morgan Genser *news@smdp.com*

NICE SPOT: **Trey Thompson (right) and the Samohi Vikings are ranked No. 5 in CIF-SS Division 1AA.**

HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS ROUNDUP

Local teams make b-ball rankings

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

CITYWIDE A total of six Santa Monica-based basketball teams have been named to the first CIF-Southern Section polls, it was announced on Monday.

The boys' team from Santa Monica High School earned the highest ranking, with a No. 5 selection in a competitive Division 1AA.

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Skip the sweater, give an experience as a gift

BARBARA ORTUTAY
AP Technology Writer

NEW YORK Forget the material things — reindeer sweaters, clunky toys, stocking stuffers that end up as, well, stuff. How about a skydiving lesson, a spa pampering or a night at a cozy bed and breakfast?

This holiday season, a lasting memory is worth a thousand knickknacks.

With less money to spend in the weak economy, and with daily-deal sites like Groupon growing in popularity, more Americans are giving experiences instead of glitzy gifts. Think comfort and joy, not five golden rings.

Instead of sneakers or electronic gizmos, Denice Bailey and her husband are treating their two teenage boys to a Dallas Cowboys game, dinner at a steakhouse and a family night in a hotel.

Because it's sure to cost hundreds of dollars, the parents let the boys choose between the night on the town and store-bought gifts. Bailey was surprised by their decision.

"That said a lot to me, that they are wanting that memory, that experience," says Bailey, from Abilene, Texas. "That family time is for me as a mom the most precious gift I can have."

There's no reliable way to track how much shoppers are spending on experience gifts this year compared with last. Restaurants, spas and other businesses don't always know if people are buying their services as gifts or for themselves.

But shoppers are expected to spend $80 million to $100 million on deal sites over the holidays — as much as 10 times more than last year — according to an estimate for North America from Yipit, a site that collects daily deals from across the Web.

"Deal sites get a lot of credit for bringing new and unusual experiences to the attention of people who might not have thought about them," says Dan Hess, CEO of Dealradar.com, another site that aggregates deals.

Groupon, the biggest deal site, sold 650,000 of its "Grouponicus" deals — the name is an apparent play on the secular "Seinfeld" holiday of Festivus — in the four days after Thanksgiving, six times as many as last year. The company wouldn't give dollar amounts.

LivingSocial, the No. 2 deal site, sold more than 281,000 vouchers during the first three days of its "12 Days of Giving" promotion — about one and a half times what it sold last year. The number given as gifts has more than doubled.

For those ready to take the plunge, there are as many options for experience-giving as Santa has elves.

In New York, LivingSocial had a $100 deal for a wine-tasting and meatball-cooking class taught by the chef of Little Owl restaurant. It sold out in an hour. In Austin, Texas, Groupon offered a package of classes valued at $2,300 for $999. Included: a five-hour pyrotechnics workshop, a stunt driving course and hand-to-hand-combat training. In Toronto, it offered dog-sledding lessons for two for $74, half off.

While there's no way to tell how many of them were given as gifts, Sheri Bridges, a marketing professor at Wake Forest University, says experiences are the best gifts for the person who has everything.

"Something time-starved people don't have is quality time with people they love," she says.

Kevin O'Connor, 26, of Overland Park, Kan., found a spa massage on Groupon to give his girlfriend for Christmas. It normally goes for $132 but cost him $62. To add suspense, he plans to put the printed Groupon in a big box.

"She saw it on there but didn't want to buy it because it was some extra thing she didn't want to spend money on," he says.

Kristen Vannice bought her boyfriend flying lessons on a glider, a small plane that runs without power using air currents. For $99 from the Soaring Society of America, she got him a lesson, instruction materials and a few months' membership to a glider training group.

"He always talked about it kind of longingly, and I knew it was just the kind of thing he probably wouldn't get around to taking the initiative to do himself," says Vannice, 29, a doctoral student at Johns Hopkins School of Public Health in Baltimore. "We rarely pamper ourselves with nice or new experiences."

Still, as with any gift, givers of online daily deals have to proceed with caution.

They come with expiration dates, and if your brother keeps hectoring you about whether you've taken that hot air balloon ride, it can get awkward. Plus, you can always take a necktie back, but returning a day of zip-lining is tricky without a time machine.

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Government working

Editor:

I want to applaud the City Council for two things – orchestrating the Urban Forest Task Force and excellent responsiveness to residents.

After months of community input from hundreds of families, the task force unanimously decided to preserve the historic palm allee on 19th Street between Montana Avenue and Wilshire Boulevard. This hard-working group of volunteers, consultants and city staff balanced clear community preference and Santa Monica's heritage with our city's need for biomass.

Tonight the Urban Forest Master Plan will be presented for final City Council review and approval.

Last week, I e-mailed six City Council members about the Urban Forest Master Plan. An amazing five of the six responded personally within a few days! This remarkable responsiveness is an example of our city government at its best. Thanks to the City Council for selecting the Urban Forest Task Force and for your fine work on behalf of Santa Monica's diverse residents!

Taffy Patton
Santa Monica

Protect what you believe is right

Editor:

About 15 years ago, when he was the director of the Big Blue Bus, John Catoe allowed the Candy Cane bus to be discontinued; a time honored bus that many drivers, like myself, would take the time to buy and pass out candy canes to our passengers. It was replaced by the "Holiday Bus" that was OK. It just didn't have the look or feel of the holidays. This is what happens when you allow other people's views to undermine your beliefs because you are made to feel that if you oppose them that you are "uncaring," "racist" or worse.

Brian Gray
Venice, Calif.

Atheist another word for Scrooge

Editor:

I was shocked and appalled to come to Santa Monica Sunday only to find that the beautiful nativity scenes that are erected each year have been reduced to three small booths ("Santa Monica nativity scenes displaced by atheist messages," Dec. 10-11). Every year my family and friends make the trek into Santa Monica to see the nativity scenes and go shopping and have dinner. It is one of the few cities that understood that keeping Christ in Christmas was important to the community. Well apparently after 57 years that has changed.

And what has changed, you may ask. The city of Santa Monica allowed some spiteful guy in Van Nuys (not even a resident of Santa Monica) and his friends to make protest banners about negativity and declare war on someone else's belief. If you don't agree with the nativity scenes that's OK, but you don't need to go out of your way to stop someone in sharing and celebrating what they do believe at this time of year.

If Santa Monica doesn't value Christmas and what it stands for, then we who are celebrating Christ's birth, having Christmas trees and buying presents should take our business elsewhere. I'm sure The Grove and the valley would be happy to have all of our holiday business.

Christians always seem to get a bad rap but I say look at the behavior of others for a change. Are Christians protesting someone else's holiday? No. Do Christians get upset if they wish someone happy Chanukah? No.

Christmas is a time for people to show they care about others ... and during a time of jobs being hard to find and families struggling to make ends meet people need hope, not someone's bitter stand point on church and state.

So Santa Monica, are you going to represent the people who love supporting your community or should we invest somewhere else?

Not feeling so blessed this holiday.

Linda Shockley
Malibu



What's the Point?

David Pisarra — **Send comments to editor@smdp.com**



Photo by David Pisarra

STANDING UP FOR MEN: **The National Coalition For Men staged a protest outside of the Verizon store on Wilshire Boulevard Saturday to draw attention to a video produced by Verizon and the Domestic Violence Hotline that the coalition says discriminates against men.**

Dads demonstrate against Verizon

ABOUT A WEEK AGO I RECEIVED AN invitation to a protest. Seems like I'm getting more invites to protests than parties this year, what with the Occupy hordes trying to get more people involved in various events. I find it ironic that now in my mid-40s, a time when I'm supposed to be driving a Corvette and dating 20-year-olds, I'm being asked to participate in the types of events that I skipped in my 20s.

One of the invitations I received was from Marc Angelucci, vice president of the National Coalition For Men. He was organizing an action Saturday in front of the Verizon store located at the corner of Wilshire Boulevard and 16th Street. This was not some protest about the outrageous and deceitful sales tactics of a corporation — well, actually it kind of was. Verizon, in conjunction with the National Domestic Violence Hotline, produced an outrageous and deceitful video about domestic violence.

