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THE SO LONG SANTA MONICA ISSUE

## School year to be cut by 5 days

**BY NICK TABOREK**
Daily Press Staff Writer

SMMUSD HDQTRS California's budget crisis means summer break will likely be coming early for students in the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District.

The school district has reached tentative labor agreements with its teachers and other employees that include five furlough days this year and next year. If given final approval, the school year would be shortened by five days. The furloughs will save SMMUSD about $2 million per year, cutting into its $14 million projected deficit.

The proposed agreements still need to be ratified by the unions that represent district teachers and employees.

"We're most appreciative of everybody stepping up and really offsetting a portion of this deficit," Superintendent Tim Cuneo said, though he noted layoffs and program cuts will still be required to close the district's budget gap.

"The board understands that reaching a tentative agreement with our employees that reduces their salaries through furloughs is a major sacrifice," School board President Barry Snell said in a press release. "Our employees have shown that they understand our district's dilemma and this tentative agreement is an example of their willingness to do their part."

Under the proposed deal the district will continue to pay 100 percent of health care costs for district employees and their families.

Administrators, including the district's top personnel, also are taking pay cuts.

Cuneo said he will be giving up about $11,000 each year by foregoing the equivalent of six days' pay and about $5,000 in other benefits. He also said last year he didn't seek the 10 percent bonus he's entitled to and won't ask for it this year or next year. The reduction to his $220,000 salary, he said, doesn't mean he'll be working fewer days.

Other top managers also are giving up six days' pay this year and next year.

Mike Matthews, assistant superintendent for human resources, said the salary reductions are equivalent to nearly 3 percent pay cuts across the board.

Also included in the tentative labor agree-

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ALL NIGHT LONG: **The City Council is expected tonight to allow people to park overnight in South Beach Lots 4 and 5 as part of the Los Angeles Marathon festivities. Those looking to park there can do so for one night for $17. The marathon is scheduled for March 21.**

## City Hall to pay for integrating Expo

**BY NICK TABOREK**
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 It's expected to be five years before Expo light rail cars are traveling down Colorado Avenue as part of system linking Santa Monica to downtown Los Angeles.

But City Hall is already starting on plans to reorganize the street around the future rail line.

Tonight, the City Council will be asked to approve $368,000 for preliminary plans to integrate the light rail project into the existing infrastructure.

The funding would pay for a consultant, Cityworks Design, to create a design for Colorado Avenue that is in-line with City Hall's vision of an attractive and user-friendly streetscape.

Under the contract Cityworks Design would be charged with deciding where to put parking lots, how to best accommodate pedestrians and the disabled once the rail line is built, and how to relocate utilities equipment that is displaced by the rail.

City Hall received 22 bids for the contract and interviewed seven firms before deciding to recommend Cityworks for the job.

The proposed contract is part of a nearly $600,000 spending package the council is expected to approve tonight.

The council is also being asked to sign off on a plan to demolish the building located at 1324 5th St. that once served as the interim library but has been vacant since 2005.

The building is in "an extreme state of deterioration and has a toxic interior environment consisting of asbestos, lead, mercury and dangerous levels of molds and fungus," according to a city staff report.

The toxins must be abated before the building contents may be removed and the structure can be demolished, the report said.

City staff recommends awarding the $231,000 contract to knock down the structure and resurface the 7,500 square-foot area as a parking lot to AMPCO Contracting.

The council is also expected to approve a parking arrangement Tuesday night aimed at better accommodating the 25,000 runners who are expected to participate in the Los Angeles Marathon this year. The race, to be held March 21, has been re-routed to conclude at the Santa Monica Pier for the first time.

The proposed resolution on Tuesday's agenda would allow 5,000 cars to park overnight on March 20 in South Beach Lots 4 and 5. The estimated cost of keeping the lots open overnight is expected to be offset by charging $17 for the privilege to park there, a City Hall report said.

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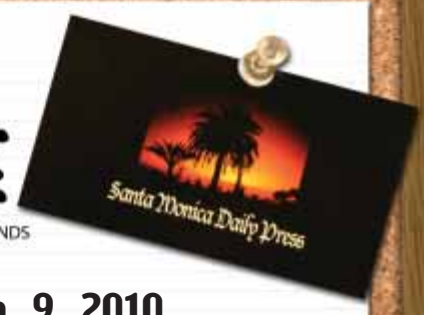
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# WHAT'S UP WESTSIDE

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA AND SURROUNDS




## Tuesday, Feb. 9, 2010

### Exploring the line
Santa Monica Museum of Art
2525 Michigan Ave., 11 a.m. — 6 p.m.
Working in film, video and installation, Diana Thater has been an innovator in her medium for 20 years and is best known for creating complex visual and spatial environments. The exhibit, "Between Science and magic," is a simple and beautiful interpretation of movie magic — a century-old expression that still conjures the mythology of Hollywood filmmaking. Thater's project is conceived as a brief history of cinema.

### Write away
Fairview Branch Library
2101 Ocean Park Blvd., 12 p.m. — 3 p.m.
Published and closet writers are welcome to seek inspiration, guidance and support at this weekly writer's group. Call (310) 899-0361 for more information.

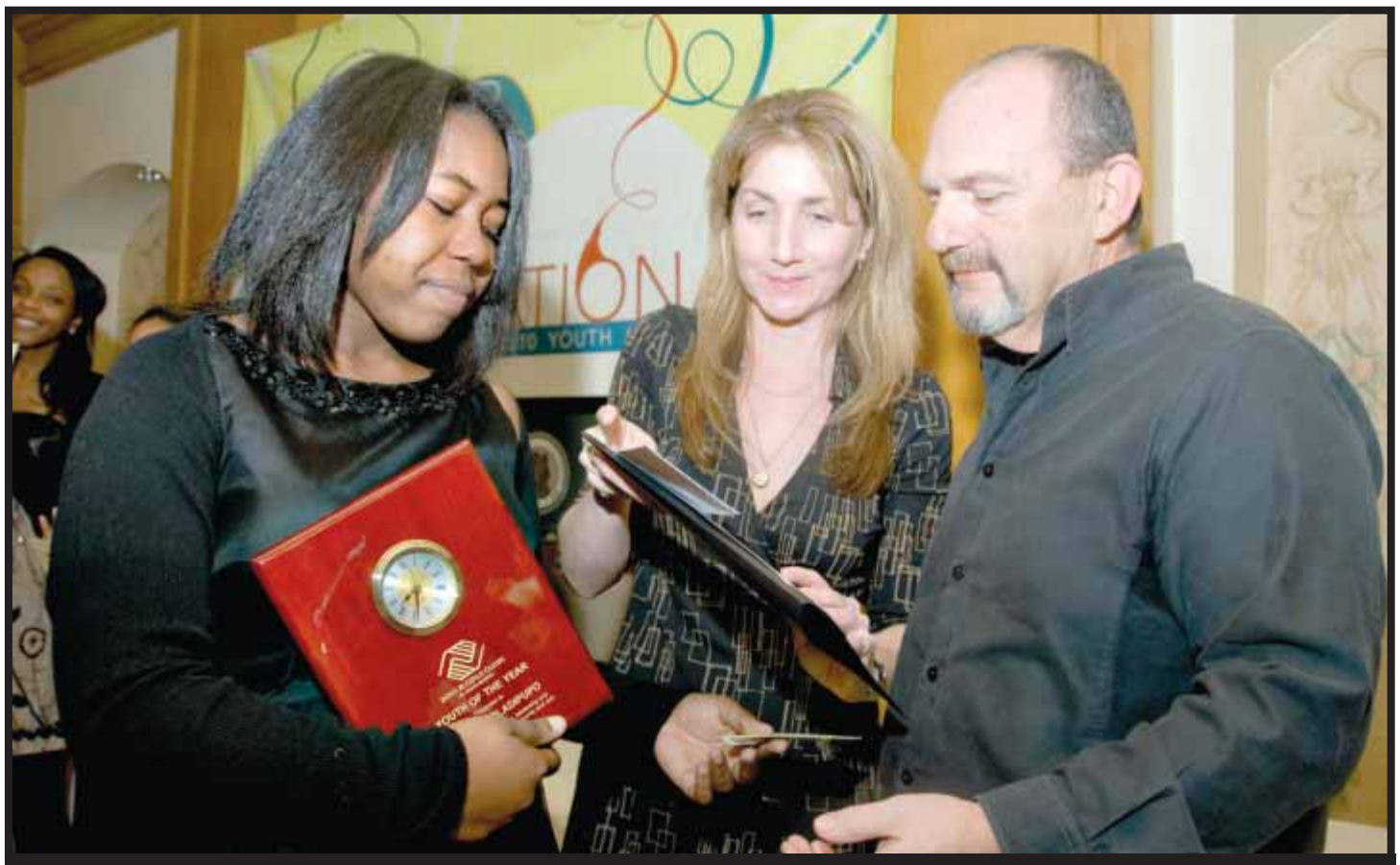
### Health eating for seniors
Santa Monica Senior Center
1450 Ocean Ave., 11 a.m. — 12 p.m.
This cooking class workshop series focuses on recipes for the healthy, hip Santa Monica senior, featuring Joya Parenteau, registered dietitian and chef. The classes are offered at the Senior Center on a monthly basis. For more information call Jaime Fiallos at (310) 458-8644. The series is free for those at least 50 years old or older.

