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TO THE RESCUE

Fabian Lewkowicz *FabianLewkowicz.com*

Harbor Patrol Officers Donald Davis (left) and David Finley (right), along with Los Angeles County lifeguards, rescue Gerardo Diaz, 28, on Monday. Diaz jumped from the Santa Monica Pier. 'I could not swim anymore and I thought I was going to die,' he said after the rescue.

No love lost in battle over The Parlor

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL A dispute that pits a business interest against a group of angry residents will be front and center at City Hall tonight as the City Council considers the fate of The Parlor, a restaurant and bar accused of being a nuisance that is fighting back against restrictions its owners say could run them out of business.

At issue is whether the City Council will implement a set of rules recommended in September by the Planning Commission that would require The Parlor, located at 1519 Wilshire Blvd., to close earlier, admit fewer people and generally operate more like a restaurant rather than a sports bar.

Residents who live near The Parlor have complained the business took over a location intended to be a quiet neighborhood restaurant and since opening in 2007 has operated like a nightclub, staying open until 2 a.m. and bringing noisy and drunken crowds to their block.

The bar owners have countered that they're operating within their rights and have taken measures to reduce impacts on the neighborhood. They also say the proposed restrictions amount to being shut down by City Hall.

While the hearing before the council will revolve around highly technical aspects of The Parlor's obligations under City Hall's land use laws, the dispute nevertheless continues to be emotionally charged.

The Wilshire Montana Neighborhood Coalition, the main group organizing opposition to the bar, sent a letter to the council ahead of tonight's hearing stating that as the council has delayed action on the bar's appeal "the situation has continued to deteriorate."

"Rowdy behavior on the part of their patrons ruined the Olympics for people who live in the neighborhood," the letter said. "[Residents] dread Lakers' games and

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HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL PLAYOFF ROUNDUP

Samohi girls home for state playoff

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

SAMOHI A season of historic firsts will continue for Santa Monica High School's girls basketball team.

Just days removed from winning the school's first California Interscholastic Federation Southern Section title, the Samohi Vikings have been named the No. 3 seed in the southern draw of the Division 1 CIF State Championships. The Vikings will host No. 14 seed Narbonne of Harbor City in the first round at 7 p.m.

It will be the first time a Samohi girls basketball team will host a state playoff game,

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Not more quakes, just more people in quake zones

BY SETH BORENSTEIN
AP Science Writer

First the ground shook in Haiti, then Chile and now Turkey. The earthquakes keep coming hard and fast this year, causing people to wonder if something sinister is happening underfoot.

It's not.

While it may seem as if there are more earthquakes occurring, there really aren't. The problem is what's happening above ground, not underground, experts say.

More people are moving into megacities that happen to be built on fault lines, and they're rapidly putting up substandard buildings that can't withstand earthquakes, scientists say.

And around-the-clock news coverage and

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Strange place for love
18th Street Arts Center
1639 18th St.
18th Street Arts Center kicks off its 2010 season with "Love in a Cemetery." Robert Sain, LACMA lab founding director, and L.A.-based visual artist Andrea Bowers collaborate with the students of Otis MFA Public Practice and guest artist Olga Koumoundouros to transform 18th Street's gallery into a unique visual arts laboratory. For information, call (310) 453-3711.

Poetry and verse
Barnes & Noble
1201 Third Street Promenade, 10:30 a.m.
Mixing enlightened analysis with innovative authorship, join Bill Robertson of Santa Monica Emeritus College and strengthen your poetry dedication, appreciation and creation. Please visit www.greenpoets.com for more information.

Health eating for seniors
Senior Center
1450 Ocean Ave., 11 a.m. — 12 p.m.
This cooking class series focuses on recipes for the healthy, hip Santa Monica senior. The class features Joya Parenteau, registered dietitian and chef. The event is free for seniors.

Training man's best friend
Healthy Spot
1110 Wilshire Blvd., 7 p.m.
Attend this free workshop on clicker training. It is billed as a great way to learn about clicker training and how to use it effectively with your dog. In addition to the free workshop, there will be a question-and-answer session with a Life of Riley dog training instructor. For more information call (310) 458-2004.

Wednesday, March 10, 2010

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Fair trade
Zero Minus at Fred Segal
500 Broadway, 6 p.m. — 8 p.m.
Please join us for a rare opportunity to meet with Philip Leakey, son of the famous anthropologists Drs. Mary and Louis Leakey, and his wife Katy as they discuss the extensive effect that fair trade purchases have on local communities and why it is the future in providing sustainable solutions to such countries as Africa. Cost: free. For more information call Matt Lowe at (816) 753-6222.

Unravel the mystery
Montana Avenue Branch Library
1704 Montana Ave., 7 p.m. — 8 p.m.
Come discuss two books by author Sharyn McCrumb — "Bimbos of the Death Sun" and "If I Ever Return, Pretty Peggy-O." All are welcome. Cost: Free. For more information call (310) 829-7081.

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.

Remains of Chinese immigrants to be reburied in LA

BY DAISY NGUYEN
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) The remains of some of the nation's earliest Chinese settlers, whose graves were discovered five years ago during construction of a light rail line, will soon be reburied in a cemetery that once denied them entry.

A memorial wall honoring the dead was dedicated Monday at a Los Angeles cemetery, where they will be reinterred beginning next month.

"This day is a long time in coming," Rep. Judy Chu, who represents the area in

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Calif state senator admits he's gay after DUI arrest

BY ROBIN HINDERY
Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO, Calif. Republican state Sen. Roy Ashburn said Monday he is gay, ending days of speculation that began after his arrest last week for investigation of driving under the influence.

Ashburn, who consistently voted against gay rights measures during his 14 years in statewide office, came out in an interview with KERN radio in Bakersfield, the area he represents.

Ashburn said he felt compelled to address rumors that he had visited a gay nightclub near the Capitol before his DUI arrest.

"I am gay ... those are the words that have been so difficult for me for so long," Ashburn told conservative talk show host Inga Barks.

The 55-year-old father of four said he had tried to keep his personal life separate from his professional life until his March 3 arrest.

"When I crossed the line and broke the law and put people at risk, that's different, and I do owe people an explanation," he said.

Ashburn was arrested after he was spotted driving erratically near the Capitol, according to the California Highway Patrol. Shelly Orio, a spokeswoman from the Sacramento County district attorney's

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Brandon Wise *brandonw@smdp.com*

WELCOME HOME: **Vice president of the tenants association Phyllis Goff holds up protest signs from 1989 at her Mountain View mobile home on Monday afternoon. The City Council, which agreed to purchase the park and preserve affordable housing, is expected Tuesday to hire a new manager for the park.**

More Big Blue Buses on the way

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 After 15 years shuttling passengers around the Westside, City Hall says five 15-year-old, 40-foot buses are three years past the end of their useful lifetimes.

Accordingly, the transit department is asking the City Council to approve $4.9 million to buy five bigger, 60-foot buses that run on compressed natural gas instead of diesel to replace them.

The proposed contract with North American Bus Industries would allow the Big Blue Bus to operate fewer buses during the evening rush hour, saving $200,000 per year, a City Hall report said.

The council tonight is expected to approve the bus purchases as part of a package worth $7.4 million.

TRYING TO MAINTAIN

The city of Santa Monica owns 148 buildings, and according to City Hall it's time to review each and every one of them to complete a comprehensive "condition analysis study." It's a task expected to cost $282,000 that will allow City Hall to come up with a plan to maintain and improve its infrastructure, according to a City Hall report. The contract is with the firm Faithful + Gould.

The council is also being asked to approve $325,000 worth of contracts for additional consulting on the Land Use and Circulation Element, City Hall's update to its general plan for growth and development.

One contract for $100,000 would go to the Phipps Group for work on neighborhood conservation and historic preservation initiatives. The other proposed contract, for $225,000, is with the Odermatt group for consulting on the integration of the Expo Light Rail line in Santa Monica.

EYE ON YOU

With the goal of catching criminals in the act, as well as protecting against liability claims, the police department is asking the council to approve $275,000 for a new mobile video system.

The purchase would replace a 5-year old system the departments says "has repeatedly proven effective in documenting the actions of suspects committing criminal activity."

The Santa Monica Police Department has been awarded $246,000 under the federal COPS technology grants program, a City Hall report said.

The council is also being asked to approve $1.4 million for property management services at the City Hall-owned Mountain View Mobile Home Park located at 1930 Stewart St. The proposed contract with Real Estate Consulting and Services includes all operating costs for a 39-month period.

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Nobody's minion

Editor:

Jeanne Laurie ("Set the record straight," March 6) has a strange view of what happened during the eight rounds of voting last month that ended with Terry O'Day being appointed to fill Ken Genser's City Council seat. She rightly corrects SMDP columnist Bill Bauer on one fact but then gets another fact wrong and goes on to misinterpret the final vote.

It is true that Councilmember Kevin McKeown never voted for O'Day, but not true that McKeown voted for Ted Winterer "over and over," unless that phrase means three out of eight times. On the fourth round of voting, McKeown switched to the Santa Monicans for Renters' Rights default candidate, Jennifer Kennedy. Over the next three rounds, all four SMRR council members voted for Kennedy, although not in the same round. Once that happened, Shriver – knowing his vote was now the only one for Winterer – found himself between a rock and a hard place.