Domestic violence is a major hot topic. Emotions run exceedingly high, and people on all sides of the issue have very strong, deeply entrenched opinions about the causes, the treatments, and the ongoing damage it does to families, especially children.

I come from a family where there was a lot of domestic violence. As I like to say, the "Friday Night Fights" in our house were actually in our house. If the laws then were like they were today, I'm pretty certain I would have grown up in foster care, as more and more children do today.

So when the invite came from the National Coalition For Men to attend a protest "against Verizon's sexist, anti-father ads that depict all domestic violence as committed by men and fathers against women, and that says among children who witness it, the girls grow up to be victims while the boys grow up to be abusers," I had to attend.

What I found was a group of nine men, two boys and two women of mixed races and religions, who were holding signs that read "Stop Denying Domestic Violence Batters Men" and "Verizon Vilifies Fathers" and "Why Wont The Domestic Violence Industry Recognize Women Who Batter Men?" and "Honk 4 Dad's Rights" — which caused a ton of supportive honking, even by a Verizon FiOS van!

One of the protesters had a copy of the video on his iPhone and I was able to watch the ad. In it the stereotypes of an abusive father and victim mother and child were portrayed in an artsy, animated manner that would be very attractive to young, impressionable children's minds. I was appalled when I watched it because of its portrayal of the cycle of violence. Woman/girl as victim and man/boy as abuser.

The utter lack of balance, of an acknowledgment that women can be abusers also, saddened me because I grew up in a house where the woman was as much as an aggressor as the man. I know from personal experience that a woman is just as capable of domestic violence. I learned how to knife fight from my mom, not my dad. I learned how to shred a person's ego not in law school but from listening to my mom do it to my father. She would regularly call him a coward, then berate him when he got physical with her. It was a no-win situation. She would taunt and terrorize him and then fall back on her status as a woman as why he should not defend himself.

I regularly see the same thing today in my family law practice. Men who have been taunted and terrorized by their wives or girlfriends to the point of breaking, and when they eventually do, they are considered to be the abuser. If I say, "it is their own fault," most people agree with me, "a man should never hit a woman," but few are those who will stop and reconsider their logic, and realize that it is a form of "blaming the victim" when I say that. If a man has been pushed to the point of abuse, then he is the first victim in an abusive relationship. It's just that the abuse a woman perpetrates often leaves no visible marks.

Men are rarely considered to be victims in abusive households yet the Domestic Violence Protection Act considers "disturbing the peace" of the other occupant as a basis for a restraining order removing someone from their house with almost no notice. Which is how abusive women start with men, because men are likely to "just take it" or risk being called a coward by others, especially the police, who regularly ignore the pleas of men for help because they are not bleeding.

Most shelters wouldn't take men, which is why the coalition states in their press release they "had to sue the state of California for its widespread discrimination against male victims." The lawsuit resulted in an appellate decision holding that "domestic violence is a serious problem for both women and men," that excluding male victims "carries with it the baggage of sexual stereotypes," and that it is unconstitutional to exclude male victims of domestic violence from the statutory funding provisions or from state-funded services.

I applaud the coalition for their protest on Saturday and for forcing Verizon and the National Domestic Violence Hotline to remove a damaging video, and shedding light on a topic that too few people want to discuss honestly and openly.

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The Herman Cain mutiny

I MISS HERMAN CAIN. DON'T GET ME wrong. If even one of the sexual harassment allegations is true, I think it's deplorable and I wish he could still be prosecuted. Adultery certainly shouldn't be a requirement for the presidency, either. However, for sheer entertainment purposes, I miss the guy. In fact, I think there's a good chance of things being so dull that I may skip the 278th Republican debate, which I think is next week.

One of the most interesting aspects of Cain's decision is that political experts feel that his support will go to Newt Gingrich. The irony here is that Gingrich is known to be an adulterer and he's been married three times. I guess our political parties always have to have someone running for the presidential nomination who have — allegedly — been engaged in these activities.

WE ARE USED TO POLITICAL WIVES STANDING IN THE BACKGROUND AS THEIR HUSBANDS EITHER DENY OR ADMIT SEXUAL TRANSGRESSIONS. MRS. CAIN TOOK THIS WIFELY DEVOTION TO A NEW LEVEL.

We are used to political wives standing in the background as their husbands either deny or admit sexual transgressions. Mrs. Cain took this wifely devotion to a new level. While Cain announced the "suspension" of his campaign, she didn't just stand there. She acted like a cheerleader for her hubby. She nodded, she smiled, and she applauded. Maybe Cain has bewitched, bothered and bamboozled her. It shouldn't surprise us. Henry Kissinger once said, "Power is the ultimate aphrodisiac." And let's face it. What could be a more powerful and sexy position in the world than president of the National Restaurant Association?

Some people have a major problem with Cain's "poor memory." The way he responded to the first round of allegations was to say that it was unfair to expect him to remember everything from 18 years ago. If you or I had been charged with sexual harassment, we would remember that fact whether it was 18 days or 18 years ago. Does this mean that Cain was lying about this forgetfulness? I don't think so. I think he has a really bad memory. How can we expect him to remember something like sexual harassment when the guy can't even remember what Libya is?

The children of America are probably disappointed about his dropping out because they must have been looking forward to easy civics and history questions had Cain been elected. For example, they might have been asked on future tests:

• WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING PRESIDENTS MADE HIS FORTUNE IN THE PIZZA BUSINESS?

1. Herman Cain
2. George Washington
3. Both of the above

• WHAT WELL KNOWN PERSON IS FAMOUS FOR SAYING TO A FEMALE COLLEAGUE THAT SHE WAS THE SAME HEIGHT AS HIS WIFE?

1. Herman Cain
2. Mahatma Gandhi

Frankly, I was hoping that Cain was going to deny everything the way Clinton did. I was looking forward to him staring directly into the camera and saying, "I did not have inappropriate sexual behavior with all of those women who have accused me, and I definitely didn't do anything wrong with those women that nobody knows about yet."

We have to remember that American politics isn't just watched by Americans. It's watched by people all over the world. So in a situation like this, we often ask, "What does the rest of the world think of us? What does the rest of the world think of our candidates?" Well, rumor has it that when a noted German politician was asked if she thought Herman Cain would make a good president, she replied, "Nein, nein, nein."

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The Q Line

Purchasing power

The debate over the pace and scope of development in Santa Monica has often been contentious as neighborhood groups favoring slower growth squared off against planners and developers pushing for more height and density. The recent discussion about the Village Trailer Park and the City Council's decision to explore purchasing the park to save low-income housing is a perfect example.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
What do you think should happen to the Village Trailer Park? Should the council try to preserve it, or should the market dictate its future?

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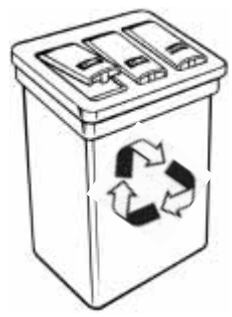
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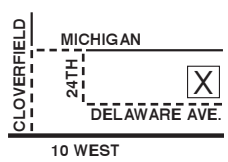


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Southeast L.A. school bands left without stolen tubas

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LOS ANGELES Student bands from high schools in southeast Los Angeles are marching tuba-less these days after their horns were stolen.

At South Gate High School, thieves pried open a door and stole $13,000 worth of tubas earlier this month, including an upright concert tuba and a silver sousaphone marching band tuba, said music teacher Ruben Gonzalez Jr.

"All they stole were tubas," he told the Los Angeles Times.

Earlier, thieves took eight sousaphones from Centennial High in Compton. Last week, someone stole the last tuba at Huntington Park High School. Another was stolen earlier in the year.

Fremont High School in Florence had 13 sousaphones a decade ago. Only one remained this year, and it was stolen in June. Jordan High School in Watts had its best tuba stolen last spring.