## Wednesday, Feb. 10, 2010

### Carnival in Venice
Flying Saucers Caffeine and Art Gallery
306 Pico Blvd., 9 a.m. — 5 p.m.
During the month of February, Flying Saucers Art Gallery will host artist Jon Beau Lee in the presentation of his art, a book signing and a party all in the theme of the Venetian Carnevale. Jon Beau Lee will give a free lecture and gallery walk, followed by a book signing of his superb "Carnival in Venice Italy, The Grandest Masquerade of All" on Friday, Feb. 12, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. The community is invited to join in celebrating Carnival 2010 with a reception for the artist and a costume party on Saturday, Feb.13, from 8 p.m. to midnight. The wearing of a costume and mask is encouraged, but not required. The party is free, open to the public and will make a memorable way to enter into Valentine's Day. For more information contact Ryan Morris, (310) 868-8361.

### Slam it down
Santa Monica High School Humanities Center Theater
601 Pico Blvd., 7 p.m.
California poet laureate Carol Muske-Dukes and the award-winning teen poetry troupe, the GetLit! Players, will kick off the first annual Poetry Slam sponsored by the Santa Monica-Malibu Education Foundation. The event, which will present performances of spoken word and classical poetry, also features the artistry of high school student poets from the SMMUSD schools as well as surprise guest artists. For more information, contact (310) 395-3204.

For more information on any of the events listed, log on to smdp.com and click the "Events" tab for the given day's calendar.



## RECOGNIZING A GREAT KID

Fabian Lewkowicz *FabianLewkowicz.com*

**Santa Monica Kiwanis President Dave Rosenberg and Microsoft's Shari Weise present Mide Oladipupo, 17, with the 'Youth of The Year' award during the Boys & Girls Clubs of Santa Monica 42nd annual awards banquet on Saturday, Feb. 6. Youth of the Year is a national Boys & Girls Club program and is the highest honor a club member can receive. Winners embody service, leadership and character and have achieved personal and academic success despite great challenges.**

# Locals pray for Bahai leaders jailed in Iran

**BY MIRIAM FINDER**
Special to the Daily Press

COLORADO AVE Although football is the focus for many people on Superbowl Sunday, Santa Monica Bahais had something else on their minds.

On the same day that seven Bahai leaders in Iran underwent a second court appearance on security threat charges, members of the Santa Monica Bahai Center gathered to pray for these troubled followers, who were arrested nearly two years ago.

The members, who were joined by followers across the country, expressed deep concern for their fellow Bahais in Iran. The first court session, held in January, was punctuated with overt violations of legal due process, those at the center said. Although hoping for better, family members were kept out of the second session, making it difficult to get the full story of the court's events.

The leaders were arrested in 2008 for security reasons Bahai Center Assembly member Sheila Banani called "ridiculous," most significantly espionage and acting together with Israel. If convicted, they could be sentenced to death, according to news reports.

The Bahai prophet Baha'u'llah's exile from Iran eventually took him to Israel, where he lived as a prisoner until his death in 1892. Because of this history, Bahais consider the cities of Akka and Haifa, Israel as their religious and administrative center, and therefore have good relations with the country.

"Bahais are not doing anything of a violent nature or of a treasonous nature," Banani said. "If they think going to Israel on pilgrimage is evidence of a spy network, than what can you do."

The seven, who were held for a year before receiving any formal charges and access to lawyers, have denied the charges against them. They are the democratically elected leaders responsible for the needs of the Bahai people in Iran, Banani said.

Amnesty International, which considers the seven to be prisoners of conscience, has called on Iranian authorities to release them unconditionally. The human-rights group believes the seven are being held "solely on account of their beliefs or peaceful activities on behalf of the Bahai community."

Praying for fellow Bahai followers is nothing new for the community. After the Islamic Revolution in 1979, many Iranian Bahai leaders were taken in to custody or executed, including family and friends of the Santa Monica Bahai community.

For example, Shidan Taslimi, who came to the United States as a student, lost his father when he was executed in 1980. Taslimi, chair of the Santa Monica Bahai Assembly, read aloud a prayer called the Fire Tablet during the Sunday service. The following Prayer for Steadfastness and Prayer for Release of Prisoners — read in both Arabic and English — were recited by

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# Evacuations mulled as new storm approaches

**ROBERT JABLON**
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES An approaching storm had authorities Monday considering another evacuation of foothill neighborhoods that were slammed with tons of mud and water that damaged dozens of homes.

Evacuations likely will be ordered in Los Angeles-area communities at high risk of flooding before a new storm hits Tuesday, Los Angeles County sheriff's spokeswoman Nicole Nishida said.

County emergency officials were meeting to make that decision based on the weather prospects, she said.

The National Weather Service said the storm could dump up to an inch of rain on San Gabriel Mountain slopes that were burned in last year's massive wildfire in the Angeles National Forest. Without plants to bind the soil, the slopes can become soaked and collapse.

"It's already saturated as it is up there, so we're going to take every precaution that we can," Nishida said.

The area will see a 40 percent chance of rain on Wednesday and a 20-percent chance on Friday, according to the weather service.

On Saturday, a storm front stalled over the mountains and created an unexpectedly fierce downpour. A boulder weighing several tons clogged a debris basin, which overflowed and sent a sea of mud roaring through La Canada Flintridge, a foothill community northeast of Los Angeles. Cars were swept away and living rooms filled with mud.

Forty-three homes were damaged, and nine were red-tagged as being uninhabitable. More than 500 homes were evacuated, although the order was later lifted.

On Monday, a fleet of 300 county dump trucks and other heavy machinery lifted concrete barriers back into position and hauled away tons of mud, tree limbs and boulders from catch basins in a rush to prepare them for the next downpour. Some residents shoveled gunk from their homes.

"A lot of the debris basins are near capacity. We haven't had enough time ... to clean them out," said Gary H. Boze, a spokesman for the county Department of Public Works.

"We're working around the clock to provide whatever capacity we can," he said.

Crews concentrated on removing large debris that could clog drains and cause overflows and on scraping the ooze off roads in high-risk communities so people can flee and rescuers can get in during an emergency,

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### Here to stay

**Editor:**

I feel pleased to live in a city where the smoke from cigarettes is considered unhealthy for children and other living things.

Why, then, is it so difficult to ban the toxic fumes from pollution from the Santa Monica Airport? How many more studies, how many more un-beautiful mornings, how much illness do we have to endure before real action is taken on that?

Don't tell us to pack up and leave. For many of us long-time residents who are seniors, this is our home – and for economic reasons we are here to stay!

**Paulette Rochelle-Levy**
Santa Monica

### Thanks for the help

**Editor:**

I've been trying to figure out how to repay the owners and staff of Bay Cities Deli for going above and beyond the call of duty and I figured the best thing I could do is let everyone in Santa Monica know what a wonderful group of people they are.

As is pretty much the case every Saturday, I breezed into a packed and busy Bay Cities Deli to pick up a sandwich that my husband ordered online and an item from the hot foods section. I was moving fast so I was there for probably less than 10 minutes. Fast forward to Sunday night when I hear a knock at my door. A kind and concerned voice asked my husband if April Anderson lived at this address. The gentleman identified himself as being from Bay Cities Deli and he wanted to return an item that I had left at the deli. The item was a very important (and large by my standards) check that I was planning on depositing on Monday. I hadn't even realized that the check was missing and wouldn't have known until I headed off to the bank on Monday and opened my wallet.

I would have been at a complete loss as to what happened to it or if and how I could have the check replaced. Not only did the wonderful folks at Bay Cities Deli find the check and notify me that they had it, the owners personally drove it over to me the next day. I can't express how important that check was to me. They are truly wonderful neighbors, and I hope their business continues to thrive! I know they're already wildly popular for their great prepared foods and the wonderful assortment of international goodies (that's right, I'm talking about the Kinder treats) but I hope to get word out that the staff and owners over there are also really great people who deserve our support and business.

**April Anderson**
Santa Monica






## Back to Nature

Reese Halter — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

# Companies taking their cues from Mother Nature

NATURE HAS A WAREHOUSE OF PROVEN principles and a research and development laboratory with four billion years of product development. Many corporations draw their ideas, information and inspiration from ecosystems like prairies, coral reefs and/or ancient forests.

When we follow nature's blueprint, economic, social and environmental abundance occurs.

We know that in living systems the behavior of the parts operate to benefit the entire system. In forests, for instance, specialists, species with unique — as opposed to general — requirements find it to their advantage to cooperate with one another. As it turns out, these specialists use fewer resources and in some cases extend their longevity.

A number of businesses around the globe are emulating natural systems, reducing waste, creating new products and employing millions of workers.

In the early 1950s Bill Coors, the grandson of the founder of Adolph Coors Co., discovered that "all pollution and all waste are lost profit."

He observed that industrial companies were taking raw materials and fuels from nature, cycling products through the economy and then generating tons of garbage. In turn, the garbage was polluting the ground water. An "open loop" system exploits nature's resources and deposits toxic waste at both ends.