I don't know Shriver or claim to be a mind reader, but after years of observing Santa Monica politics, I can see he changed his vote to O'Day because a 4-3, rather than 5-2, SMRR council majority is healthier for the city. Plus, Kennedy has no record on development. For all anybody knows, she could be a "minion of developers" (as Ms. Laurie suggests Shriver has become).

Appointing a person with no council-level experience just because she is a member of SMRR makes sense only to another SMRR member, which Shriver is not. He had to make an unpleasant decision. It doesn't mean he's anybody's minion.

Alice Ballesteros
Santa Monica

Ask the tough questions

Editor:

Your article about the new Santa Monica senior-housing project paid for in large part by the city of Santa Monica ("Poor seniors have a new home," March 5) leaves out some very important information. How many of the "poor seniors" who received this housing were needy seniors from Santa Monica? How many of them came from outside the city?

The city of Santa Monica has spent untold millions of dollars to develop numerous affordable housing projects in the city. How much of it has been allocated for needy Santa Monica residents, including seniors and families? What about those who actually work in Santa Monica, like teachers, nurses, fire fighters or police officers? The criticism in the past has been that organized groups outside of the city have been able to grab the affordable housing in the city and paid for by City Hall, while Santa Monica residents and workers get shut out.

These are the questions your reporter should ask and City Hall should answer.

Saul Cohen
Santa Monica, California

Too close for comfort

Editor:

It was dismaying to witness the unabashed tactics that the City Council practiced during their meeting last month, but the shameless, par-for-the-course appointments spilled onto the Planning Commission. The council also voted to award the $882,000 contract to design the upcoming Pico Library to Koning Eizenberg Architecture. In the March 1 issue of the SMDP, in the article concerning the Pico Library, it is stated that, "Hank Koning, a principal in the architecture firm that will design the library and chairman of the Planning Commission called the library an exciting project ... ." The unselfconscious hubris in that statement is stunning and seemingly, extremely unethical. Would someone please explain how this is OK?

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Back to Nature

Reese Halter

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Discovering a slice of heaven

A QUARTER OF A CENTURY AGO MY forestry class examined the Stein Valley of southwest British Columbia. It was slated to be logged. Conservationists, natives and activists, including Dr. David Suzuki and the late John Denver, persuaded the government in 1995 to create a park — a global legacy.

There are conservatively 10 million different forms of life on our planet. All living organisms are made up of the same seven major atoms and come from the blueprint of life — DNA. Grizzly bears, wolves or dolphins share over 75 percent of DNA that is identical in humans.

The challenge for conservation biologists in the 21st century is to protect the genetic tapestry of all life forms.

The Stein Valley Nlaka'pamux Park is a remarkable biological jewel. It's about a three-hour drive from the 2010 Winter Olympics in Vancouver.

Named after the Stein River it is the largest unlogged watershed in southwest British Columbia with an area of 410 square miles including three small glaciers.

It's truly a unique valley because it straddles two climatic regions — the cool, wet (80 inches of precipitation) coast and the hot, dry (18 inches of precipitation) interior. Temperate rain forest vegetation, drought tolerant and lightning-induced specialists and life clinging on the edge of Mt. Skihist some 9,660 feet above sea level. This place has it all!

The Stein River feeds the mighty Fraser River at a junction where the Thompson River also joins forces. Once upon a time, giant sturgeon over 8 feet long and tens of millions of salmon, more than 100 miles from the ocean, called this home.

Today this park is crucial habitat for the monarch of the wilderness grizzly bears, black bears, mountain lions, wolverines, martens, mountain goats, moose, beavers, eagles, spotted owls, loons, hummingbirds and more.

The Stein Valley has also been home to the Nlaka'pamux people for at least the last 7,500 years.

It contains some of Canada's highest density and richest pictographs and cave art including pictographs on culturally modified western red cedars. Cedar bark was stripped off in long sheets and used for baskets, hats, and walls in sweat lodges, floors and lining underground winter food caches.

As a matter of fact, in the late 1980s I discovered one of those culturally modified cedars with unusual pictographs.

The Nlaka'pamux youth developed a close relationship with nature, spending at least four months but sometimes a year or more in isolation in the mountains surrounding the Stein River.

Initially a young boy or girl would travel into the Stein Valley, climb one of its mountains and seek a ledge overlooking the river; a fire was lit and the youth sang and danced until daybreak. Exhausted sometime in the middle of the night, sleep set in.

During the sleep, an animal spirit spoke and sang to the young person. It is believed that the numerous rock paintings along the lower 20-mile corridor of the Stein River where done by the boys and girls during their puberty training. The images of grizzly bears, owls, eagles, mountain goats, lakes, the moon and lightning drawn in red ochre on the rocks came from their dreams and visions.

Our class examined the pictographs along Stryen Creek. Further up the river at Devil's Staircase there are panels of paintings at the base of two cliffs. The upstream panel is one of the largest painting sites in British Columbia.

The wide array of plants and animals provided the Nlaka'pamux peoples with all their food, clothing and medicines. For instance, balsmroot, nodding onion, mariposa and bitterroot were staples along with wild strawberries, huckleberries, gooseberries, saskatoon berries and raspberries with sweet sugars from summertime Douglas-fir pitch, and salmon caught in fall and dried. Also, in late fall deer were hunted as an important food source.

Labrador tea leaves were collected in the fall and used as a heart medicine, relief from indigestion and to relieve pain and induce relaxation for women after childbirth.

The spring snowmelt is essential for recharging the Stein River and all life. Lichen and leaves remove nutrients from the water and change its acidity. The forest floor adds and subtracts minerals from the incoming snowmelt too.

The springtime floodwaters alter the streamside vegetation and create new habitat for trout, which feed upon tiny spineless aquatic life forms including May and caddis flies.

Equally impressive are the different forested ecosystems that thrive in the Stein Valley. For example, at the mouth of the Stein are giant floodplain cottonwoods and just into the valley are the drought tolerant, butterscotch-smelling Ponderosa pines with Douglas-firs on the north-slope. Further up the valley the mid slopes support massive Engelemann spruce and lodgepole pines. Higher elevation forests are comprised of Engelmann spruce, subalpine fir and on south facing slopes are the fire-specialists — lodgepole pines. Along the treeline it's common to encounter the inseparable thousand-year-old gnarled whitebark pines and their seed dispersing partner's — Clark's nutcrackers.

On the western edge of the park one can find rain forest western red cedars and western hemlocks, and the pungent, high-elevation amabalis firs.

The park is open from April to October with both day and overnight hikes. It's a special place to explore with your family and friends. I highly recommend it.

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What's the Point?

David Pisarra
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Avid reader reluctantly endorses Pico library

"THE PAVED PARADISE, AND PUT UP A parking lot."

That's what I thought when I read the headline that the City Council had approved plans for a new library to be built at my local park, Virginia Avenue Park. My immediate reaction was that the council, as usual, has never met a bond idea they didn't like.

Let me begin by saying, I love libraries. I'm a book guy. As a kid, when my parents were fighting, which was often, I would escape to the library with my brother. In college I loved being in the library on my campus, and the one across the street at the Naval Academy (perhaps for more than just the books, but nonetheless).

I have a library card, and use it regularly. I pay my fines, partly because they help fund what I see as a very important part of any society. Free access to information is crucial.

My house is on 21st Street, which borders Virginia Avenue Park and I'm in it, usually twice a day, walking the dog. I know the maintenance men by name. I stop to chat with the police. I've made friends with people who are there as much as I am.

The park is a shining example of a community coming together. There are the men who play basketball in pick-up games, and kids who play soccer. I've seen a man keep a crowd in awe with his homemade radio controlled plane. Every Saturday the Farmers' Market brings people out to participate in the community.

Having a police sub-station, youth programs and after-school programs on the grounds has contributed to a much richer, and vibrant park. In summer, the kids play in the water feature and squeal with laughter.

The greens keepers have installed several new trees and the park is taking on a delightful forest-like feel, while at the same time keeping the playing fields open for soccer, and other sports.

Adding a library to the park would definitely increase the surrounding property values, make it even easier to access the books that I read and provide yet another layer of benefits to the park. The more people who use the park regularly, the safer environment it becomes.

Which is why my first reaction of "Oh good Lord, no" was so shocking to me. I had visions of the library being a behemoth that destroyed the playing fields, or took over the north section lawn.

This past Sunday, when I was walking the dog through the park, there was a community resource fair which was showcasing all the various social services that are available in our fair burg. Happily Susan Annett of the library was there and I had the opportunity to ask her a few questions about the proposed project. I've known Susan for years, since my days in the Rotary.

I was curious about the branch on Ocean Park Boulevard, which is only three blocks away from Virginia Avenue Park. I asked if it was going to be closed, thinking that perhaps the library administration had a reason for wanting to perhaps move the branch. Nope, not being closed, she said. It was shut down for a brief period for termite work, but it's staying. Which is great news, as I think that it is a great little library.