Band leaders believe the thefts may be rooted in the money tubas will bring on the black market. Music teachers say a high quality tuba can cost well over $5,000, but even an old, dented tuba can cost up to $2,000.

Fremont High School has lost a large number of brass instruments, not just tubas, and has tracked some of them, often visiting the homes of past or current students.

"Some of them have taken them to pawn shops," said band director Akiko Tanaka. "Some are using them in college, some are in bandas. It's a trend that students are working in bandas."

The targeted schools are in an area where banda music and Sierreno groups are popular.

The Jordan band only has a few members because there is nothing to play.

"We basically have no instruments at all," said new school band director Marty Riley. "All have disappeared. Some of them were brand new. We have the classes, but we don't have the instruments."

Gonzalez said South Gate High still has three tubas, but now there are more players than instruments.

To take part in a weekend marching band contest, Huntington Park High student Ramon Olivares borrowed a King tuba for the day.

"I got used to playing different tubas," he said. "I was playing one; they stole it. I switched to our second tuba. They stole it. Now I've got this one. I played it for the first time yesterday."

Thieves are breaking into some of the schools more than once. At South Gate, burglars took three tubas in September. One was an upright concert tuba given to the school last spring by the Manilow Music Project, run by Barry Manilow, Gonzales said. He estimates the five tubas stolen from the school this semester were worth $30,000.

No arrests have been made in any of the thefts, so police say it is unclear who is stealing the tubas.

No thefts have been reported in districts surrounding southeast Los Angeles..

Record executive dies after bizarre Hollywood shooting

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LOS ANGELES A music industry executive died Monday after being shot last week by a rampaging gunman in the heart of Hollywood, a hospital spokeswoman said.

John Atterberry, who has worked with the Spice Girls, Jessica Simpson and others, died at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, spokeswoman Simi Singer said.

The 40-year-old executive was shot in the face and upper body as he drove his Mercedes-Benz during Friday's random attack near Vine Street and Sunset Boulevard.

Atterberry was the only seriously injured victim of 26-year-old Tyler Brehm, who police say fired nearly 20 bullets in the air and at cars as he screamed that he wanted to die. He was killed by police minutes later.

Brehm's ex-girlfriend has said she and Brehm had recently broken up. But police say they're still looking for a motive for the attack.

Brehm walked down the middle of Sunset, firing on motorists with no clear target and injuring three of them before two police officers who just happened to be in the area — an off-duty motorcycle officer working movie set security and an LAPD detective — shot and killed him, authorities said.

In amateur video taken at the shooting scene, the gunman appeared to have short hair and wore jeans and a white tank top. He paced back and forth near the busy intersection with Vine, firing from what appeared to be a .40 caliber handgun, police said.

The officers ordered the suspect to stop and drop his weapon. He was shot when he pointed his weapon at the officers, police said.

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Report: Child abuse cases continue to drop

DAVID CRARY
AP National Writer

NEW YORK Fears that persisting economic woes would increase child abuse in the U.S. have proved unfounded, according to the latest federal data.

A comprehensive new report, to be formally unveiled Wednesday, shows overall abuse and neglect figures declining slightly between 2008 and 2010, and child fatalities dropping by 8.5 percent during that span.

"The recession hasn't had the draconian effect that some feared," said Richard Gelles, dean of the University of Pennsylvania's School of Social Policy and Practice and an expert on child welfare. "The doom and gloom predictions haven't come true."

The annual report from the Department of Health and Human Services said the estimated number of victimized children dropped from 716,000 in the 2008 fiscal year, when the recession began, to 695,000 in 2010. That's down from 825,000 in 2006.

The rate of abuse — factoring in cases where some children were abused more than once during the year — was 10 per 1,000 children, down from 10.3 in 2008, to reach the lowest level since the current tracking system began in 1990.

The number of fatalities from abuse and neglect has dropped markedly, from an estimated 1,720 in 2008 and 1,750 in 2009 to 1,560 last year. About 80 percent of those killed were 3 or younger.

Overall, 78 percent of victims suffered neglect, nearly 18 percent were physically abused and 9.2 percent were sexually abused. The report tallied 63,527 children who were sexually abused in 2010 — a drop from 65,964 in 2009 and down more than 55 percent from the peak of about 150,000 in 1992.

The report, formally known as the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System, is based on input from child protection agencies in every state. According to its data, about 80 percent of abuse perpetrators are parents, and 6 percent are other relatives of the victims.

Federal officials welcomed the new data, but added words of caution.

"We are heartened to see maltreatment on the decline, but even one child being a victim of abuse and neglect is too many," said George Sheldon, HHS acting assistant secretary for children and families. "The report reminds us of the continuing need for investment in prevention efforts and the importance of coordination between federal, state and local agencies."

Sociologist David Finkelhor, director of the University of New Hampshire's Crimes Against Children Research Center, said some of the new data might reflect methodological changes as well as lower levels of abuse. For example, the number of abuse-related child fatalities in California dropped in part because the state changed the parameters for how it tallied them.

Finkelhor also noted that a recent study led by Dr. Rachel Berger of Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh documented an increase in head-trauma injuries to infants during the recession.

Overall, however, Finkelhor said the federal report was evidence of a sustained decrease in the prevalence of serious child abuse.

"It shows that whatever processes are involved in the decline are fairly deeply rooted, so they aren't being reversed by the considerable adversity that families are experiencing," he said.

Among the likely factors, he suggested, are greater public awareness about child abuse, wider use of psychiatric medications by adults who might have abusive tendencies, and more knowledge among parents of good child-rearing practices.

"No one should take this as a sign of victory, but it is encouraging and suggests that the things we've been doing are helping, and we should be doing more of them," Finkelhor said.

Gelles, the University of Pennsylvania professor, noted that a range of social problems did not worsen during the recent recession, despite some fears to the contrary — the overall crime rate was down, for example, and welfare caseloads did not surge.

"Economic disadvantage in the U.S. may not be so bad that it has a one-to-one relationship with the abuse of children," Gelles said. "The life preservers still function."

Child sex abuse has been in the national spotlight because of the Penn State scandal, in which former assistant football coach Jerry Sandusky is charged with abusing 10 boys over more than a decade. Reacting to the scandal, a Senate subcommittee will hold a hearing Tuesday to examine the nation's child abuse laws. Among the proposals to be discussed is one by Sen. Bob Casey, D-Pa., seeking to ensure that states require all adults to report suspected child abuse, not just certain professionals such as doctors, teachers and social workers.

Such professionals accounted for 60 percent of abuse reports documented in the new federal survey.

Some child-welfare experts say it would be counterproductive to require all adults — most without any training — to report suspected child abuse because it could overload child protection agencies with dubious cases. Already, about four-fifths of the reports received by the agencies do not lead to findings of abuse, according to the federal report.

Richard Wexler of the National Coalition for Child Protection Reform, which seeks to reduce the number of children unnecessarily placed in foster care, said the new report suggests that child welfare agencies have become more sophisticated in distinguishing between children endangered by neglect and those who are simply disadvantaged by poverty.

"Notwithstanding the hype about what the recession would do, there has been no increase in physical abuse," Wexler wrote in a commentary. "And notwithstanding the post-Penn State paranoia suggesting there is a child molester under every bed, there was no increase in sexual abuse either."