A "closed loop" economy, on the other hand, is one where the full array of costs is accounted for within a system and the only way to do business. Companies and consumers are rewarded for reducing waste. And the environment is safeguarded.

In 1952, in order to control liquid waste from the brewery, Coors built Colorado's first biological waste water treatment plant, which also treats the entire city of Golden, Colo.'s waste waters.

Bill Coors initiated a penny for every Coors aluminum can returned for recycling and he opened the nation's first aluminum recycling centers offering "cash for cans."

CoorsTek, a subsidiary of Coors, manufactures advanced technical ceramics using nature's model for smart design, by embedding hardness, strength, insulation and durability into its products.

Another Coors subsidiary, Graphic Packaging, uses clever technology to reduce ink by as much as 90 per cent and solvent by 100 per cent while producing bolder graphics.

By following nature's blueprint many corporations believe the most valuable forms of capital in the learning organizations are knowledge, gained through feedback and learning, and changes in design — adaptations.

Toyota Corporations has effectively used its labor force for ideas. In 1982, for example, its workforce made over two million suggestions, that's more than two every month per employee, and 95 percent of them were implemented.

Technology enables humankind to do more with less. From 1973 to 1990 society learned how to create more real value per unit of energy consumed. By 1990 about a third of the energy and material services were delivered from innovation and efficiency.

The chipmaker Intel has advanced its microchip design through innovation as each successive generation of chips holds more information. In effect, Intel has been very successful by emulating nature's blueprint. For billions of years nature has replaced consumption by design.

Burt's Bees, the leading manufacturer of Earth-friendly natural personal care products has committed to the 2020 Sustainability Goals including sustainable products and packaging, zero landfill waste, 100 percent renewable energy, Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certified facilities, and 100 percent employee engagement.

Dow Chemical also utilizes nature's model and in 1982 it began encouraging employees to find ways to reduce pollution. By 1992, 700 projects were underway, reducing waste around the globe and saving the company millions of dollars.

DuPont, another chemical titan, has been reducing its $CO_2$ emissions worldwide striving for a zero-emission target by 2020.

Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing (MMM), a company that specializes in coatings and adhesives, has been following nature's path for decades, solving their own environmental problems and implementing Pollution Prevention Pays.

By 2000, 4,650 employees had prevented about 1,500 million pounds of pollution and saving the company over $825 million. Moreover, MMM has reduced water losses by 82 percent, volatile organic compounds in emissions by 88 percent, solid wastes by 24 percent and rates of waste generation by 35 percent.

Visa International conducts about $1.75 trillion in transactions annually and their founder Dee Hock followed nature's blueprint right from the company's inception. Visa is analogous to a biological organism in a changing environment whereby uncontrolled actions of its members, who self-regulate their activities to serve both themselves and the whole organization.

Business, like nature, is a living system — creative, productive and resilient. All waste is lost profit, all value is created by design and adaptation. The ability to learn is crucial for survival.

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## What's the Point?

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# Dealing with a double standard

SATURDAY I SPENT THE MORNING WITH approximately 120 other lawyers being brought up to date on the newest developments in the law on domestic violence. As we sat in the penthouse conference room at the Sheraton Delfina watching the clouds clear, we were lectured on the various aspects of the Domestic Violence Protection Act. The state has made the process to get a temporary restraining order (TRO) even easier, and I think it is a huge mistake. I think we are creating a system that is rife with abuse, overprotective and comes to absurd conclusions on the slimmest of evidence.

The application for the form is theoretically designed for a person with a fourth grade education to be able to fill it out. I'm not sure why they chose that as the standard. It seems rather inappropriate in my eyes because the forms give immediate possession and control of housing, cars, bank accounts and pets. Orders can and frequently do take control over child custody, child support and spousal support. In essence, a domestic violence restraining order can be an expedited divorce proceeding, without the actual divorce.

These are weighty issues. Issues like someone's Constitutional right to bear arms, to live where they choose, to attend church and to be a parent. They should not be taken away lightly or infringed upon without significant review by a judge upon due consideration — consideration that is sadly lacking in the overworked family courts, precisely because it is so easy to file for a restraining order and clog a court's calendar.

Domestic violence is a problem. It is a thorny issue with many long term negative effects upon the victim, the perpetrator and the children who witness it. The biggest difficulty in "abuse" is defining it. The courts define it as "sexual assault, violence resulting in injury, or acts or statements causing fear of imminent physical injury." The courts are necessarily liberal in their definition because they want to protect people, and the philosophy is to keep the situation as calm as possible, which is done by keeping people apart.

This is where the courts have become too liberal in my opinion. It is very easy for anyone to "stretch the truth" or outright lie, to get a TRO. Because the courts will issue a temporary order on just one side's declarations, without a requirement of notice to the other party, it makes it easy for a party to use a TRO as leverage in a family fight.

For example, I was in a Ventura court yesterday where mom had alleged that she had to take the baby and "flee for her life" she was so scared. The court ordered that dad couldn't see his 14-month-old daughter and that mom had complete custody for almost a month based solely on her declaration.

When you find out that mom has a history of post-partum depression and was threatening to kill the baby, it makes her claims that dad was abusive seem less sincere, but for almost a month, dad couldn't see or hold his daughter. That's not right.

When one party can get a "kick-out order" based merely on a statement to a judge that they "saw my roommate break a glass in anger, and I was afraid they were going to attack me" it becomes clear how easy it is to manipulate the law.

**WE LIVE IN A SOCIETY THAT ALLOWS A WOMAN TO BEAT ON A MAN. IT'S AN UNFAIR DOUBLE STANDARD, BUT THE FACT IS THAT MOST MEN ARE TAUGHT THAT IT'S NOT OK TO HIT A WOMAN, BUT IT'S OK TO BE HIT BY A WOMAN.**

People sign declarations under penalty of perjury that what they are telling a judge is true. This means that the judge then must accept as fact what is in the declaration, at least for the issuance of the TRO phase. Hard as it is to believe, people will lie under oath.

This is not a gender issue, both men and women are completely capable of lying under oath, and do so with surprising regularity.

We live in a society that allows a woman to beat on a man. It's an unfair double standard, but the fact is that most men are taught that it's not OK to hit a woman, but it's OK to be hit by a woman. Most men feel emasculated asking for help. They think that they don't need someone else to protect them. It's that whole macho ethic of being able to take care of myself.

Sadly this strength is frequently his biggest weakness.

Most of the men who come to me after they have been served with a TRO have had more than enough reason to seek their own TROs, but haven't done so, as they feel that it is not manly and makes them appear weak.

Saturday, we were told explicitly that there is not a double standard when it comes to the enforcement of domestic violence. The law is designed to protect men just as much as women, and a court will issue the same restraining order for the same behavior if a woman does it to a man, but until we stop accepting female on male violence on a societal level, it will not matter.

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## The Q Line

**On the tracks**

The board of the Exposition Metro Line Construction Authority approved the final leg of the long-awaited transit line last week. The proposed route has the project traveling down Colorado Avenue to Fourth Street in Downtown.

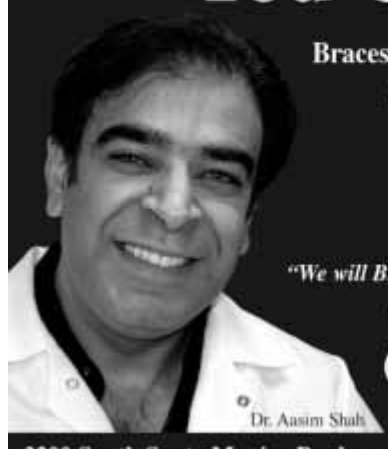
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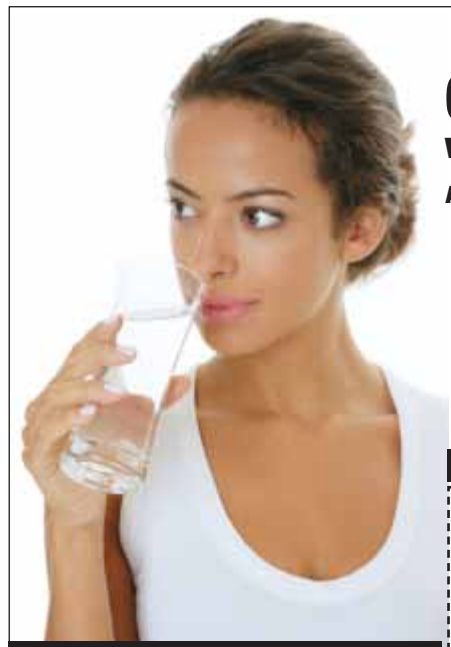
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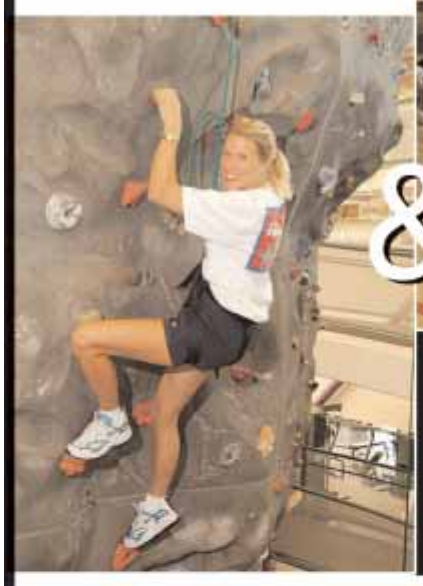
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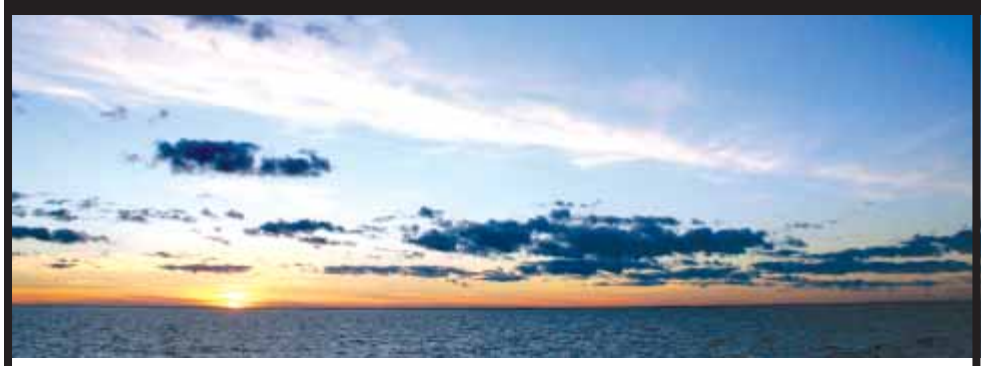
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# Is 'Catcher in the Rye' still relevant to teens?