But that makes me wonder why the need then for a new branch? After all, it is only a 10-minute walk from Virginia Avenue to the Ocean Park branch. Susan told me that the community had been asking for a branch, and that this was a great location, given the campus feel of the park already. I had to agree that the park has a campus feel with the teen center, the Thelma Terry building and that community room that is rarely used, plus the water feature.

I asked how big the library would be, and Susan said it would be a small branch, just like Ocean Park — 7,500 square feet or so. The architects are the same ones who designed the park, so they have not only a working knowledge of what the community uses the park for, but also have a vested interest in maintaining the usability and feel of the park overall.

The location that is being considered for the library, according to Susan, was south of the Thelma Terry building. Given the projected size, that would basically mean the garden space to the edge of where the tables and benches are now for the Farmers' Market would all become a mini-library.

If that is the size and location, as much I'm not totally convinced that we need another library, and in spite of my long held opposition to bond offerings, I'll support it. I don't feel that it will be that intrusive, and will add to the overall purpose of the park.

And it's not a parking lot, but you can read "Paradise Lost" there.

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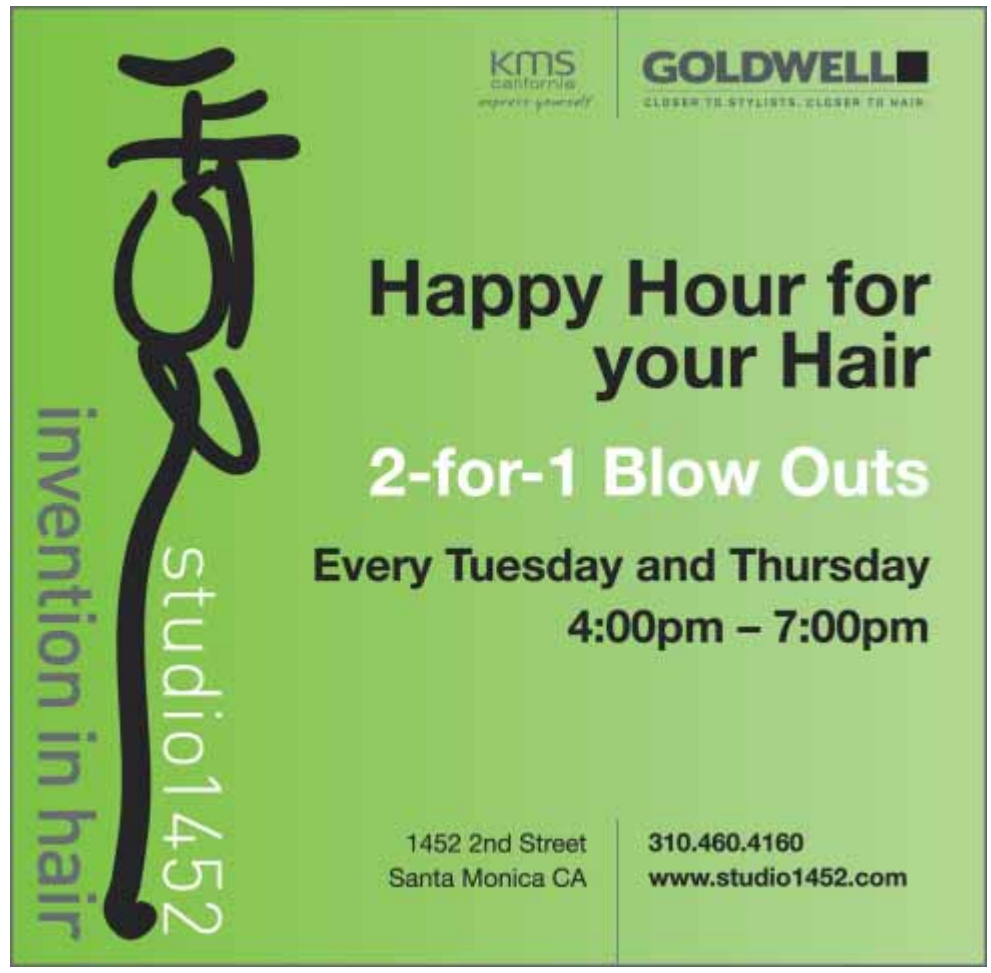
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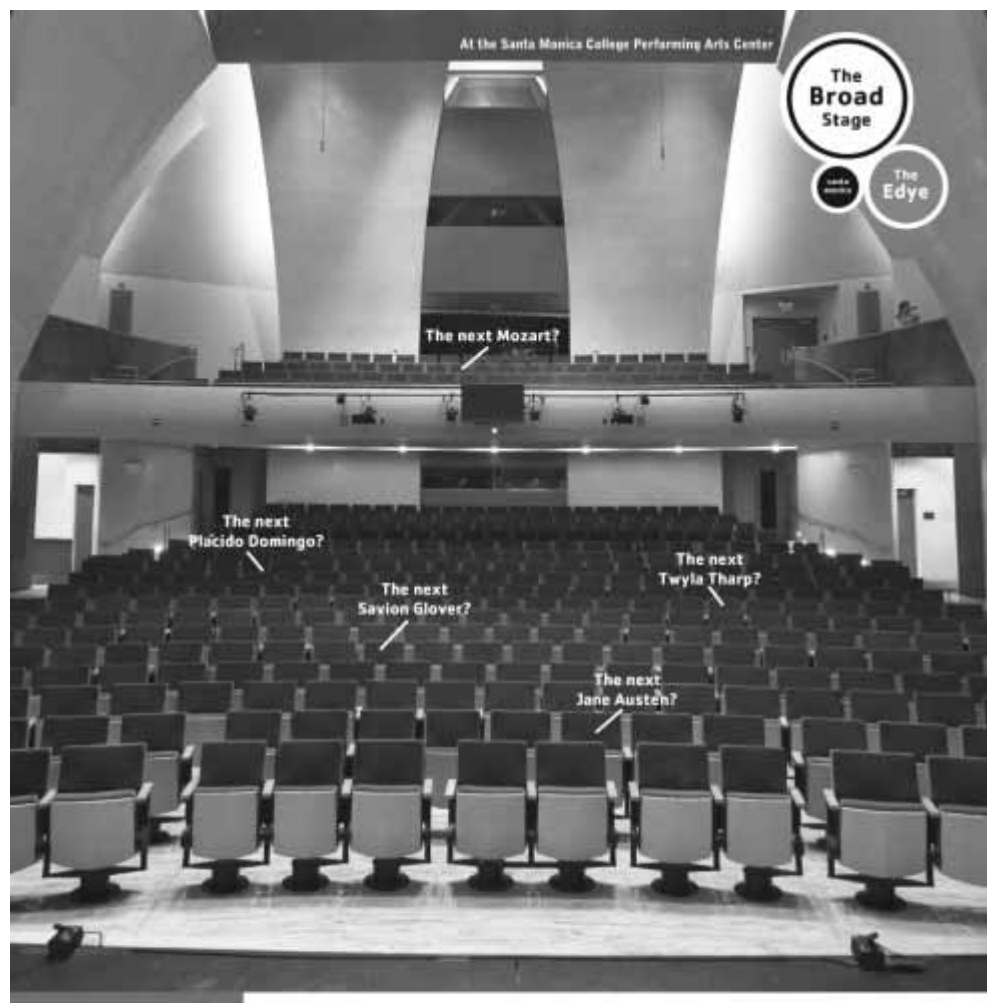
Santa Monica Pier leadership revealed recently that a lack of funding for the annual Twilight Dance Series may force organizers to either scale back the concerts or replace the series with a less expensive version. To make up the shortage, officials have launched a fundraising drive.