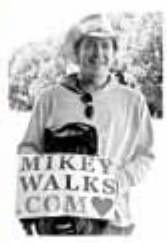
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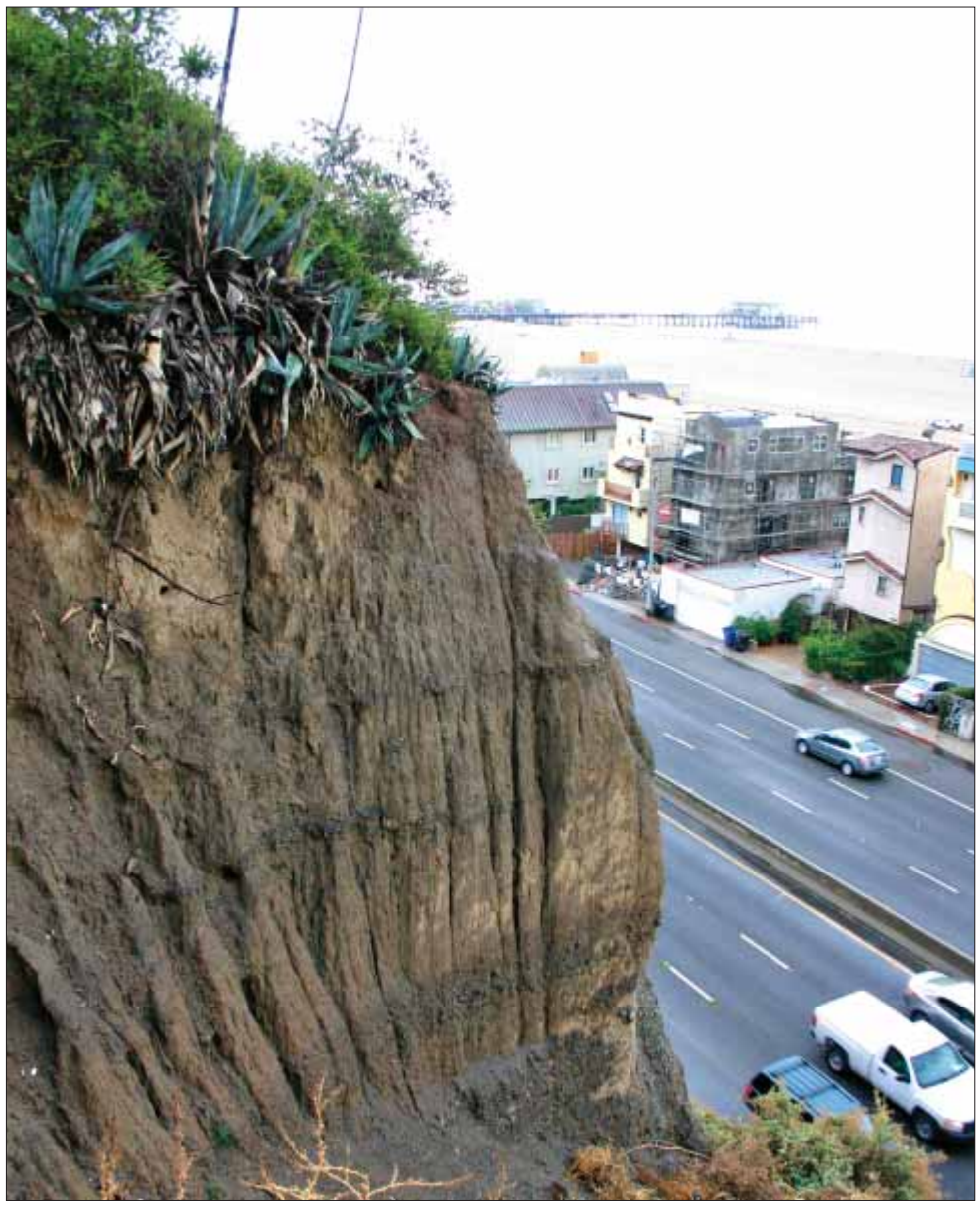
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SECURE: **Work to stabilize the Palisades Bluffs is included in City Hall's RDA spending package.**

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includes another $2,237,584 in new contracts and agreements.

GREEN MEANS GO

Approximately one-third of the remaining expenditures will go to making stoplights smarter than the drivers that use them.

The $730,000 contract will cover the purchase and installation of 36 new traffic signal poles, 500 feet of new conduit and replace 22 traffic signal controller cabinets at various locations in the city.

C.T.&F. Inc. won the contract at a price below City Hall's original $950,000 estimate. It beat out five other companies.

The upgrades to the system are part of a five-phase project that will allow city staff to control traffic signals from one location.

The new equipment will include a variety of advanced technologies to monitor traffic and ensure that it's flowing as smoothly as possible.

There are nearly 200 controlled intersections in Santa Monica, and many of those lights and other equipment were installed over 50 years ago, according to the staff report.

SMOOTH RIDE

Two sections of Santa Monica streets will get a $421,327 overhaul if the City Council approves a contract for structural upgrades Tuesday.

The contract with Sully-Miller Contracting Co. would involve replacing existing pavement; repairing damaged curbs, driveways and sidewalks; replacement or upgrade of curb ramps; and other work like restriping on Robson Avenue between 17th and Dewey streets and Marine Street between 16th and 17th streets.

The two streets qualify for funding through the federal Transportation Equity Act, and federal funds will completely cover the cost.

THERE'S AN APP FOR THAT

Santa Monica's capital improvement needs are numerous and complex, as evidenced by a $267 million transfer of redevelopment funds to pay for them.

To help manage that multiplicity of projects, City Hall will purchase a software package to organize and track the massive, multi-year capital projects and will create a centralized repository of project information and financial data.

That package, produced by PMWeb Hill will cost no more than $376,164 for the next five years. That amount includes a $259,164 initial cost and four years of support and maintenance ($115,000 total).

The upgrade will require approximately $47,000 for hardware improvements.

HOUSING THE HOMELESS

The City Council is expected to greenlight a $234,000 grant for a local homeless services provider to increase the amount of permanent supportive housing for chronically homeless individuals with mental illnesses.

The grant will go to Step Up On Second, a Santa Monica-based nonprofit agency experienced in developing, owning and operating special needs housing for mentally ill homeless.

Grant dollars will help with this by paying for a grant writer and housing assistant. It will also cover a portion of the staff cost

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ROUNDUP
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Crossroads and St. Monica both made the Division 4A poll, at No. 8 and No. 11 respectively.

The Pacifica Christian boys are ranked No. 10 in Division 5A.

In girls' hoops, Samohi opens the season ranked No. 14 in Division 1AA.

St. Monica's girls are slotted at No. 8.

CULVER CITY LOSES IN FINAL

Culver City's football team fell to host Arroyo Grande, 42-14, in the CIF-SS Western Division final on Friday.

Culver City qualified for the final after beating Samohi, 37-6, the week before.

The Centaurs' run to the final began with a surprising win over No. 1 seeded Serra in the first round.

SAMOHI BOYS' SOCCER IN TOP 10

Samohi's boys' soccer team is ranked No. 9 in the latest CIF-SS Division 4 rankings, it was released Monday.

The Vikings are 2-1-2 on the season.

Samohi hosts Long Beach Poly on campus today at 5 p.m.

The game will be played on the new synthetic turf field, which was dedicated this fall.

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for a housing development and acquisitions director, assistant controller and chief executive officer.

Those positions will seek grants for housing development, provide property management, and research, acquire and develop properties suitable to the task.

Step Up On Second was the only applicant for the grant, which is meant to enhance the capacity of local nonprofits in creating permanent supportive housing.

People identified in a database of vulnerable, chronically homeless individuals will be targeted for the housing, which will provide them medical care, case management, psychiatric care, vocational training and meal assistance.

PLAY BALL!

Multi-use tennis and basketball courts at Los Amigos Park will get a new lease on life if the City Council approves $200,420 to rehabilitate them.

The money would pay for new concrete slabs and repair drainage behind existing retaining walls.

TrueLine Construction Co. won the contract out of five bidders.

AIRPORT IMPROVEMENTS

A California-based company will likely get a contract to design capital improvements to the hotly-contested Santa Monica Airport.

Mead & Hunt won a contract to provide engineering design services for improvements to parking lots, access roads and aircraft tie-down areas, as well as pedestrian paths, slope improvements and sidewalks along Airport Avenue.

The contract is expected to cost $169,400.

THAT'S HIGH QUALITY H2O

In a continuing effort to clean Santa Monica's water supply after years of contamination by local companies, the City Council will hire an outside firm to complete a preliminary analysis that will lead to the construction of a new water treatment facility.