**BETH J. HARPAZ**
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK Zoe Miller, 14, likes J.D. Salinger's "The Catcher in the Rye" so much that her copy is dog-eared from multiple readings. And she wishes her parents had spelled her name Zooey instead of Zoe, in honor of another Salinger book, "Franny and Zooey."

But Becky Johnston-Carter, 19, hates "Catcher" so much that she made a YouTube video in which she stabbed the book with a knife, then burned it in a barbecue grill.

When Salinger died last month, "The Catcher in the Rye" was heralded as the ultimate depiction of modern teenage angst. But while "Catcher" is widely taught, do 21st-century teenagers still relate to the book's moody narrator Holden Caulfield? Or has "Catcher," first published in 1951, become just another classic shoved down kids' throats?

Passions rage on both sides.

"I'm a really big fan," said Zoe, of San Marino, Calif. "My copy is totally battered and old. Holden is such a cool kid. I think he's my favorite fictional character." She treasures her dad's red hunting cap because Holden has one just like it.

On the other side of the debate, Becky says she "could never find the teenage rebellion that was supposed to be in the book." But she came up with her own form of rebellion by destroying it in a YouTube video called "I Hate Catcher in the Rye."

"I realize Holden was supposed to be a teenager, but he always seemed like a grumpy old man," said Becky, who made the video at home in San Luis Obispo, Calif., the summer before starting college at Mount Holyoke in South Hadley, Mass.

Li Goldberg, a freshman at Bard College at Simon's Rock in Great Barrington, Mass., says when she read "Catcher," she could hear Holden's "voice and felt him as a friend. I understood his philosophy on phonies and why he was acting the way he was."

Li recalled standing up for Holden in her high school English class after another student dismissed him as an "emo." (Note to uninformed people over 40: UrbanDictionary.com defines "emo" as an angsty teenager.)

"That was a lively class," said Daniel Lewis, Li's teacher at Lincoln-Sudbury High School in Lincoln, Mass., where "Catcher" is taught to ninth-graders. "It was great that there was that energy and connecting with the book."

Lewis says that while teenagers still relate to Holden on a visceral, emotional level, reading "Catcher" can be a challenge.

"It does feel dated and I'm surprised it works as well as it does," Lewis said. "It's hard for a 14- or 15-year-old to put themselves in a post-World War II mindset. The language is different. Holden's voice sounds really authentic, really vivid, but it's not how a teenager sounds today. There's a lot of ambiguity, and you're not quite sure how to read this person."

Lewis says teens reading "Catcher" today need a glossary for words like "crumby," "corny" and "the grippe." And they need help understanding that when Holden says his brother is "prostituting" himself in Hollywood, he means that figuratively.

"But if you can get past that, you can start to feel really protective of the guy," Lewis said. He said teens also still relate to Holden's "deep distrust of the adult world" and his "'to hell with the world'" attitude and "lack of connection to his parents."

But Jennifer Bogut, who teaches high school English at Montrose Academy in Moscow, Idaho, says she'd "rather face root canal work" than "inflict" Holden Caulfield on anyone.

"If people hadn't been so up in arms over the language and content, it wouldn't have become the cult classic that has caused high school students to have to read it over the last several decades," she said. (Among other things, Holden describes himself as a "sex maniac" and is upset about graffiti that contains obscenities.)

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Rachel Mattos, a senior at Saint Joseph's University in Philadelphia, says the book retains its shock value. "I just remember being a nervous 14-year-old in my first high school English class, startled by my teacher reading curse words out loud," she said. Overall, though, she said the book "didn't really speak to me" even though it's supposed to be about "that teenage thing of not fitting in."

Corin Warden, who teaches at a Toronto high school, thinks "Catcher" will fade from reading lists as the boomers who grew up with it retire. "That generation is leaving, and there's got to be something that has been written since that speaks as eloquently to teenagers as 'Catcher in the Rye' once did," he said.

That said, Holden's older fans can still find kids young enough to be their grandchildren to share their enthusiasm.

"I highly doubt that my generation ever calls anyone 'phonies,' but the themes and emotions in the novel are timeless," said Katie Stryker, a junior at Franklin & Marshall College in Lancaster, Pa.

"Holden Caulfield was a snarky blogger before snarky bloggers existed," said Courtney Sirwatka, a literature major at the State University of New York in Purchase.

"I'm glad that they still teach it in high school," said Steve Russell, a student at Albion College in Albion, Mich., "and I hope they never stop."

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Beth J. Harpaz is the author of several books including "13 Is the New 18."

## Santa Monica From A to Z

Alisandra Rand and Melissa Rader
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# Introducing children to the joys of creating paintings

DURING THE "RAINY SEASON," WHAT passes for our winter, we look for indoor activities to keep the kids busy. We also love the idea of homemade gifts for the holidays, so we are sharing our experiences at Color Me Mine and Paint:Lab in time for your kids to create their own works of art for Valentine's Day.

Opening the door to Color Me Mine, we were greeted by shelf after shelf of adorable things to paint. We expected the piggy banks and teacups, but were amazed by the variety of choices. We looked over napkin rings, votive holders, dinosaurs, dragons, soap dishes, light switch plates, butter dishes, robots, and even a helicopter with moving rotors. Special holiday themed items for both Valentine's Day and Easter, such as heart shaped ring holders and bunny statues, seemed like ideal gifts for relatives. With all these attractive nuisances at toddler level, we had to watch Zora like a hawk so she wouldn't love the very breakable statues a little too much.

Dash picked out a gift for his dad and Zora finally selected a unicorn after a long consideration of several animals. Alisandra decided to help Addison make a handprint for her grandmother.

The kids grabbed a palette and filled it with their favorite colors from a wide selection of hues. Paintbrushes in many different sizes were also available. Zora and Addison could choose larger brushes that were easy for them to manipulate, and Dash could work on his fine motor skills with the smaller brushes. Grabbing a brush for each color also spared us from trying to teach them how to clean their brushes in a cup of water in between colors.

Addison was less than thrilled with fingerpainting. Not only did she balk at the idea of putting her hands in the pretty purple paint she chose (sort of), she flat out refused and made quite a stink about it. No amount of coaxing from the owners or other patrons was going to convince her to get her hands in that gooey mess, so we ended up settling on feet prints instead. Honestly, that didn't go all that smoothly either but the finished product did make a nice (and not terribly expensive) memento.

Addison had a melt down so she left early to spare the ears of the budding young artists (no Van Gogh's please). Dash and Zora had so much fun that they begged to make another creation. They could have stayed all day. The permission for more art was easily granted. It's not like we had to worry about spilling paint on the furniture or floor. And after we were all finished, someone else would wash the brushes and clean the table.

When we picked up their artwork a few days later, Dash and Zora were thrilled with the results. Zora proudly placed her unicorn on her bookshelf so she can pat it every day.

For a more two-dimensional paint experience, we visited Paint:Lab, a quaint little art studio on Main Street where artists of all ages and talents can come to get their paint on and then leave all the mess behind. Luckily we found parking without any difficulty. The fear of trolling the streets for an hour looking for a spot usually deters me from frequenting this area, which is much hipper than my neck of the Santa Monica woods. The setting is serene with an outdoor brick courtyard and an indoor studio area, populated with both tables and easels. Although they offer toddler and children's classes, we weren't sure Dash, Zora and Addison could sit still for an entire class. So we opted for open studio time instead. We also liked the idea of creating outdoors, but we were afraid the younger tots would make a break for it out the wrought iron gate. We set the kids up at a table inside, and someone brought out a palette of watercolors for each of them.