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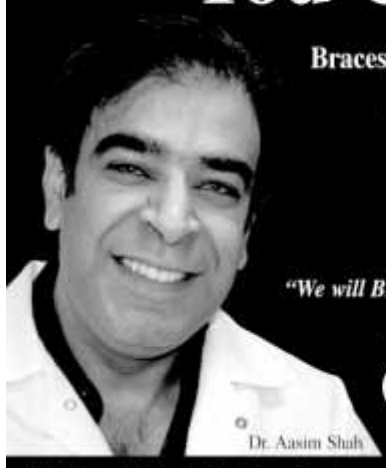
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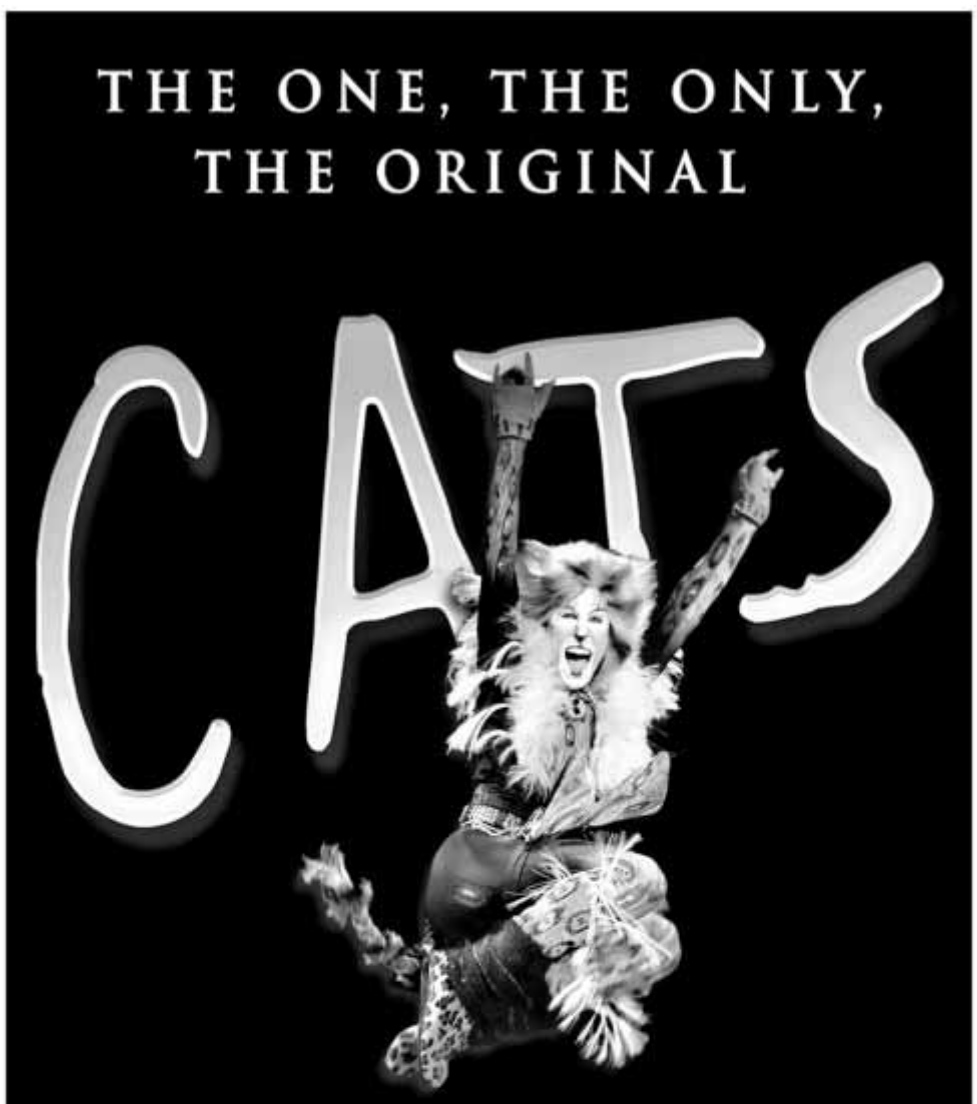
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DELICIOUS DUTY: **Tina Flanagan, Emily Krenik, and Madeline Gunther, all 11, sell Girl Scout cookies in front of Bob's Market in Sunset Park. The girls are from Troop 632. Cookie sales fund field trips and service projects for the troop. Get your box of Thin Mints today by going to www.girlscoutsla.org.**

Cookies for a cause

I WANTED THAT GIRL SCOUT COOKIE reward patch so badly as a kid. Despite lugging cartons of Thin Mints around the neighborhood in my wagon and using my cute little brother for door-to-door sales, I always fell short. Now I will do my part to help our 250 local scouts by eating as many Samoas, Tagalongs and Trefoils as I can stomach until March 21, when they disappear for another year.

If you missed out on ordering cookies, it's not too late to get your hands on some of those trans-fat free tasty treats. Local troops will be located at different stores in the area selling cookies for $4 a box.

I visited with two troops on cookie patrol and Terrie Gunther, their troop leader and the service unit manager for the Santa Monica Bay Girl Scouts.

The 11-year-old girls of troop 632 have been together since kindergarten when they met at Will Rogers Elementary School.

"We eat a lot of cookies," Tina Flanagan, Emily Krenik, and Madeline Gunther said.

They admit to still having some left over from last year. The girls' favorites are Tagalongs, Thin Mints and Samoas.

Since 1917, the annual cookie sale has helped fund Girl Scout Council activities throughout the year. Each troop also gets 75 cents from each box of cookies sold to use for their own projects. Troop 632 plans to go to San Francisco where they will transition from Jr. Girl Scouts (fourth and fifth grades) to cadets. Troop 301 went last year as well.

"The trip was amazing," Gunther said. It maintained her older girls' interest in scouting. "Middle school is a tricky time in a girl's life and frequently girls at this age drop out of the scouts. Because of their experience walking across the Golden Gate Bridge and participating in all the Girl Scout activities (badge activities, crafts and just plain fun) in the Presidio afterward, not only did my older troop stay on but they are here, selling cookies so they can return to San Francisco and work the event for their younger counterparts."

Over her nine years as a scout leader, Gunther has seen the leadership skills of her scouts develop. "The entire program is led by the kids," she said. "They meet with their leader in September and together they decide which badges they'd like to earn and what field trips they'd like to take."

The older girls teach the younger ones what they've learned.

Scouting also offers new opportunities. "The girls get to try and see things that they don't get to in school, things their families may not typically do," Gunther said.

The cookie sale itself offers a learning experience. "The girls get an education in operating a small business," Gunther said. "They learn about sales goals, marketing, customer service, finance, budgets and more."

So, if you have a hankering for one of the 3.5 million boxes of cookies that will be sold this year in Los Angeles, you're lucky that the Los Angeles Girl Scout Council has entered the technological age this year. Just log onto their Web site www.girlscoutsla.org, enter your zip code in the Cookie Locator, and find out when and where booths will be set up near you.

Gunther's advice for those interested in joining the Girl Scouts: "Look for one of the 28 troops at your local school. If you can't find one that can take on additional girls, start one. The program really needs parents to step up and be leaders. You need five members to start a troop, so circulate a flyer at school."

Look for more information on the Web site www.girlscoutsla.org.

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Top home-school texts dismiss Darwin, evolution

DYLAN LOVAN
Associated Press Writer

LOUISVILLE, Ky. Home-school mom Susan Mule wishes she hadn't taken a friend's advice and tried a textbook from a popular Christian publisher for her 10-year-old's biology lessons.

Mule's precocious daughter Elizabeth excels at science and has been studying tarantulas since she was 5. But she watched Elizabeth's excitement turn to confusion when they reached the evolution section of the book from Apologia Educational Ministries, which disputed Charles Darwin's theory.

"I thought she was going to have a coronary," Mule said of her daughter, who is now 16 and taking college courses in Houston. "She's like, 'This is not true!'"

Christian-based materials dominate a growing home-school education market that encompasses more than 1.5 million students in the U.S. And for most home-school parents, a Bible-based version of the Earth's creation is exactly what they want. Federal statistics from 2007 show 83 percent of home-schooling parents want to give their children "religious or moral instruction."

"The majority of home-schoolers self-identify as evangelical Christians," said Ian Slatter, a spokesman for the Home School Legal Defense Association. "Most home-schoolers will definitely have a sort of creationist component to their home-school program."

Those who don't, however, often feel isolated and frustrated from trying to find a textbook that fits their beliefs.

Two of the best-selling biology textbooks stack the deck against evolution, said some science educators who reviewed sections of the books at the request of The Associated Press.

"I feel fairly strongly about this. These books are promulgating lies to kids," said Jerry Coyne, an ecology and evolution professor at the University of Chicago.

The textbook publishers defend their books as well-rounded lessons on evolution and its shortcomings. One of the books doesn't attempt to mask disdain for Darwin and evolutionary science.

"Those who do not believe that the Bible is the inspired, inerrant Word of God will find many points in this book puzzling," says the introduction to "Biology: Third Edition" from Bob Jones University Press. "This book was not written for them."

The textbook delivers a religious ultimatum to young readers and parents, warning in its "History of Life" chapter that a "Christian worldview ... is the only correct view of reality; anyone who rejects it will not only fail to reach heaven but also fail to see the world as it truly is."

When the AP asked about that passage, university spokesman Brian Scoles said the sentence made it into the book because of an editing error and will be removed from future editions.

The size of the business of home-school texts isn't clear because the textbook industry is fragmented and privately held publishers don't give out sales numbers. Slatter said home-school material sales reach about $1 billion annually in the U.S.

Publishers are well aware of the market, said Jay Wile, a former chemistry professor in Indianapolis who helped launch the Apologia curriculum in the early 1990s.

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> **Ian Slatter,**
> a spokesman for the Home School Legal Defense Association

"If I'm planning to write a curriculum, and I want to write it in a way that will appeal to home-schoolers, I'm going to at least find out what my demographic is," Wile said.

In Kentucky, Lexington home-schooler Mia Perry remembers feeling disheartened while flipping through a home-school curriculum catalog and finding so many religious-themed textbooks.

"We're not religious home-schoolers, and there's somewhat of a feeling of being outnumbered," said Perry, who has home-schooled three of her four children after removing her oldest child from a public school because of a health condition.

Perry said she cobbled together her own curriculum after some mainstream publishers told her they would not sell directly to home-schooling parents.

Wendy Womack, another Lexington home-school mother, said the only scientifically credible curriculum she's found is from the Maryland-based Calvert School, which has been selling study-at-home materials for more than 100 years.