Staff recommends WorleyParsons for the $106,273 contract. WorleyParsons provided services to City Hall relating to the methyl tert-butyl ether contamination of the Arcadia and Charnock basins.

That report became the basis for the newly-opened treatment facilities for those sites.

By contrast, the Olympic wells were impacted by VOCs, or volatile organic compounds, and need a treatment facility for the removal of those compounds under the terms of a settlement brokered by the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Board.

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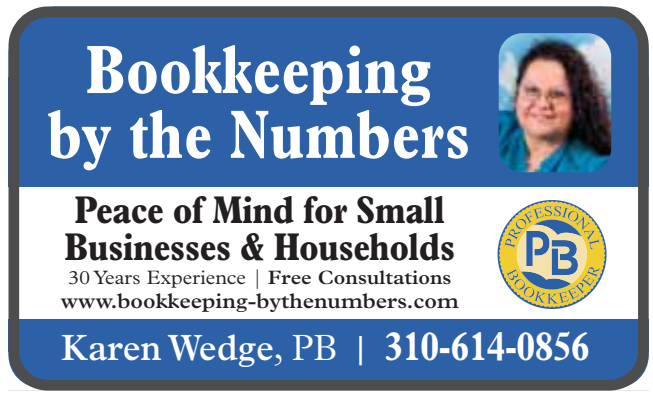
City Hall expects to earn $656,134 from the state and county governments for parking spaces at the Civic Center structure.

The contract would cover five years with five, one-year options to extend, meant to provide flexibility for proposed Civic Center construction projects.

The spaces would be made available at $8.15 per day, 85 cents less than the maximum rate. Reserved spaces would cost three times that, $24.45, and would only be charged on work days.

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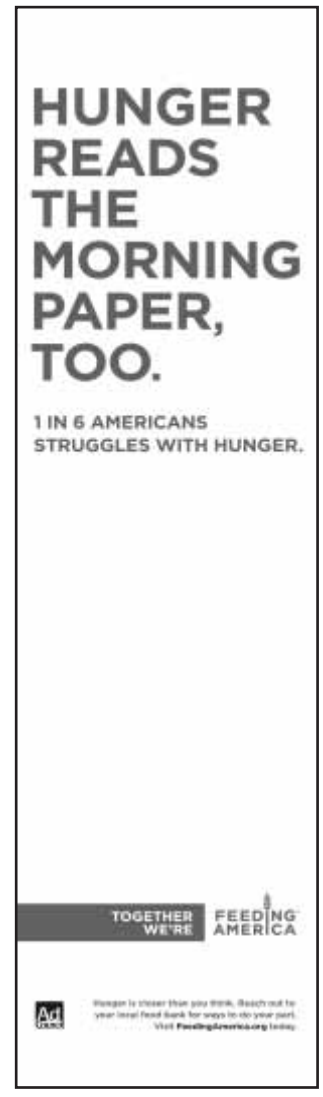






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Highs and Lows of the Criminal Justice System – Drug Offenses

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

THIS COLUMN WAS PREPARED BY JACOB GLUCKSMAN, A CRIMINAL DEFENSE ATTORNEY. HE CAN BE REACHED THROUGH THE LEGAL GRIND AT 310-452-8160 OR REFERRAL@LEGALGRIND.COM

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And the deals are basically coupons, which can carry a stigma. LivingSocial offers what it calls virtual gift wrap — the recipient gets his or her deal in a fancy envelope, and without seeing what the giver paid. Groupon recipients only see a description of the offer, and sometimes the regular price of the experience.

Then there are other gift faux pas to consider.

Aaron Cooper, whose job title is chief of gifting at Groupon, said givers should make sure to tailor their gifts to the person so it's something they can use. Not, say, skydiving lessons for 86-year-old Aunt Bertha.

Maire Griffin, a LivingSocial spokeswoman, agrees: "You're not going to give anyone Botox. If you are, you're not going to be their friend anymore."

DEALS

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something that creates an incentive to buy more."

Businesses can get into trouble when "their eyes are bigger than their stomachs," said Julie Mossler, a spokeswoman for Groupon.com.

Those that come in with the goal of attracting a maximum number of new customers may get overrun, which is good neither for their bottom lines nor their reputations.

"You should have already done your homework for your business and what you're capable of on a Friday night versus a Tuesday afternoon," Mossler said.

One of the attractions of Groupon.com is the merchant services team, a group of people that help business owners structure deals in a way that works both for them and ensures Groupon.com its cut.

The team and its array of capacity calculators and informational webinars can only produce a product as good as the information it's given, Mossler said.

Kimmi Worley of the organic skin care product and sunless tanning business Chocolate Sun successfully used a Groupon.com deal at her newest site in West Hollywood.

The Santa Monica business owner was able to control the flood of new customers because her salon is based on one-on-one appointments rather than walk-ins.

"We got lucky that way," Worley said. "It was just business as usual."

It was a "phenomenal experience," she said.

Groupon.com made history in early November when it became the first of the daily deal sites to go public, selling shares on the open market for the not-so-discount price of $20.

Those shares fell over 15 percent to $16.96 by Nov. 23, wiping out $6 billion in investor wealth, according to the Associated Press. Much of the drop was due to competition from similar sites and a fear that the fad will wane.

Although it was the first, Groupon.com is one of many companies that offer a similar service, with Internet retail giant Amazon.com muscling in on the action recently.

Smaller companies, like Santa Monica-based GoSteals.com, are playing with the now-familiar business model to make it more attractive to both client businesses and investors.

GoSteals.com, founded by Nick Barkett, launched on Sept. 15 at the VentureBeat conference.

GoSteals.com is a one-man show, and that man has a different approach to the deals — figure out a way to make money that doesn't require charging the client businesses half.

"My idea was to empower the business owners," Barkett said. "If eBay and Craigslist cost zero dollars, how does it make any sense at all for Groupon and the other 550 deal sites to charge a rep share?"

There are two ways to make money off of deals, Barkett theorized. The first is the rep share, or requiring the businesses to pay for placement on the website.

The second is called "up selling," and can take a variety of forms including a paywall, which gives member-customers access to deals before other people.

Exactly how that will work out is yet to be seen, Barkett said, because nothing will work until his site establishes a user base like that of Livingsocial or Groupon.

Barkett has one requirement.

"Whatever I charge for, I'm always going to keep the connection between the buyer and seller free," he said. "It will be free to post a deal and free to redeem a deal."

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Report: Home flipping drove housing bubble across U.S.

CRISTINA SILVA
Associated Press

LAS VEGAS A new federal report shows that speculative real estate investors played a larger role than originally thought in driving the housing bubble that led to record foreclosures and sent economies plummeting in Nevada, California, Arizona, Florida and other states.

Researchers with the Federal Reserve Bank of New York found that investors who used low-down-payment, subprime credit to purchase multiple residential properties helped inflate home prices and are largely to blame for the recession. The researchers said their findings focused on an "undocumented" dimension of the housing market crisis that had been previously overlooked as officials focused on how to contain the financial crisis, not what caused it.

More than a third of all U.S. home mortgages granted in 2006 went to people who already owned at least one house, according to the report. In Arizona, California, Florida and Nevada, where average home prices more than doubled from 2000 to 2006, investors made up nearly half of all mortgage-backed purchases during the housing bubble. Buyers owning three or more properties represented the fastest-growing segment of homeowners during that time.

"This may have allowed the bubble to inflate further, which caused millions of owner-occupants to pay more if they wanted to buy a home for their family," the researchers noted.

Investors defaulted in large numbers after home values began to drop in 2006. They accounted for more than 25 percent of seriously delinquent mortgage balances nationwide, and more than a third in Arizona, California, Florida, and Nevada from 2007 to 2009.

As a result, millions of homeowners saw their home values decline so that they were worth less than the original purchase price. Foreclosures skyrocketed as people couldn't or refused to pay their underwater mortgages. Residential construction also languished, putting hundreds of construction workers in the hardest-hit states out of work.