This time, Addison really threw herself into painting, mimicking the big kids and smiling big when we "oohed" and "ahhed." Alisandra thought her artwork showed some promise as she dabbled in this color and that. Zora was convinced she had painted a dinosaur so we were very appreciative of her efforts. Thankfully, the paint brownies had placed paper towels at all the tables so I could comply when Zora periodically demanded, "Clean me."

My only complaint was that we ran out of paint pretty quickly (and the many bright varied colors got mixed up in a giddy free-for-all artistic brown mess), and no one was around to refill our palettes. When the paint ran out, the toddlers stopped listening to their muses and chased each other around the courtyard instead. Dash graduated to painting on his first canvas. Little kids are not patient beings, so Dash completed his "Masterpiece in Brown," a canvas of brown rainbows, brown swords and brown galaxies. I may have not been so thrilled with the monochromatic color scheme, but he loved sitting at an actual easel, just like a real artist. No one asked us if we wanted more paper, so we wandered out.

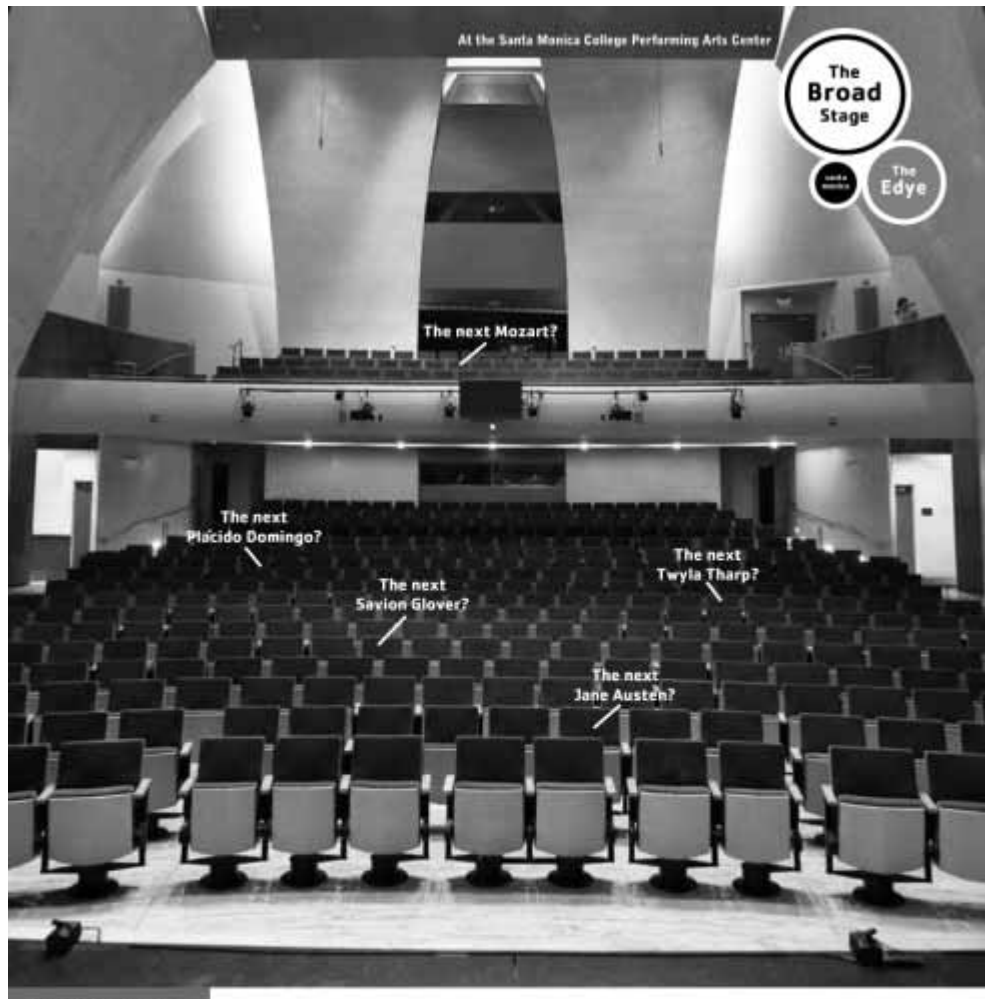
On the way home, Dash told me he didn't want to be an astronaut anymore when he grew up. "I'm going to be a painter," he said. That's a Valentine's memory that beats a box of chocolates any day.

• Color Me Mine is located at 1335 Fourth St., Santamonica.colormemine.com. On Thursdays, kids paint free all day with the purchase of a ceramic piece. Prices range from $4 to $50. Otherwise, there is a session fee of $6 for kids (12 and under) and $10 for adults. Kids also paint free on Valentine's Day from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.

• Paint:Lab is located at 2912 Main St., www.paintlab.net. Session fees are $20 for adults, $15 for kids ages 3 to 11 and $10 for ages 2 and under. Canvases range in price depending on size and type. Ours was $6. Paper is 20 cents each. There is an $8 fee for using your own canvas. Children's workshops are also available.

Find a calendar with local events, helpful links, and more adventures of **ADDISON, ZORA, AND DASH** at smatoz.blogspot.com.

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**FALSE-There is no residency requirement at Woodlawn Cemetery, everyone is welcome.**

3. Woodlawn Cemetery has run out of burial spaces. True or False?

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# Early retirement for teachers also offered

FROM **FURLOUGHS** PAGE 1

ments announced last week is a one-time program aimed at encouraging older, higher-paid teachers to retire. The deal would be available to teachers 55 or older who have worked in the district for at least 10 years. Eligible teachers could get between $12,500 and $20,000 or the equivalent amount in healthcare benefits for retiring at the end of the year.

Matthews said he expects at least 15 teachers to take the buyout, though he said more than 30 may opt in. The early retirement program is aimed at reducing the number of teachers who will receive pink slips this spring.

The furlough announcement came the same week the SMMUSD board voted to place a $198 parcel tax to benefit the schools before voters in a special mail-in election to be held May 25. If approved by two-thirds of voters in Santa Monica and Malibu the measure would raise $5.7 million per year for the district.

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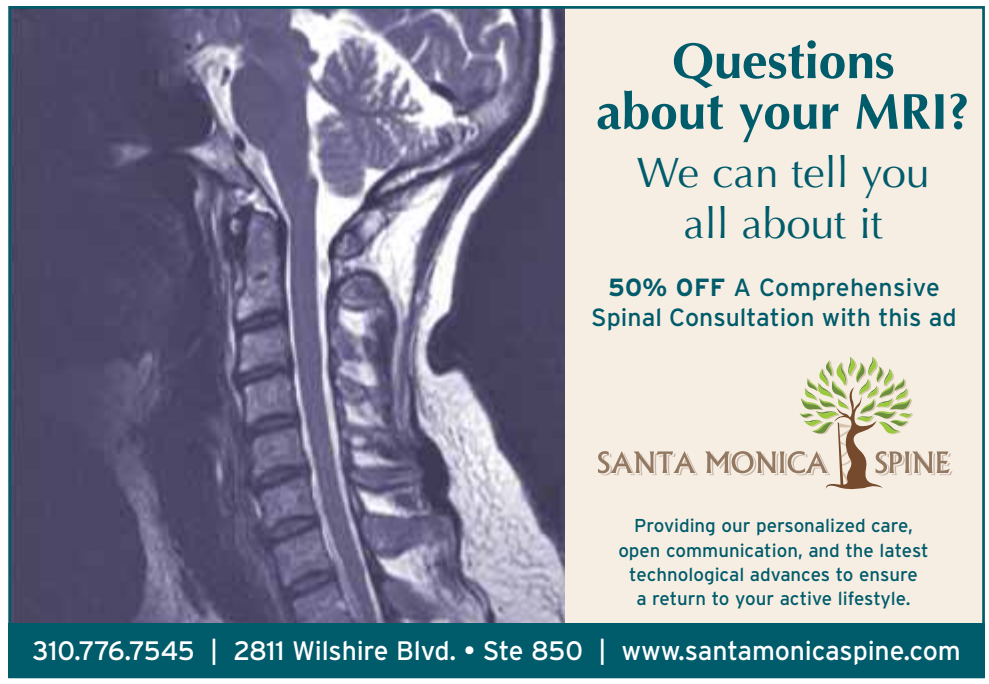