Apologia and Bob Jones University Press say their science books sell well. Apologia's "Exploring Creation" biology textbook retails for $65, while Bob Jones' "Biology" Third Edition lists at $52.

Coyne and Virginia Tech biology professor Duncan Porter reviewed excerpts from the Apologia and Bob Jones biology textbooks, which are equivalent to ninth- and 10th-grade biology lessons. Porter said he would give the books an F.

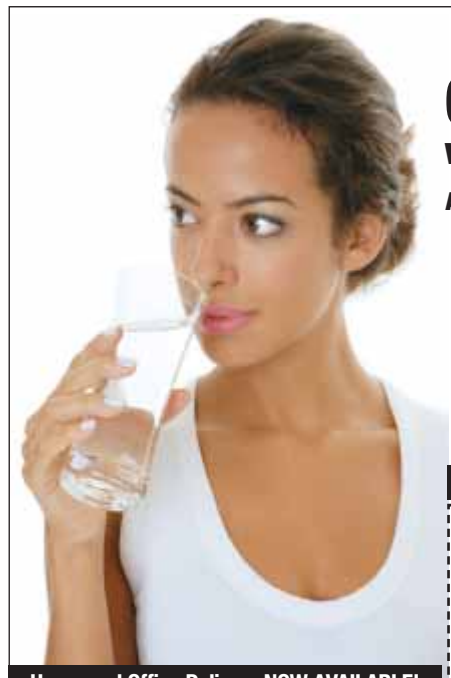
"If this is the way kids are home-schooled then they're being shortchanged, both rationally and in terms of biology," Coyne said. He argued that the books may steer students away from careers in biology or the study of the history of the earth.

Wile countered that Coyne "feels compelled to lie in order to prop up a failing hypothesis (evolution). We definitely do not lie to the students. We tell them the facts that people like Dr. Coyne would prefer to cover up."

Adam Brown's parents say their 16-year-old son's belief in the Bible's creation story isn't deterring him from pursuing a career in marine biology. His parents, Ken and Polly Brown, taught him at their Cedar Grove, Ind., home using the Apologia curriculum and other science texts.

Polly Brown said her son would gladly take college courses that include evolution, and he'll be able to provide the expected answers even though he disagrees.

"He probably knows it better than the kids who have been taught evolution all through public school," Polly Brown said. "But that is in order for him to understand both sides of that argument because he will face it throughout his higher education."



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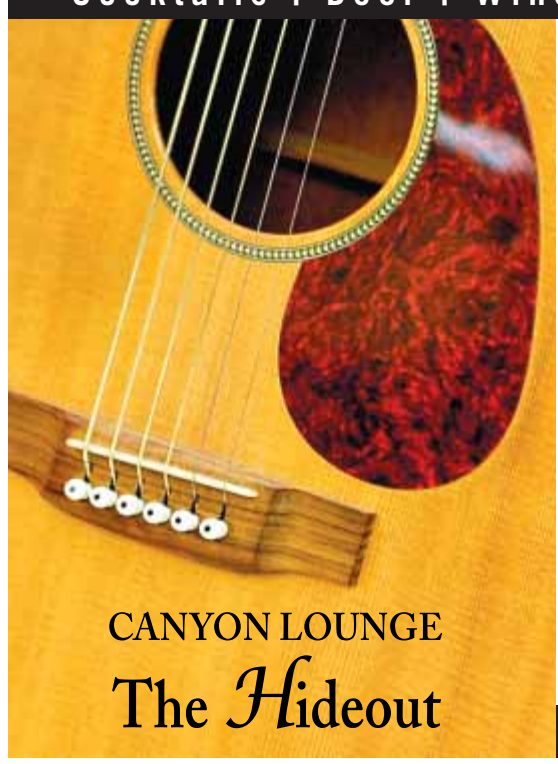


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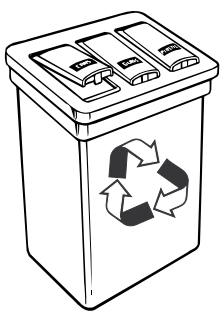
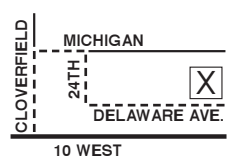
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WHAT A PAIR

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Virginia Avenue Park Youth Council members Williams Perez, 14, and his twin sister Laquita create T-shirts during the fourth annual Unity Resource Festival at Virginia Avenue Park on Sunday, March 7.

Little common ground in showdown over The Parlor

FROM **APPEAL** PAGE 1

March Madness. Whenever there's a major sports event, people congregate at The Parlor for drunken revelry."

The hearing before the council tonight is supposed to result in a long-awaited final decision on The Parlor's future after the showdown was twice delayed because the bar's landlord, John Makhani, changed attorneys and asked for more time to prepare.

But an objection from Chris Harding, the lawyer now handling the case for The Parlor, has led to the possibility of further delay.

Two council members, Bobby Shriver and Bob Holbrook, are not expected to attend tonight's meeting. In a letter to the council last week Harding argued it would be "fundamentally unfair and constitute a denial of due process to take final action on this matter with only five council members present," and requested the council conduct the hearing tonight but put off taking a final vote. Regardless of how many council members are present, The Parlor needs four votes in its favor to win its appeal.

Councilman Kevin McKeown said on Monday the council has a long standing policy of allowing appeals to be heard if at least five members are present and said he opposed a further postponement.

"I think we should have a decision while the public is there to speak," he said.

Diane Krakower, an outspoken critic of The Parlor, said delaying the vote would be met with outrage from residents.

The Parlor's main argument for keeping its business plan intact, it appears, is based on its grandfathered right to use the space according to state liquor laws, which allow it to operate until 2 a.m.

The bar's operations first came under City Hall scrutiny after a 2008 renovation that expanded its floor area by opening a second story. City Hall officials have said the expansion means the bar now needs a special permit known as a "conditional use permit," or CUP, to continue to operate. The CUP would allow the council to implement restrictions on the bar's operations.

In his letter to the council, Harding laid out his argument for why his client should be spared the most onerous restrictions the Planning Commission recommended.

He said the bar should be allowed to operate on both floors without applying for the CUP. Previous restaurants located on The Parlor's site used the second floor, albeit for things like storage and office space, so opening up the area to patrons doesn't necessarily trigger the need for a CUP, he argued.

He said the bar should be allowed to operate free of restrictions if it agrees to limit its maximum occupancy to 168 people. In contrast, the Planning Commission has said The Parlor needs to limit its occupancy to 135 while also abiding by new operating rules that would require it to close by midnight on Fridays and Saturdays and by 11 p.m. during the rest of the week.

Harding has countered with an offer to slightly limit operating hours if The Parlor is allowed to admit 225 people. If permitted to let in more customers, he said his client would agree to close at 1 a.m. most weeknights and at 2 a.m. Thursday through Saturday.

Needless to say, Harding's proposal is not close to the demands of residents like Wilmont chairperson Valerie Griffin, who see the bar's operations as incompatible with maintaining the neighborhood's quality of life.

In her letter to the council, she compared living next to The Parlor with enduring torture.

"[The bar's patrons] yell to each other, slam doors, and rev their engines" late at night while walking to their cars, she said, waking up sleeping residents.

"Sleep deprivation is torture according to [the] internationally recognized definition. The Parlor has caused their neighbors to experience sleep deprivation for almost three years."

The owners of The Parlor could not be reached Monday for comment.

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Coach hoping for a rowdy home crowd

FROM **PLAYOFF** PAGE 1

school officials said.

Making the feat all the more historic, if Samohi (26-6 overall, 10-0 in Ocean League play) can advance to the second round, it will host another state game against the winner of the Canyon Springs/Etiwanda game.

"We wanted the second [seed], but we're happy with the third," Samohi Head Coach Marty Verdugo said. "If the stars align right, we have a chance to win this thing."

This is the second straight year Samohi has qualified for the state playoffs. After losing in the semi-finals of the CIF-SS Division 1A playoffs last year, the team had the bad luck of drawing eventual state champion Long Beach Poly. The Vikings were routed, but it served as a boost that helped propel the Vikings to these unprecedented heights, Verdugo said.

Poly is the No. 1 seed in the tournament this season. Clovis West of Fresno is No. 2.

This will be the second meeting of the season for Narbonne and Samohi. The Vikings, playing with a dramatically different lineup from the team that will take the court tonight, had enough to win, 59-48. Senior guard Thea Lemberger led all scorers with 24 points. Lilly Feder added 17.

The biggest difference from that team is the addition of a pair of transfers from Arizona that helped Samohi win the CIF-SS title this year. Juniors Moriah Faulk and Bianka Balthazar, both standing at 5-10, have given the Vikings the inside presence that was lacking in years past. Both have helped make up for the void left by the transfer of sophomore center Sabrina Norton, who left the team in the days leading up to the playoffs.

"We have gotten bigger," Verdugo said. "We're night and day from where we were."

SAMOHI BOYS TAKE TO THE ROAD

Santa Monica's boys basketball team will join the girls in the state playoffs tonight, but they have a more difficult road ahead.