The report concludes that lenders and regulators must limit speculative borrowing to avoid future housing busts. For example, in China, government officials are now requiring higher down-payments and mortgage rates on investment homes, according to the report.

In Nevada, which has the nation's highest foreclosure rate, the housing market remains weak, with home prices continuing to fall in the Las Vegas area, where most of the state lives.

Home prices were down 7.3 percent in November compared to a year before, according to the Greater Las Vegas Association of Realtors. That means the median price dropped from $134,900 to $125,000 in one year. More than half of all home sales were purchased with cash.

Paul Bell, president of the real estate association, said amateur investors were behind the soaring home values seen during the first half of the last decade, but noted those buyers were simply taking advantage of how easy it was to buy homes at the time because of questionable lending practices and government pressure on banks to promote home ownership.

"There was blame to go around for everybody," Bell said.

The market has now shifted so that cash investors are helping Las Vegas recover by buying multiple vacant homes, fixing them up and selling them, Bell said.

"If we did not have the serious investors in the market ... we would have many neighborhoods in a very run-down condition," he said.



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SURF REPORT

Surf Conditions **Water Temp:** 61°

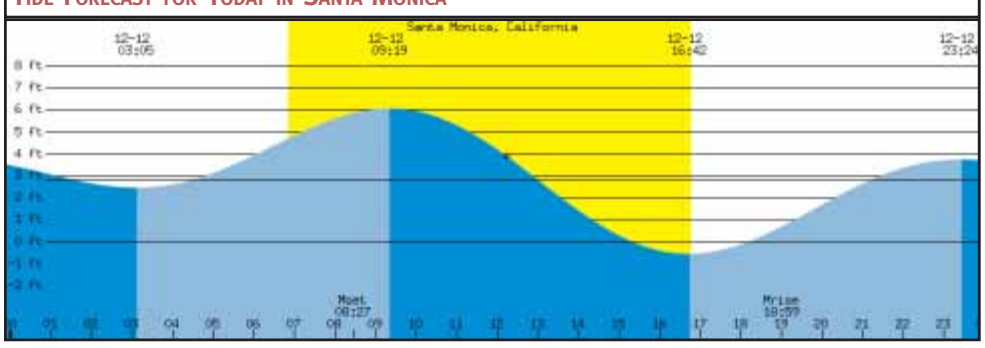
Swell Forecast

NW swell come ashore, hitting SB/VC early in the day, and finally SD mid to late morning. Size should run head high at most west facing breaks with pluses at standouts going about 2' overhead.

Long Range Synopsis

NW is expected to back off a bit, more along the lines of chest to at times head high for west facing breaks.

Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica



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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
- Number of wet days -- 10
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 27 / 13
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 0 / 0

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Heal the Bay reminds you not to swim or surf within 100 yards of any flowing storm drain or for 3 days after a rainstorm. After a rain, indicator bacteria counts at beaches throughout California usually far exceed health criteria in the state's Beach Closure and Health Warning Protocol.

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	B	F
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	B	B
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechasa and Las Alisos creeks.	ns	ns
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	A+
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A	A+
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	A+
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	C	C
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	F	F
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	C
Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach.	F	A+
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 fences.	B	A+
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	F	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	A+	D
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	A+
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	B
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A+	A+
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	A+	A+
Tuna Canyon.	ns	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	F	D
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	F
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	B	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	C
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A+	D
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A+	C
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	B	C
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	B
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A+	B
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	F	F
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	F	F
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A+	A+
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A	A
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.	D	A
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A+	A
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St.	A+	F
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower.	A	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	A	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	A+	A+
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	A+	A
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty).	A	C
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	A+	F
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant.	A+	D
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	A+	C

LEGEND

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

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NCAA BASKETBALL

Syracuse takes top spot in poll

JIM O'CONNELL
AP Basketball Writer

Jim Boeheim has been coaching for 35 years and one thing he has learned is that players are able to focus on basketball even when there is a whirlwind around them.

The Syracuse program has been in the headlines since former assistant coach Bernie Fine was alleged to have molested two former ball boys. Quietly, the Orange have found a way to the top of The Associated Press' Top 25.

"Young kids constantly have different things going in their lives, school, relationships, how they are playing, a million things go through their minds," Boeheim said Monday. "They have the ability to focus on things they have to do and they get it done. It's a great thing about kids, that older people tend to get caught up or get unfocused, get caught up more in outside influences and can't separate them. Kids aren't like that. They focus on what they control and go forward. It's a good thing about being young."

The Orange (10-0) jumped from third to No. 1 following losses this weekend by Kentucky and Ohio State. They received 51 first-place votes from the 65-member national media panel.

It's the fourth time they've topped the poll and the first time since a one-week appearance late in 2009-10. Syracuse was No. 1 in the 1987-88 preseason poll and for six weeks in 1989-90.

It's something that means a lot to a program.

"We're proud to be No. 1 in the country," Boeheim said. "It's an honor but obviously in today's world you could only be there until your next game if you're not careful. There's so much balance out there. I think it's still a big honor for our players to get to that spot and we have played well. We have to play better but that's OK because it's a great challenge and we're looking forward it."

The Orange's big win this season was over then-No. 10 Florida, but they have been impressive in the others, especially on the defensive end behind Boeheim's famous 2-3 zone.

"I think one thing is we have balance offensively and defensively," Boeheim said. "We have really good balance. I think that's important to have a great team. We have the balance individually and as a team and that's what's really good about this team and hopefully we'll get better but I'm sure all coaches think that right now."

Ohio State (8-1), which didn't have star center Jared Sullinger in the loss to Kansas, stayed second, while Kentucky (8-1) dropped from first to third following the buzzer-beating loss to Indiana.

The Hoosiers, one of four newcomers this week, moved in at 18th, their first appearance since 2007-08.

Ohio State, which hasn't had Sullinger for two games because of back spasms, received seven first-place votes, three more than Kentucky.

Louisville, which had two No. 1 votes, and North Carolina, which had one, switched places from last week at fourth and fifth.

Baylor, Duke, Xavier, Connecticut and Missouri rounded out the top 10.

Marquette was 11th followed by Kansas, Florida, Wisconsin, Pittsburgh, Georgetown, Mississippi State, Indiana, Illinois and Michigan.

The last of the ranked teams were Michigan State, Texas A&M, Alabama, Murray State and Creighton and Vanderbilt, who were tied for 25th.

Christian Watford's 3 at the buzzer moved Indiana (9-0) into the poll for the first time since Tom Crean took over as coach following Kelvin Sampson's dismissal after the 2007-08 season.

The other newcomers this week were No. 21 Michigan State (8-2), No. 24 Murray State (10-0) and No. 25 Vanderbilt.

Michigan State is in for the first time this season. The Spartans have won eight straight — including a win over Gonzaga last week — since opening the season with losses to North Carolina and Duke.

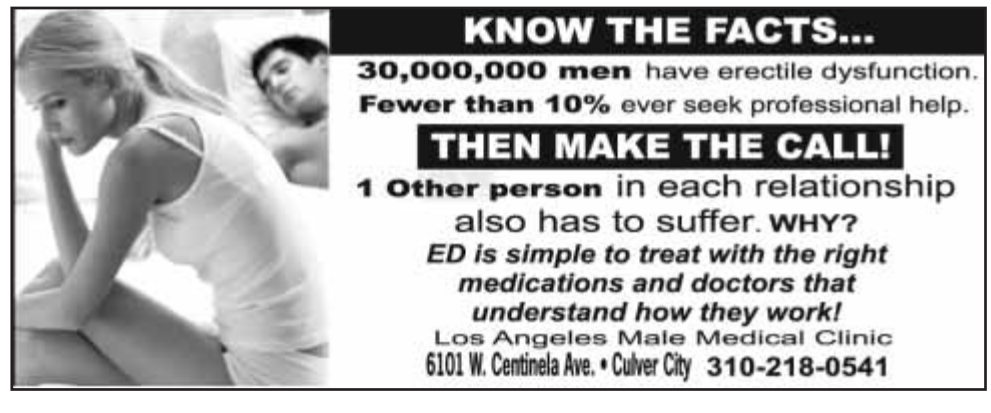
Murray State joined the rankings for the first time since the final poll of 1997-98. The Racers beat Memphis on the road last week.