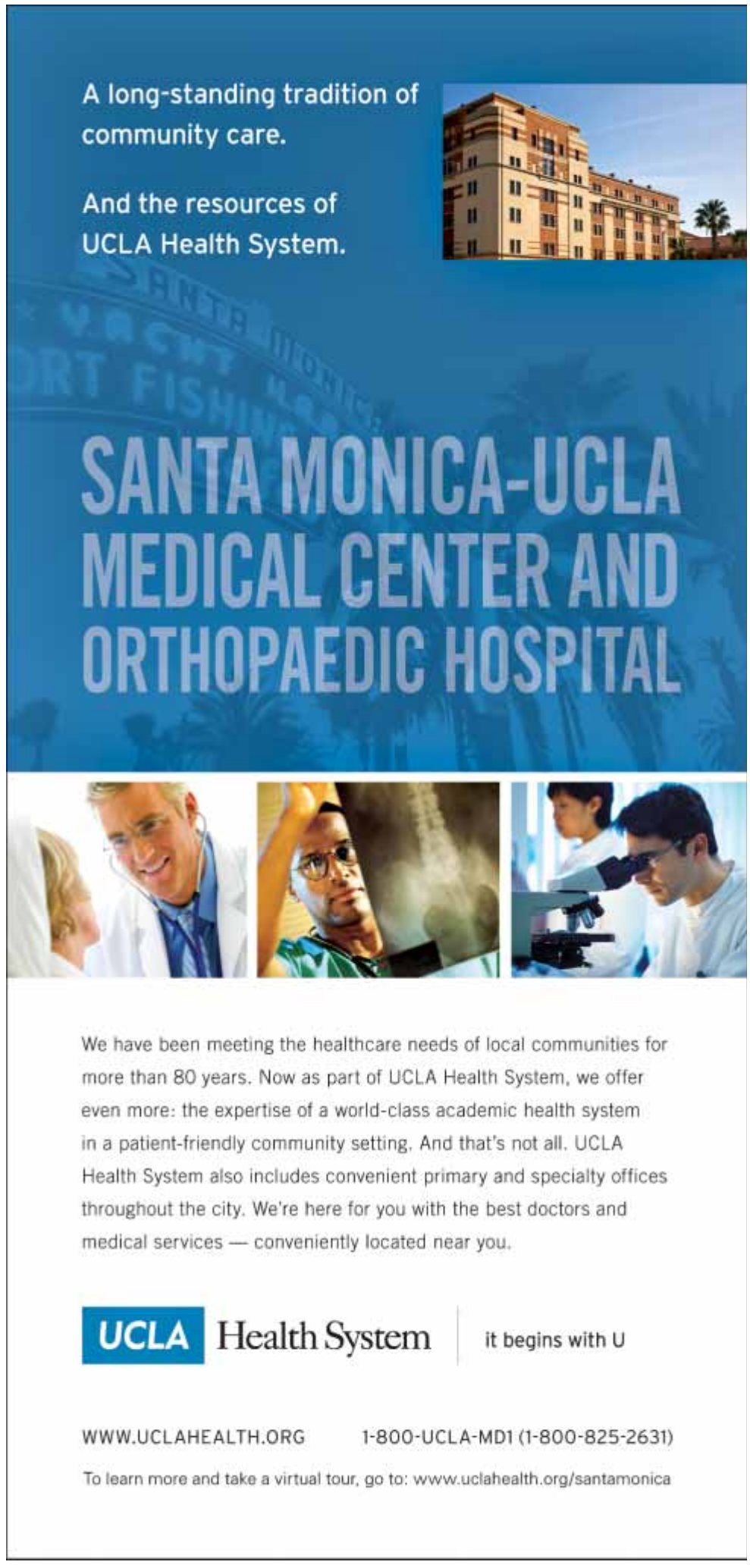










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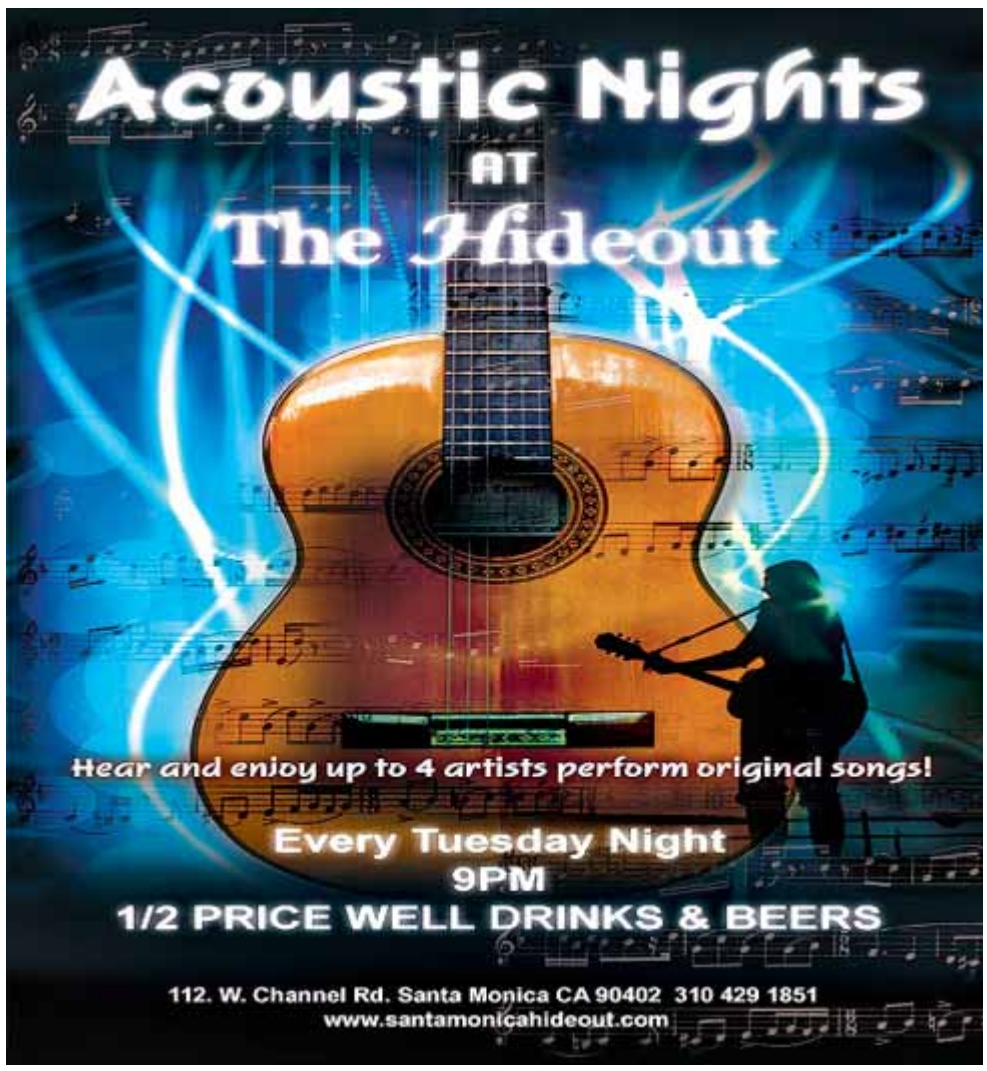
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# Bahais unite to raise awareness

FROM **PRAY** PAGE 3

individuals with experiences similar to Taslimi. Thirty years later, Bahai persecution persists.

"We have had Bahais taken in Iran for their faith and they have been executed by revolutionary courts as Bahais, it's not that we're just crying wolf," Banani said. "We have reason to really be afraid."

There are between 250 and 300 members of the Santa Monica Bahai community, which originated in 1948. Unlike the United States where religion can be practiced freely, Banani said, the Bahais in Iran have never been accepted. There are even rules barring them from seeking higher education.

"It's a prejudice, pure and simple," Banani said. "No matter what Iran has signed to in terms of international law, this is what they're doing to Bahais."

The Bahais are not a violent or treasonous group, Banani said. In fact, their main tenants of belief include unity, equality and dignity for all people and their fight for freedom of these seven leaders consists mainly of appealing to international agencies and the U.S. government.

"The hope is that there is sufficient worldwide attention," Banani said. "Sympathy … is the next best thing to freeing the Bahais."

The prayer meeting was designed to both comfort the Santa Monica Bahai community and become part of a worldwide show of support for the leaders. Since the seven were taken into custody, 10 more Bahai people in Iran have been arrested, Banani said.

As the three dozen members in attendance listened to prayers, they sat beneath a projected image of the seven imprisoned leaders — an optometrist, a social worker, an industrialist, a factory owner, a teacher, an agricultural engineer, a psychologist, fathers and mothers, husbands and wives. Knowing the history of Bahais in Iran, members said they dare to hope while focusing on creating awareness of their current plight.

"What we all hope for … is that the world will become a more loving and unified place," Banani said. "And that's the purpose of our faith, that is our faith."

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# U.S. Forest Service blamed for slides

FROM **STORM** PAGE 3

Boze said.

Around two dozen debris basins in the fire-scarred areas cannot be cleared before the storm hits and some are at full capacity, Boze said. He said all the basins were being monitored so residents will have early warning if problems develop.

Meanwhile, the mayor of La Canada Flintridge and some homeowners blamed the U.S. Forest Service for the mudslides, accusing the agency of being tardy in responding to last summer's wildfire that eventually burned 250 square miles of forestland above the communities.

"The federal government is not taking responsibility for the flow of mud that came from its property," Mayor Laura Olhasso said Sunday. "They say there's nothing they can do to keep it from flowing, then they need to help clean it up. They need to be responsible property owners."

U.S. Forest Service representatives did not immediately comment on her remarks Monday.

Katherine Markgraf's garage collapsed and her car wound up in a neighbor's side yard, even though her family had sandbagged and taken other precautions.

"We get flood insurance, we did all the right things," she told KCAL-TV. "Had the forestry service fought the fire the way they were supposed to, we wouldn't be dealing with this."

However, other residents said they accepted the risk of living in a steep and hilly area.