Coming off a loss in the CIF-SS Division 1A final on Saturday to Leuzinger, the Vikings had hoped to draw a first round home game and a decent seeding in Division 1. They drew the No. 7 seed, but will have the misfortune of traveling to No. 10 Clovis East of Fresno, a lower seed.

"We're just happy to still be playing," Samohi Head Coach James Hecht said. "We know we can play better than we did on Saturday [in the CIF-SS Division 1A title game]."

Due to quirks in the CIF's seeding system, the higher-ranked Vikings would have to wait until the second round to reap the benefits of being seeded in the top half of the 16 team field. Rules have it that the San Diego and Central Valley section winners automatically are granted first-round playoff games.

If the Vikings can advance past Clovis East, they will play the winner in the matchup between No. 2 Westchester and No. 15 Colony. If Westchester wins, the Vikings would play on the road. If Colony can pull off the upset, the Vikings will host.

Hecht said that the game against Clovis East will be a matchup of similar styles. Both teams like to push the ball in an up-tempo style.

"It's going to be like going against each other in practice," Hecht said. "We both like to get after it.

"This should be interesting."

RALLYING BEHIND THE VIKINGS

Samohi's athletic department has organized a 5 p.m. rally outside of the north gym on campus, just before the girls' first round state playoff game against Narbonne. The first 200 attendees will be given a gold Samohi shirt.

Head Coach Marty Verdugo said that he wants to see "an ocean of gold" when his team takes the court.

"Our fans have been really terrific all year," he said.

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Racism led to segregated cemeteries

FROM **BURIED** PAGE 3

Congress, said at the ceremony at Evergreen Cemetery. "It is so significant that those early immigrants who suffered so many indignities in life will now, through interment, will not have to suffer indignities through death."

The process comes after an exhaustive attempt by the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority to identify the century-old remains and locate their descendants.

It began after construction crews unearthed bones and artifacts in June 2005 while widening a road to make room for the Gold Line rail extension to east Los Angeles.

Archaeologists later found 174 burial sites, some dating as far back as the 1880s. A few had headstones with engravings in Chinese; others were unmarked; some contained artifacts such as opium pipes, teapots and jade jewelry; and some were empty.

Historians believe the site was once a potter's field, a cemetery for the poor, that was lost to developments in the 1920s.

Many Chinese were buried there because they were not allowed to be buried among whites in the nearby Evergreen Cemetery. The discriminatory practice was part of laws enacted in 19th century California prohibiting Chinese settlers, most of them men who came the West to dig for gold and build the railroads, from becoming citizens, owning land or marrying whites.

The racist policy led to many segregated Chinese cemeteries throughout the West.

The empty graves were believed to belong to people who were disinterred and sent back to China for burial — a common practice at the time, said Yvette Rapose, community relations manager for the MTA.

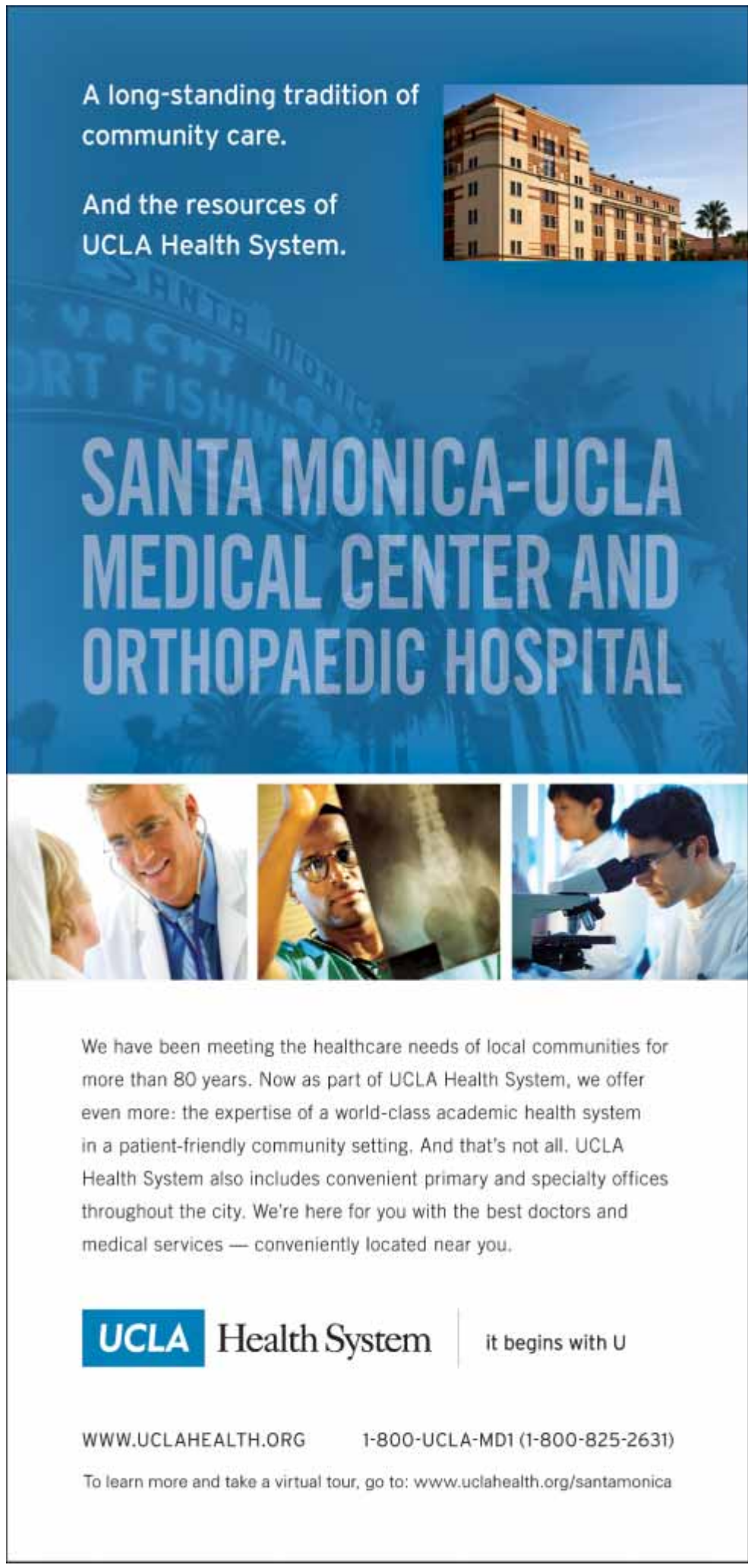
The agency later found documents in a nearby crematorium listing the names of people buried in the field, their age at the time of death, their ethnic origin and cause of death, but the documents did not indicate where they were buried in the field.

Because the remains could not be linked to names on the list, the MTA sought to identify the dead by running advertisements in Chinese media, both locally and in China, announcing the discovery and asking people to contact the agency if they believe they had relatives buried in the area.

The only person who came forward was the great great niece of T.E. Buzbee, a young man believed to have run away from his Colorado home and died at age 17 in 1883, Rapose said.

The remains of Buzbee, and the other unclaimed bodies, will be reinterred in April following Ching Ming or Qingming, day for Chinese families to visit ancestors' graves. They will be buried near the memorial wall, which features eight headstones found at the site.





More than 450,000 killed in quakes since 2000

FROM **QUAKE** PAGE 1

better seismic monitoring make it seem as if earthquakes are ever-present.

"I can definitely tell you that the world is not coming to an end," said Bob Holdsworth, an expert in tectonics at Durham University in northern England, referring to the number of quakes.

A 7.0 magnitude quake last month killed more than 230,000 people in Haiti. Less than two weeks ago, an 8.8 magnitude quake — the fifth-strongest since 1900 — killed more than 900 people in Chile. And on Monday, a strong pre-dawn 6.0 magnitude quake struck rural eastern Turkey, killing at least 51 people.

On average, there are 134 earthquakes a year that have a magnitude between a 6.0 and 6.9, according to the U.S. Geological Survey. This year is off to a fast start with 40 so far — more than in most years for that time period.

But that's because the 8.8 quake in Chile generated a large number of strong aftershocks, and so many occurring this early in the year skews the picture, said Paul Earle, a seismologist at the U.S. Geological Survey.

Also, it's not the number of quakes, but their devastating impacts that gain attention with the death tolls largely due to construction standards and crowding, Earle said.

"The standard mantra is earthquakes don't kill people, buildings do," he said.

There have been more deaths over the past decade from earthquakes, said University of Colorado geologist Roger Bilham, who just returned from Haiti. In an opinion column last month in the journal Nature, Bilham called for better construction standards in the world's megacities. Last year his study of earthquake deaths, population, quake size and other factors produced disturbing results. And that was before Haiti, Chile and Turkey.

"We found four times as many deaths in the last 10 years than in the previous 10 years," Bilham told The Associated Press Monday. "That's definitely up and scary."

Other experts said they too have noticed a general increase in earthquake deaths. The World Health Organization tallied than 453,000 deaths from earthquakes from 2000 to 2009, up markedly from the previous two decades. In the 1970s, however, a massive quake in China killed about 440,000 people.

But those numbers fluctuate every year. Statisticians say the hit-or-miss nature of earthquake fatalities makes it hard to see a trend in deaths.