Vanderbilt is back in the rankings after one week out. The Commodores, who were No. 7 in the preseason poll, welcomed back center Festus Ezeli, who missed the first six games of the season after being suspended by the university for accepting meals and a hotel room from a booster and two more because of a right knee injury, in a win over Davidson last week.

Memphis (5-3) was 11th in the preseason poll and reached as high as eighth. But the Tigers, who lost to Michigan and Georgetown in the EA Sports Maui Invitational, dropped out from 21st following the home loss to Murray State.

Gonzaga (5-2) lost to Michigan State this week and fell out from 23rd.

Harvard (9-1) moved into the rankings for the first time in school history last week but the Crimson dropped out after a 67-53 loss at Connecticut.





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Sitter (R) 1hr 40min
1:10pm, 3:20pm, 5:30pm, 8:00pm, 10:10pm

Jack and Jill (PG) 1hr 31min
1:30pm, 4:05pm, 7:00pm, 9:40pm

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

Very Harold & Kumar 3D Christmas (R) 1hr 29min
1:45pm, 4:25pm, 7:10pm, 9:50pm

AMC 7 Santa Monica
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Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn - Part 1 (PG-13) 1hr 48min
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New Year's Eve (PG-13) 1hr 57min
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Muppets (PG) 1hr 38min
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Puss in Boots (PG) 1hr 30min
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Puss in Boots 3D (PG) 1hr 30min
1:50pm, 7:00pm

Immortals 3D (R) 1hr 50min
11:10am, 1:45pm, 4:20pm, 7:05pm, 10:00pm

J. Edgar (R) 2hrs 17min
11:45am, 3:10pm, 6:30pm, 9:50pm

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Like Crazy (PG-13) 1hr 29min
1:00pm, 5:20pm

Knuckle (R) 1hr 25min
4:50pm, 9:55pm

Margin Call (R) 1hr 49min
1:50pm

Crazy Wisdom: The Life and Times of Chogyam Trungpa, Rinpoche (NR) 1hr 29min
3:10pm, 7:40pm

Descendants (R) 1hr 55min
1:00pm, 4:10pm, 7:00pm, 9:45pm

Melancholia (R) 2hrs 10min
1:00pm, 4:00pm, 7:10pm, 10:10pm

Don Giovanni Live from Teatro alla Scala, Milan, Italy (NR)
7:30pm

AMC Criterion 6
1313 Third St.
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Happy Feet Two in 3D (PG) 1hr 45min
2:00pm, 7:15pm

Arthur Christmas 3D (PG) 1hr 37min
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Sitter (R) 1hr 40min
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All smiles tonight, Leo

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ A personal matter could weigh on you. During the afternoon, you feel as if a veil has been lifted and your creativity flourishes once more. Kick back and enjoy yourself, even if you are at work. That touch of fun is always a plus. Tonight: You express your creativity in a new way.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ You could be tired in the morning and dragging in the afternoon. If you can, take a catnap. Your energy will soar. Insights or a dream could give you greater clarity about a situation. Use care with finances. Tonight: Head home.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Handle finances in the morning, which also might include going shopping. If you are fortunate enough to use the a.m. for holiday purchases, you could be most effective. A problem quickly eliminates itself. Tonight: Catch up on a friend's news.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Let your creativity flourish. Accept what is no longer workable, and let go. Someone could be negative without the ability or the intention of lightening up. Schedule some time for errands and other key activities in the afternoon. Tonight: Treat yourself well, too.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ You might feel a little sluggish when you start the day, but by the afternoon, your tune changes. Your ability to move forward and get to the bottom of a problem is enhanced. Think twice about what is going on around you. Tonight: All smiles.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You have a tendency to read between the lines with others. Sometimes your assumptions could be off. Listen more and judge less. Understand that what a person says might be 100 percent real for him or her, and he or she doesn't see beyond it. Tonight: Do something nurturing just for you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ You see past the obvious and want more from the people you work or hang with. However, they might not have the same vision and cannot identify with what you see. Walk in their shoes and help them walk in yours. Tonight: Follow the fun.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Remain in touch with your feelings. Sometimes it is difficult to not trigger or detach. In the morning, do whatever you need to do in order to get the appropriate distance. In the afternoon, others seem far more responsive. Tonight: Touch base with an older friend.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ Your energy is high. You're able to accomplish a lot on a one-on-one level. Check out a new idea, and you'll get past a problem with ease. You could be taken aback by the dynamics of another way of thinking. Suddenly new paths open up. Tonight: Put on a great piece of music.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ Don't fight the current trend. Others seem to dominate and cannot back off. Your ability to understand where another person is coming from could help. Tonight: Opt for togetherness.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Stick with your to-do list until you can't anymore, or you choose not to. Open up to an associate or friend who has much to offer. You don't need to be in sync with every idea. Tonight: Lots of choices.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ You have many ways of looking at a situation. You might not be comfortable with the status quo. Stop -- you have the imagination and savoir-faire to end a problem and expand from that point. If you are single, a small flirtation starts up out of nowhere. Tonight: Beam in what you want.

Happy birthday

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

You could be torn between adventure and the status quo this year. If you are attached, a relationship could consume a lot of your energy. Invite your sweetie to join you on some adventures. Both of you will smile more. If you are single, the people you attract could vary a great deal. Find out with whom you are more comfortable. You'll gain financially through others. You could hit the lottery or win at the right bingo game. Communication could be challenging at times. Confirm as much as you can. LEO paves the way to adventure.

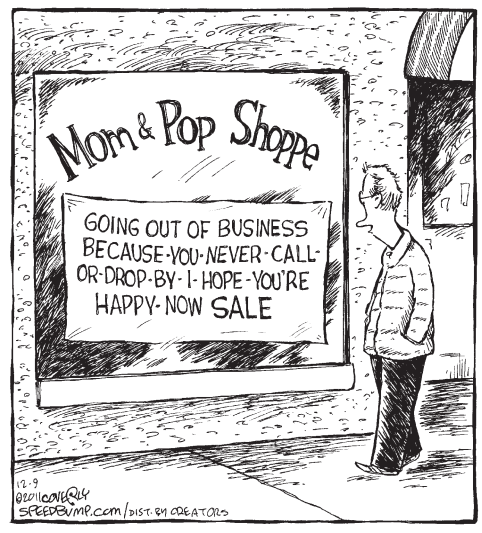


MYSTERY REVEALED!