"You can't blame everything on anyone else," Jeff Schroeder told KCAL-TV as he paused from shoveling mud out of his driveway. "You've got to pick your house in the right spot, you know?"

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**SANTA MONICA RENT CONTROL BOARD**
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City of Santa Monica

A public hearing will be conducted at the Santa Monica Rent Control Board meeting on Thursday, February 18, 2010, at 7:00 p.m., in the City Hall Council Chambers, 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California 90401.

1. Proposed Amendments to Regulations 12060 and 13001 regarding Registration of New Controlled Rental Units Constructed on Properties Withdrawn Under the Ellis Act.

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# Reports: Toyota plans to recall 300,000 Priuses

**BY KELLY OLSEN**
AP Business Writer

TOKYO Toyota plans to recall about 300,000 Prius hybrids worldwide over a brake problem and is likely to notify both the U.S. and Japanese governments Tuesday, news reports said, as a top executive will testify before U.S. lawmakers about defects that have tarnished its reputation for quality and safety.

The recall of the gas-electric Prius will cover the latest version of the cars that went on sale from May last year, Kyodo News agency reported late Monday.

Kyodo, which did not identify its sources for the information, said the automaker planned to notify authorities in Japan on Tuesday and probably also in the U.S. on the same day. The recall will cover about 270,000 of the hybrids sold in the two countries — 170,000 in Japan and 100,000 in the U.S., Kyodo said.

Japan's Nikkei business daily carried a similar report about Toyota's recall plans on its Web site, saying the automaker would notify authorities in Japan on Tuesday and was also likely to do so in the U.S. at about the same time.

Toyota Motor Corp. spokeswoman Ririko Takeuchi said no decision on a Prius recall has been made. Kenji Sugai, an official in Japan's Transport Ministry section in charge of recalls, said it had not been informed of any such plan by Toyota.

The automaker is still weighing its options on how to handle the Prius repairs in the U.S., but it intends to begin fixing them soon, according to a person briefed on the matter who asked not to be identified because the remedy hasn't been made public.

Toyota has said among its options are a service campaign in which owners would be notified to bring their cars in for repairs, or a full-fledged safety recall. Toyota is communicating with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration on how to handle the fix.

A service campaign wouldn't have the stigma of a safety recall, but regulators may press for the recall.

The reports follow others in Japanese media recently that the world's largest automaker has decided to announce a recall early this week as a way of regaining damaged consumer trust. Toyota has already recalled more than 7 million other cars for repairs in the U.S. and other countries over a sticky accelerator and floor mats that can get caught in the gas pedal.

The company has consistently only said it will soon announce plans to deal with the braking problem in the Prius.

At least 100 drivers of Prius cars in the U.S. have complained to Washington that their antilock brakes seemed to fail momentarily while driving on bumpy roads. The Japanese government has also received dozens of complaints. The U.S. says the problem is suspected in four crashes that caused two minor injuries.

Toyota says a software glitch is behind the problem. The company says it has already fixed vehicles that went on sale since last month. It has also said that the brakes will work if the driver keeps pushing the pedal.

The Prius is the world's top-selling gas-electric hybrid and its fuel efficiency has drawn intense interest amid concerns about global warming and dependence on fossil fuels.

Toyota has sold a little more than 300,000 of the vehicles in about 60 countries since May, according to the company — and any recall was likely to eventually affect most of those cars.

Kyodo also reported that recalls and other measures in other countries will follow those in Japan and the U.S.

Toyota sales expert Yoshimi Inaba will appear before the U.S. House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform on Wednesday along with Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood and National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Administrator David Strickland. The name of the hearing: "Toyota Gas Pedals: Is the Public at Risk?"

Inaba was hand-picked from semiretirement by Toyota President Akio Toyoda last year to head the North American operations and help steer Toyota through the company's biggest earnings slump in its 72-year history as global auto sales dived.

General Motors Co. said Monday it will start shipping parts to dealers this week to fix about 99,000 2009-2010 Pontiac Vibes equipped with the same sticky gas pedal systems as Toyota's. The Vibe is essentially the same car as a Toyota Matrix, built by a joint venture between the two automakers. The Vibe also is covered by the floor mat recall, and GM is urging customers to take out removable mats and put them in the trunk until a fix is ready.

# Super Bowl is most watched TV show ever

**DAVID BAUDER**

NEW YORK The New Orleans Saints' victory over Indianapolis in the Super Bowl was watched by more than 106 million people, surpassing the 1983 finale of "M-A-S-H" to become the most-watched program in U.S. television history, the Nielsen Co. said Monday.

Compelling story lines involving the city of New Orleans and its ongoing recovery from Hurricane Katrina and the attempt at a second Super Bowl ring for Indianapolis quarterback Peyton Manning propelled the viewership. Football ratings have been strong all season.

"It was one of those magical moments that you don't often see in sports," said Sean McManus, president of CBS News and Sports.

Nielsen estimated Monday that 106.5 million people watched Sunday's Super Bowl. The "M-A-S-H" record was 105.97 million.

The viewership estimate obliterated the previous record viewership for a Super Bowl — last year's game between Arizona and Pittsburgh. That game was seen by 98.7 million people, Nielsen said.

The "M-A-S-H" record has proven as durable and meaningful in television as Babe Ruth's record of 714 home runs was in baseball until topped by Hank Aaron. Ultimately, it may be hard to tell which program was really watched by more people.

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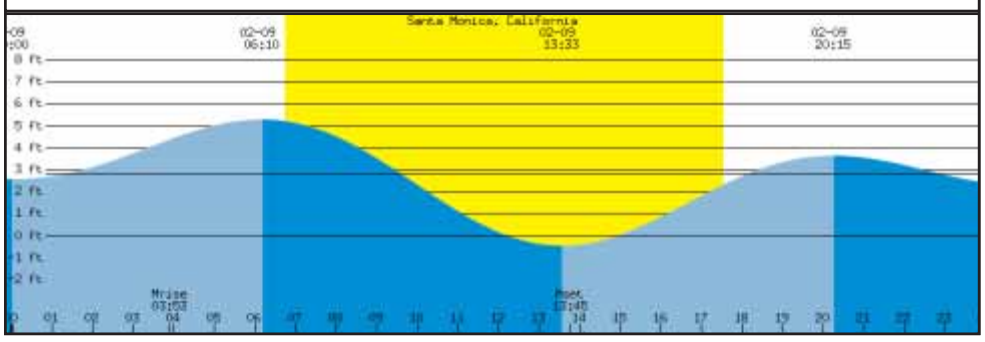
**Swell Forecast**

**Looks smaller so far, with just waist to chest high surf around west facing breaks.**

**Long Range Synopsis**

So far, looks like a waist high day 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 **February 3, 2010**

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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 -- 17
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 40 / 9
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 6 / 35

The Beach Report Card is made possible by: The Diller – von Furstenberg Family Foundation; simplehuman; SIMA

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

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

**LEGEND**

**DRY** -- each location is graded on an A – F scale based on bacterial pollution levels present in the surf zone

**WET** -- grades for days of recorded rainfall and the following 3 days

**ns** -- no sample taken

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**NCAA**

# Appeals court: Women wrestlers can sue UC Davis

**PAUL ELIAS**
Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO An appeals court said Monday it appears that the University of California, Davis violated federal law meant to promote gender equity in college athletics when it eliminated its women's wrestling program.

The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals reinstated a lawsuit filed by three female wrestlers after the school essentially eliminated their sport by making them compete against males of the same weight after the 2000-2001 academic year.

The court turned aside the school's argument that it had cut significantly from its men's programs at the same time, ruling that the so-called Title IX law requires institutions receiving federal funding to show they are actively trying to expand women's athletic opportunities.

In doing so, the appeals court also removed a legal technicality that a lower court imposed on female athletes requiring them to formally notify university officials when they believe a gender-equity violation has occurred before filing a lawsuit.

Title IX was passed in 1972 and signed by President Richard Nixon, requiring schools to offer equal athletic opportunities to men and women. Since then, many female students have sued high schools, colleges and amateur athletic conferences alleging violations of the law.

"We continue to find problems throughout the country finding equal opportunity in sports," said Noreen Farrell, a lawyer with Equal Rights Advocates who represented the wrestlers.

In 2007, UC Davis settled a lawsuit for $725,000 by fired women's wrestling coach Michael Burch, who claimed the university had retaliated against him for supporting the women's lawsuit.

Last year, UC Davis settled another Title IX lawsuit by agreeing to within 10 years bring women's participation in athletics to within 1.5 percent of its total female student body, which stood at 56 percent in the 2007-2008 academic year.

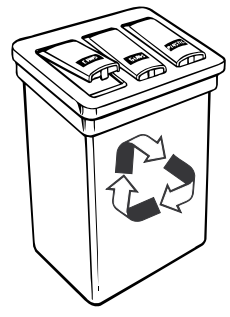
UC Davis spokeswoman Claudia Morain didn't immediately return a telephone call.