A quick analysis by two statistics experts found no statistically significant upward trend since the 1970s because of the variability — despite the earthquake experts' perceptions that deaths have been rising, at least since the 1980s.

The Haiti quake likely set a modern record for deaths per magnitude of earthquake "solely as a function of too many people crammed into a city that wasn't meant to have that many people and have an earthquake," said University of Miami geologist Tim Dixon.

Disaster experts say they've seen more deaths especially from quakes that wouldn't have been as bad decades ago. They point to two in Turkey and India — a 1999 earthquake in Izmit that killed 18,000 and the 2001 disaster that killed 20,000 in Bhuj.

"Look at some of the big ones recently," said Debarati Guha-Sapir, director of the WHO's disaster epidemiology research center. "Had the Izmit or Bhuj quakes happened 30 years ago, the events would have been relatively insignificant as the population of these cities were a third of what it was when it did happen. Increasing population density makes a small event into a big one."

Disaster and earthquake experts say the problem will only worsen. Of the 130 cities worldwide with more than 1 million population, more than half are on fault lines, making them more prone to earthquakes, Bilham said.

"I've calculated more than 400 million people at risk just from those," he said.

Developing nations, where the population is booming, also don't pay attention to earthquake preparedness, Bilham said. "If you have a problem feeding yourself, you're not really going to worry about earthquakes."

He said he when he went to Haiti after the January quake, he had hope that construction would be quake-proof because of the emphasis on it. Instead, people rebuilt their houses their old unsafe ways.

Another reason quakes seem worse is that we're paying attention more. The phenomenon of Haiti quickly followed by the 8.8 in Chile got everyone's attention.

But it won't last, said disaster researcher Dennis Mileti, a former seismic safety commissioner for the state of California.

"People are paying attention to the violent planet we've always lived in," Mileti said. "Come back in another six months if there has been no earthquakes, most people will have forgotten it again."

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City Hall agrees to modify cafe's lease

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FOOD ON THE WAY

In a move reflecting the weak economy, the Housing and Economic Development Department is asking the council to adjust a lease agreement with a cafe that plans to rent space in the Civic Center parking garage.

The lease modification would eliminate the base rent for the first year in business, charging the cafe, Trimana Grill, only a "percentage rent" equal to 10 percent of its gross sales. The adjustment is intended to give the cafe's owners a break "as the business establishes itself in an untested location and creates a customer base," according to a City Hall report. The recommended modification also lessens the rent for the remainder of the term.

The council also is expected to honor the memories of two longtime Santa Monica leaders.

City Hall recommends naming the off-leash area of Joslyn Park "Herb Katz Dog Park" in honor of former Mayor Herb Katz, who died in 2009 from cancer.

The other recommendation is to change the name of Beach Park No. 1 to Dorothy Green Park to commemorate the life of Heal the Bay founding president Dorothy Green, who died in 2008.

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Ashburn isn't planning another run

FROM **ASHBURN** PAGE 3

office, said a breath test showed the senator's blood-alcohol level was .14 percent, or .06 points above the legal limit.

The next day, reports surfaced that Ashburn had left Faces, a gay nightclub, with an unidentified man in the passenger seat of his Senate-owned vehicle.

"The best way to handle that is to be truthful and to say to my constituents and all who care that I am gay," he said. "But I don't think it's something that has affected, nor will it affect, how I do my job."

Ashburn has voted against a number of gay rights measures, including efforts to expand anti-discrimination laws and recognize out-of-state gay marriages. Last year, he opposed a bill to establish a day of recognition to honor slain gay rights activist Harvey Milk.

Equality California, a group that advocates for expanded gay rights and other issues, said it consistently gave Ashburn a zero rating on its scorecard.

The group's executive director, Geoff Kors, said Monday that he hopes the senator's revelation will lead to a change in his voting patterns.

"He's still the same person, only living more honestly," Kors said. "I hope his own self-awareness will result in him no longer voting to deny people the most basic rights."





Detroit wants to save itself by downsizing

BY DAVID RUNK
Associated Press Writer

DETROIT Detroit, the very symbol of American industrial might for most of the 20th century, is drawing up a radical renewal plan that calls for turning large swaths of this now-blighted, rusted-out city back into the fields and farmland that existed before the automobile.

Operating on a scale never before attempted in this country, the city would demolish houses in some of the most desolate sections of Detroit and move residents into stronger neighborhoods. Roughly a quarter of the 139-square-mile city could go from urban to semi-rural.

Near downtown, fruit trees and vegetable farms would replace neighborhoods that are an eerie landscape of empty buildings and vacant lots. Suburban commuters heading into the city center might pass through what looks like the countryside to get there. Surviving neighborhoods in the birthplace of the auto industry would become pockets in expanses of green.

Detroit officials first raised the idea in the 1990s, when blight was spreading. Now, with the recession plunging the city deeper into ruin, a decision on how to move forward is approaching. Mayor Dave Bing, who took office last year, is expected to unveil some details in his state-of-the-city address this month.

"Things that were unthinkable are now becoming thinkable," said James W. Hughes, dean of the School of Planning and Public Policy at Rutgers University, who is among the urban experts watching the experiment with interest. "There is now a realization that past glories are never going to be recaptured. Some people probably don't accept that, but that is the reality."

The meaning of what is afoot is now settling in across the city.

"People are afraid," said Deborah L. Younger, past executive director of a group called Detroit Local Initiatives Support Corporation that is working to revitalize five areas of the city. "When you read that neighborhoods may no longer exist, that sends fear."

Though the will to downsize has arrived, the way to do it is unclear and fraught with problems.

Politically explosive decisions must be made about which neighborhoods should be bulldozed and which improved. Hundreds of millions of federal dollars will be needed to buy land, raze buildings and relocate residents, since this financially desperate city does not have the means to do it on its own. It isn't known how many people in the mostly black, blue-collar city might be uprooted, but it could be thousands. Some won't go willingly.

"I like the way things are right here," said David Hardin, 60, whose bungalow is one of three occupied homes on a block with dozens of empty lots near what is commonly known as City Airport. He has lived there since 1976, when every home on the street was occupied, and said he enjoys the peace and quiet.

For much of the 20th century, Detroit was an industrial powerhouse — the city that put the nation on wheels. Factory workers lived in neighborhoods of simple single- and two-story homes and walked to work. But then the plants began to close one by one. The riots of 1967 accelerated an exodus of whites to the suburbs, and many middle-class blacks followed.

Now, a city of nearly 2 million in the 1950s has declined to less than half that number. On some blocks, only one or two occupied houses remain, surrounded by trash-strewn lots and vacant, burned-out homes. Scavengers have stripped anything of value from empty buildings. According to one recent estimate, Detroit has 33,500 empty houses and 91,000 vacant residential lots.

Several other declining industrial cities, such as Youngstown, Ohio, have also accepted downsizing. Since 2005, Youngstown has been tearing down a few hundred houses a year. But Detroit's plans dwarf that effort. The approximately 40 square miles of vacant property in Detroit is larger than the entire city of Youngstown.

Faced with a $300 million budget deficit and a dwindling tax base, Bing argues that the city can't continue to pay for police patrols, fire protection and other services for all areas.

The current plan would demolish about 10,000 houses and empty buildings in three years and pump new investment into stronger neighborhoods. In the neighborhoods that would be cleared, the city would offer to relocate residents or buy them out. The city could use tax foreclosure to claim abandoned property and invoke eminent domain for those who refuse to leave, much as cities now do for freeway projects.

The mayor has begun lobbying Washington for support, and in January Detroit was awarded $40.8 million for renewal work. The federally funded Detroit Housing Commission supports Bing's plan.

"It takes a true partnership, because we don't want to invest in a neighborhood that the city is not going to invest in," said Eugene E. Jones, executive director of the commission.

It is not known who might get the cleared land, but with prospects for recruiting industry slim, planners are considering agricultural uses. The city might offer larger tracts for sale or lease, or turn over smaller pieces to community organizations to use.

Paterson seeks to show he's still in charge

BY DEEPTI HAJELA
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK Gov. David Paterson was adamantly in the business of governing Monday, taking questions from the public at a town hall meeting and trying to make clear his authority to negotiate a state budget amid two scandals that threaten his job.

"Recently, I've been the target of rumors and innuendo, but it hasn't stopped me," he said in his opening remarks, one of the few references to the situation swirling around him.

In their questions, audience members at the session in Brooklyn were clearly more focused on their own concerns rather than the governor's, who is being probed over whether he illegally had contact with a woman who had accused a Paterson aide of abuse. He is also facing an ethics charge for obtaining free World Series tickets.

Few questioners mentioned the scandals, with one offering support for Paterson finishing his term before going on to ask a question on another topic.

The reaction reflected findings in a poll from Siena College released Monday, which found that 71 percent of those questioned thought he should be allowed to finish his term instead of being impeached if he doesn't resign. Twenty-one percent said the Legislature should impeach him if he doesn't step down, although Paterson hasn't been charged with a crime. The rest didn't know or had no opinion.

That comes even as Paterson has slipped to his lowest approval rating yet, at 21 percent, with 67 percent of those polled having an unfavorable opinion of him and 12 percent saying they didn't know or had no opinion.