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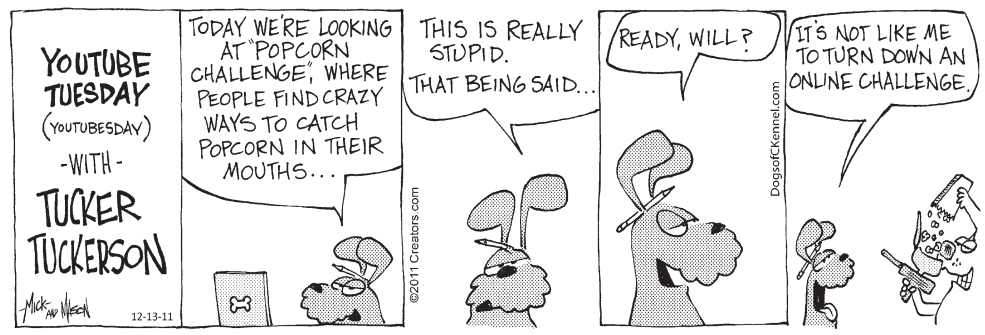
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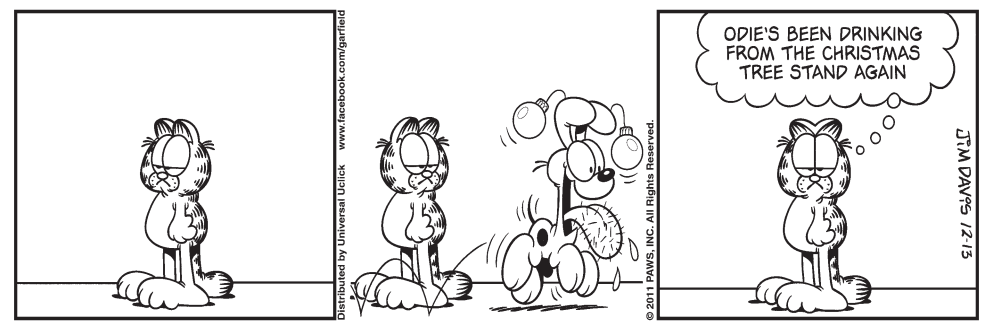
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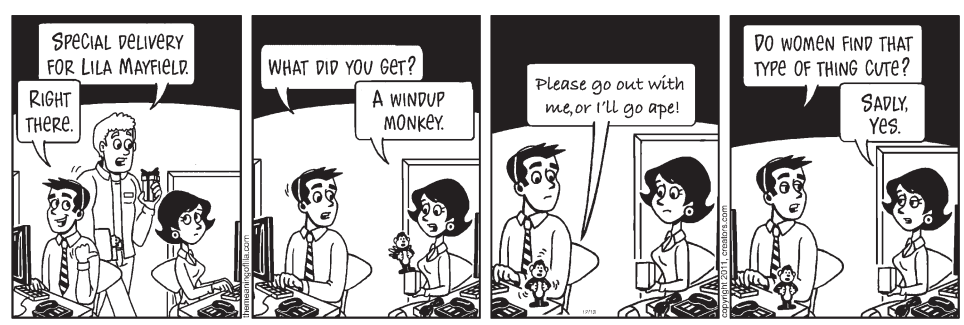
Dogs of C-Kennel
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Garfield
By Jim Davis



The Meaning of Lila
By John Forgetta & L.A. Rose



Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★

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GETTING STARTED

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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ACROSS

1 More sage
6 Swiss city
11 Sufficient
12 Pound part
13 Be disgorged
15 Signer's need
16 Top card
17 Engine part
18 Rained in December
20 Keats poem
21 "You bet!"
22 Stuck-up person
23 Studied for a heist
26 Yonder
27 Like the desert
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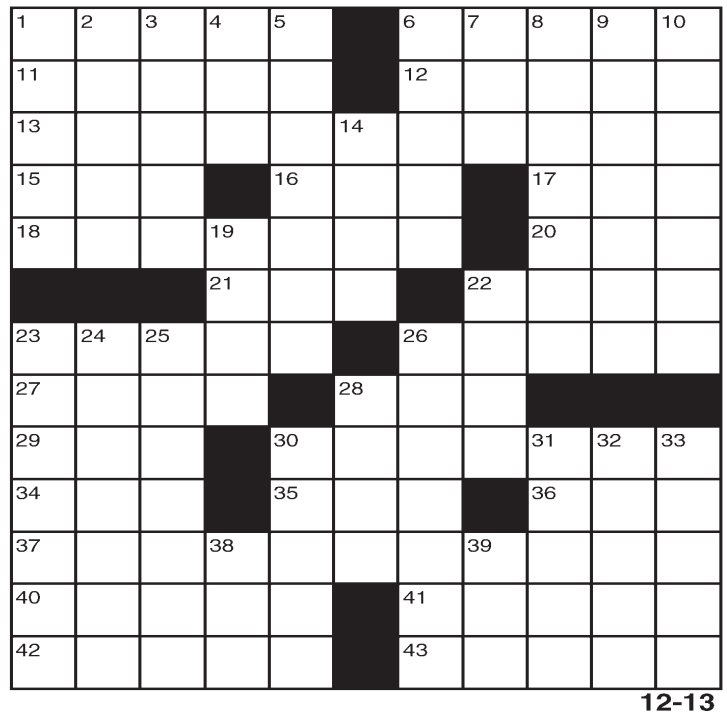
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1 Stinging insects
2 Drive
3 Backbone
4 Building wing
5 Akin
6 Prepared a fish
7 Summer mo.
8 Frozen treat
9 Quito's nation
10 "Go away!"
14 Frozen treats
19 Looked over
22 Storage spot
23 Venezuela's capital
24 Weaver of myth
25 Using a chair
26 Lease signers
28 Famed surrealist
30 Farm machine
31 Make amends
32 Measure
33 Come in
38 Tall tale
39 Martini base

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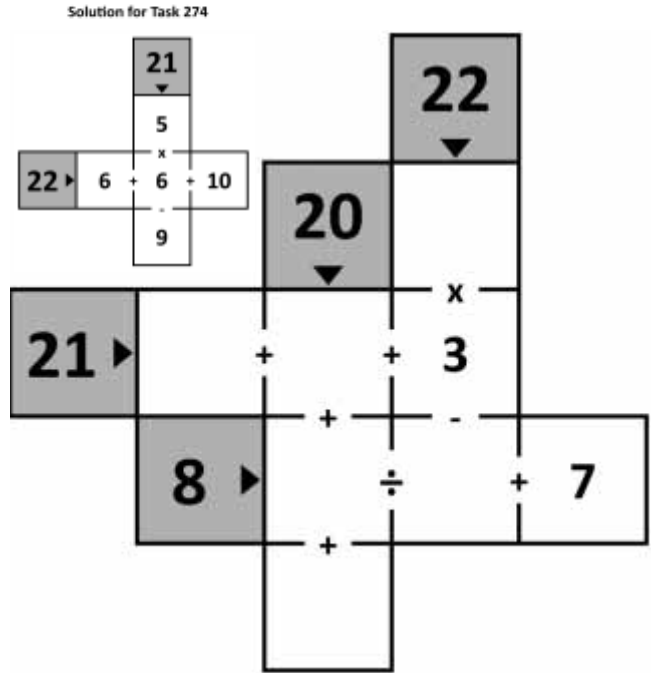
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ At an October ceremony in the Satara district in India's Maharashtra state, 285 girls were allowed to change their names, as each of them had originally been named the Hindi word "Nakusa," which translates to "unwanted" (expressing their parents' disappointment at not having had a son). In Satara, only 881 girls are born for every 1,000 boys, reportedly the result of abortion, given the expense of raising a girl (whose family is expected to pay for any wedding and give a dowry to the groom's family).

■ Swedish Judges Get Tough: (1) A court dismissed charges against two 20-year-old men in October, accused of having bared a passed-out, 18-year-old woman's breasts at a party and taken photographs. Since the woman was not "aware" that she was being molested, the act was not a crime, ruled the Stockholm District Court. (2) Also in October, the Falun District Court in central Sweden convicted 23 women of possession of "large quantities" of child pornography, but gave them suspended sentences, merely fining them in amounts as low as the equivalent of $375. Their male "ringleader" was sentenced to one year in prison.

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1974 Malta becomes a republic within the Commonwealth of Nations

1977 A DC-3 aircraft chartered from the Indianapolis-based National Jet crashes near Evansville Regional Airport, killing 29, including the University of Evansville basketball team, support staff and boosters of the team.

1979 The Canadian Government of Prime Minister Joe Clark is defeated in the House of Commons, prompting the 1980 Canadian election.

1988 Palestinian Leader Yasser Arafat gives a speech at the United Nations General Assembly in the Swiss city of Geneva after the United States authorities refused to give him a visa to enter New York.

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is (are) doing business as FIVE SPARROWS DESIGN STUDIO. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: Whitney Lauren Pennington 2102 Century Park Lane #216 Los Angeles, CA 90067. This Business is being conducted by: . The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)10/11/2011. /s/: Whitney Lauren Pennington. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 11/22/2011. 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 11/29/2011, 12/06/2011, 12/13/2011, 12/20/2011.

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Petition of TERRANCE JONATHON LEWIS for Change of Name
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
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