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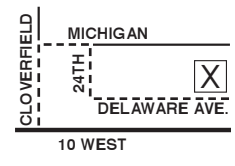
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**Precious (R) 1hr 49min**
3:50, 9:45

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# Make an appearance, Pisces

### ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Step up to the plate and get ready to move past a difficult associate or partner. This person has a lot of negativity right now and cannot help the way he or she looks at various situations at the moment. Your instincts guide you with a higher-up. Tonight: Go till the wee hours.

### TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Keep reaching out for others. Make time to complete a difficult project and simultaneously schedule extra time for a loved one or friend who is close to you. Give yourself the space to take a leap of faith. Tonight: Understand what is going on by detaching.

### GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ You might want to work directly with a partner on an individual level. You might find that your creativity is somewhat less than dynamic. Listen to what others share, but specifically a key partner. Tonight: Sort out your options.

### CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Evaluate news that comes out when dealing with a child or loved one. Creativity could be stymied by a family member. Be careful with spending, especially as you are likely to take out your anger this way. Tonight: Your treat.

### LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ Your actions speak louder than your words. Let another person follow through on what he or she knows will work. Listen to news about a project with an eye to revising the basis of a surrounding agreement. Tonight: Having fun.

### VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ Your imagination goes haywire. You might debate just how much you would like to share with someone you care about who is very close. Be sensitive to the possibilities that surround a child or new friend. Tonight: Let your hair down.

### LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ You might want to move mountains and do something very differently. However, the basics do count, and you might need to give more time to a family member. Do a better job of listening and sharing. Tonight: Don't push too hard.

### SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ You might want to understand what is happening within a conversation. Juggle the pros and cons of a situation. Know what works for you, but also discover what another's needs are. Tonight: Hanging out is fun.

### SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ Intrinsically, you head in a new direction and do something very different. You might wonder about your choices. A friend or meeting blocks one of your ideas. Trust that it might be for the better. Tonight: Where the action is.

### CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ Your vision could change, as you seem to be running into difficult people with very different ideas. A positive attitude and a brainstorming session point to a new direction. You might wonder why you didn't see this opportunity before. Tonight: As you like.

### AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ Know when to take a back seat or not insist on playing the same role. You could be baffled by everything that is happening, and quite quickly at that. You could be rethinking a situation more carefully, as you have more facts. Tonight: Get as much R and R as you can ... you are going to need it.

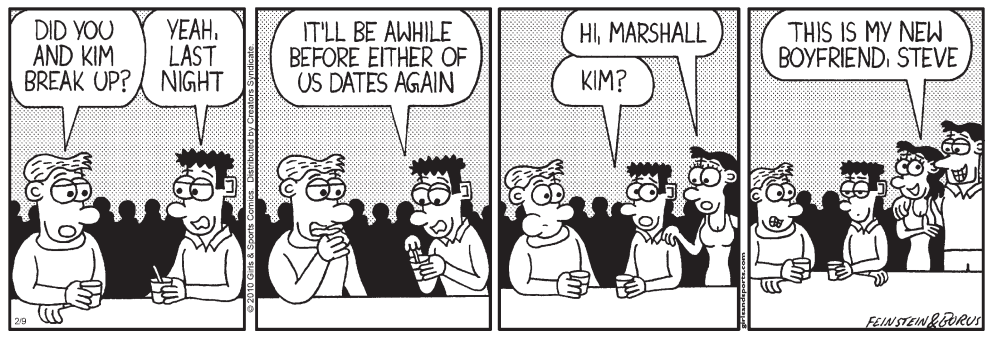
### PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ Zero in on what you want without worrying about the pros and cons of a situation. Working with people, meetings and networking will be successful. You do better with others. Tonight: A must appearance.

## Happy birthday

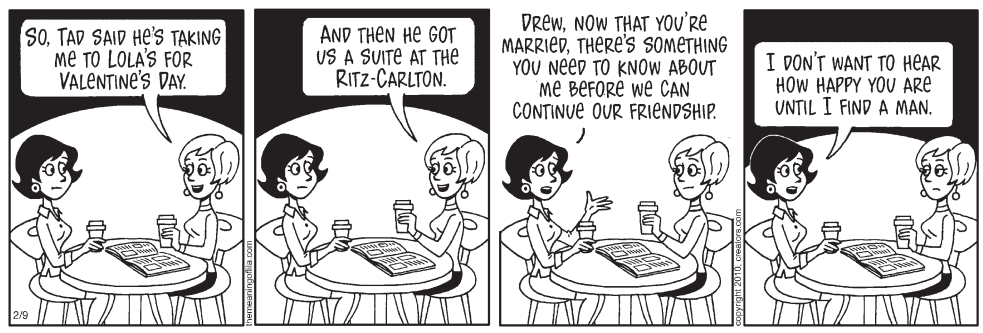
This year, you shake up the tree of your life and update it to reflect the person you are right now. Many times we forget how much life has to offer. We forget to revise our goals to reflect the changing person. The more often you touch base with your needs, the more successful this year will be. Your finances could swing wildly, hopefully to the plus side. If you are single, you make waves wherever you go. Just check out a new suitor more carefully. Is he or she the person he or she projects? If you are attached, you'll grow and become much closer because of time away together. CAPRICORN reads you cold.

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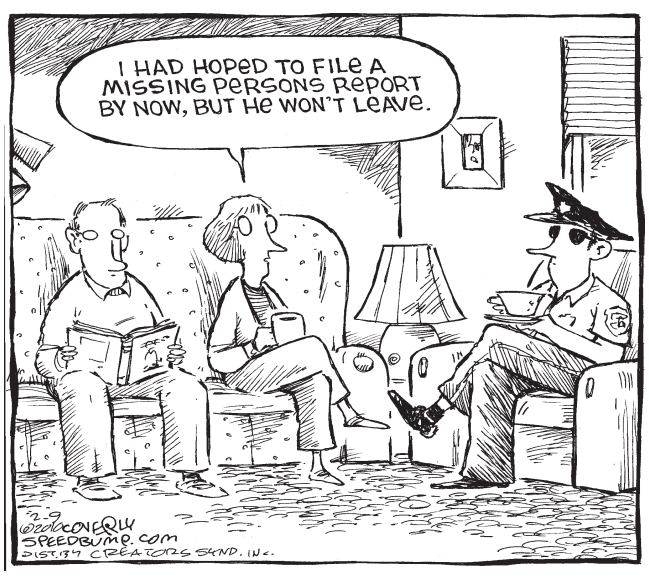

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Difficulty Level ★★

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# CROSSWORD

## By THOMAS JOSEPH

**ACROSS**

**1** Implied
**6** Old Nick
**11** Atmospheric layer
**12** Make blank
**13** Edie Falco series
**15** Pitcher's stat
**16** Woolen cap
**17** Finale
**18** Peter of "Being There"
**20** Gusher flow
**21** 1040 org.
**22** Sahara sight
**23** Coarse files
**26** Beat at chess
**27** Metal sources
**28** Carpentry tool
**29** Price addition
**30** Try to hit
**34** Play part
**35** Boater or bowler
**36** Flamenco cheer
**37** Edie Falco series
**40** Like bar beer
**41** Happening
**42** Work breaks
**43** Challenges

**DOWN**

**1** Musical sounds
**2** Bright blue
**3** Deep pink
**4** They hold power
**5** Seesaws
**6** Clothes lines
**7** Pendulum path
**8** Some fast food
**9** Foolish
**10** Pestered
**14** Baby-food buys
**19** Gloss targets
**22** Morning time
**23** Shoulder muscle
**24** Weaver of myth
**25** Doubled trios
**26** Restaurant VIP
**28** Exchange
**30** Enjoys the mall
**31** Dead duck
**32** Without help
**33** Lab work
**38** Plopped down
**39** Gardner of "Mogambo"

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## NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ In August 1993, Pentecostal preacher Sammy Rodriguez, 29, and 19 relatives from Floydada, Texas, set out in one vehicle on a pilgrimage, but as they passed through Vinton, La., Rodriguez sped away from police trying to make a traffic stop. When the chase ended, police discovered that all 20 people in the vehicle were naked. Rodriguez explained that the Holy Spirit had ordered him and his family on a journey and that they were to leave behind all possessions (supposedly to confuse Satan), which Rodriguez took to mean clothing, also. He pleaded guilty to the traffic charge, and, with donated clothing, the group went on their way.

■ In January, U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers confiscated a live, jeweled beetle that a woman was wearing as an "accessory" on her sweater as she crossed into Brownsville, Texas, from Mexico. Blue jewels were glued onto the beetle's back, which had been painted gold, and the mobile brooch was tethered by a gold chain attached to a safety pin. Even though the woman orally "declared" the animal, the beetle was confiscated because she had not completed the bureau's PPQ Form 526, which is necessary to bring insects into the country. Reportedly, such jewelry is not that rare in Mexico. A spokesperson for People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals was, of course, appalled.

## TODAY IN HISTORY

**1950** Second Red Scare: Senator Joseph McCarthy accuses the United States Department of State of being filled with Communists.

**1960** Joanne Woodward receives the first star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

**1962** Jamaica becomes independent nation within the Commonwealth of Nations.

**1964** The Beatles make their first appearance on The Ed Sullivan Show, performing before a "record-busting" audience of 73 million viewers.

**1965** Vietnam War: The first United States combat troops are sent to South Vietnam.

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