Paterson has already given up his bid for a full term but refused to give in to critics who want him to resign altogether. He became governor in 2008 after his predecessor, Eliot Spitzer, resigned in a prostitution scandal.

Those attending the Brooklyn meeting struck a respectful tone. They asked and debated questions about spending priorities in the state budget due April 1 as if speaking to a key player, not a lame duck. There was little mention of the scandals as Paterson showed sympathy to personal stories backing up arguments for more aid.

The only other reference to Paterson's political reality came when the governor responded to a question challenging the idea of taxing soda for revenue. He spoke about the public health benefits of such a tax, and he recounted some of the state's obesity statistics and the concerns for children's health.

"I'm speaking for a class of people that don't have a vote," he said. "I'm not running for re-election, so I can speak for them; it's the children of this state."

At one point, Paterson flashed the humor that was an effective tool for him for 20 years as a state senator. One speaker who said he has thoughts of running for mayor said, "I have just one question, and it's a statement."

"Before your town hall meeting starts, can I finish mine?" Paterson shot back, to laughs in the packed Borough hall.

Following the town hall meeting, Paterson told reporters he met with his personal attorney on Saturday as a result of the scandals.

Paterson also defended Attorney General Andrew Cuomo, whom many Democrats prefer over Paterson as the candidate for governor and who is investigating the scandals.

Paterson said appointing a special prosecutor would give up control over the cost and time spent on the case and he has confidence Cuomo will do a timely and fair job. Cuomo, a Democrat, is widely expected to run for governor. Paterson dropped his own bid for the Democratic nomination shortly after Cuomo started his investigation.

The Siena poll found two-thirds of voters prefer an independent prosecutor for the case, but a majority of voters questioned also have faith in Cuomo's ability to be fair. Some in the legal community share that concern.

"We live in times of extraordinary cynicism," said James Tierney, director of the National State Attorney's General Program at Columbia University. It's natural for citizens to view the political system with cynicism, he said, "but I see nothing at all in this case which indicates anything but the attorney general is proceeding in an absolutely appropriate manner."

The Siena poll questioned 712 registered voters by phone on Sunday. It has a margin of error of plus or minus 3.7 percentage points.

Long life: Oldest person in US dies in NH at age 114

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WESTMORELAND, N.H. Mary Josephine Ray, the New Hampshire woman who was certified as the oldest person living in the United States, has died at age 114 years, 294 days.

She died Sunday at a nursing home in Westmoreland but was active until about two weeks before her death, her granddaughter Katherine Ray said.

"She just enjoyed life. She never thought of dying at all," Katherine Ray said. "She was planning for her birthday party."

Even with her recent decline, Ray managed an interview with a reporter last week, her granddaughter said.

Ray was the oldest person in the United States and the second-oldest in the world, according to the Gerontology Research Group. She was also recorded as the oldest person ever to live in New Hampshire.

The oldest living American is now Neva Morris, of Ames, Iowa, at age 114 years, 216 days. The oldest person in the world is Japan's Kama Chinen at age 114 years, 301 days.

Ray was born May 17, 1895, in Bloomfield, Prince Edward Island, Canada. She moved to the United States at age 3.

She lived for 60 years in Anson, Maine. She lived in Florida, Massachusetts and elsewhere in New Hampshire before she moved to Westmoreland in 2002 to be near her children.

Ray's husband, Walter, died in 1967. Survivors include two sons, eight grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and five great-great grandchildren.

Morris, the Iowa woman now believed to be the oldest U.S. resident, lives at a care center. Only one of her four children, a son in Sioux City, is still alive.

"She has some hearing deficiencies and a visual deficiency, but mentally she is quite alert and will respond when she feels like it and isn't too tired," said her 90-year-old son-in-law Tom Wickersham, who lives the same care center.

Wickersham said he visits his mother-in-law — who plays bingo and enjoys singing "You Are My Sunshine" — nearly every day.

"You can put aside any of those typical mother-in-law jokes," Wickersham said. "When I visit her, I spend probably at least a half an hour with her on a daily basis that involves as much conversation as you'd share, the usual things, the weather."



SURF REPORT

Surf Conditions **Water Temp:** 58°

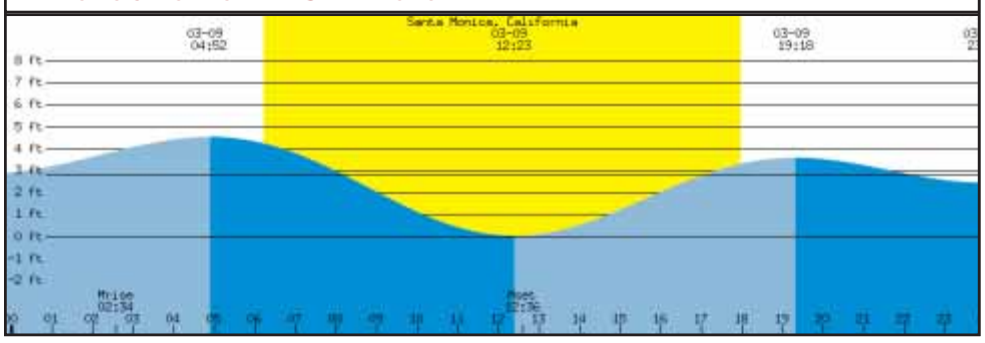
Swell Forecast

We should see burst of wind swell along the coast, but chest high max is all I'd call on that today. Standout west facing breaks could see some head high sets at times. Conditions look poor.

Long Range Synopsis

Looks similar for size and conditions.

Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica



BEACH REPORT CARD

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Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous 30 days up to the ending date of **March 2, 2010**

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QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 1
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 16
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 38 / 29
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 9 / 15

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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.	A+	F
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+	F
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.	F	D
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	F	F
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach.	A+	D
Pearce State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	A+
Marie Canyon storm drain at Pearce Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	F	F
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	A+
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	F	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	A+	F
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	A+
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	A
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A+	A+
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	A	A+
Tuna Canyon.	ns	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	F	F
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	A+
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A	B
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	A+

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

Guerrero says no hard feelings against Angels

BY STEPHEN HAWKINS
AP Sports Writer

SURPRISE, Ariz. Vladimir Guerrero smiled when asked if he hopes to prove he is still a productive player.

Texas' aging slugger is focused more on staying on the field, insisting before his first spring game against the Los Angeles Angels that he has no hard feelings for his former team.

"I just want God to keep me healthy and whatever happens happens," Guerrero said Monday through an interpreter. "I always smile, I'm always happy. I try not to change."

The Angels showed little interest in retaining the eight-time All-Star and former American League MVP after he had two stints on the disabled list last season for a torn right pectoral muscle and strained left knee.

After the Angels signed free-agent Hideki Matsui and kept Bobby Abreu, Guerrero got a one-year contract with the AL West-rival Rangers that guarantees him $6.5 million and includes a mutual option for 2011.

"Sometimes you think a lot," Guerrero said when asked if it was difficult to leave the Angels. "But I feel good here."

Guerrero will be primarily a designated hitter for the Rangers, though he will play a few games in right field.

In his first at-bat serving as the DH in the spring game against the Angels, Guerrero drove the first pitch from Ervin Santana to deep right field. Terry Evans leaped near the wall to make the catch.

Guerrero insists he doesn't know if the Angels tried to keep him.

"I felt good playing with them," Guerrero said. "I played well when I was there."

Guerrero helped lead the Angels to five AL West titles during his six seasons in Southern California, winning the AL MVP award in 2004. He began his career in Montreal and is a .321 hitter with 407 homers and 1,318 RBIs in 1,850 games.

Guerrero is a .396 career hitter against Texas, and has 14 homers and 33 RBIs in 50 games at Rangers Ballpark.

"He's a difference maker. His asset to us is his bat and as often as we can get him out there and use it, I want to. He's been good," Rangers manager Ron Washington said. "He's not limping. He certainly draws a crowd, a crowd of his teammates. He talks to them a lot, something he doesn't do a whole lot of, and I think his teammates are drawing it out of him."

Hampered by injuries last season, Guerrero hit .295 with 15 homers and 50 RBIs in 100 games, his lowest totals since he was a rookie for the Expos in 1997.

"Last year because of the knee surgery, I couldn't do the same things to prepare," he said. "This year, I just do the normal things and work hard to be ready for the season. I feel good."

There also was another significant offseason change for Guerrero, who became a U.S. citizen on the same day he reported to Rangers camp. The Dominican Republic native was sworn in as a U.S. citizen in Los Angeles on Feb. 19.

Guerrero said being a citizen makes it easier for his mother to travel in the United States.

"She was in the Dominican during the offseason," he said. "Now she is here for spring training."

WORLD CUP

Lilly picked for US team training camp

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO Kristine Lilly, who has not played for the United States since December 2008, is among 24 women selected for a training camp ahead of exhibition games against Mexico on March 28 at San Diego and March 31 at Sandy, Utah.

The 38-year-old midfielder has 129 goals in a world record 342 international appearances, but has not played for the national team since an appearance as a substitute against China in December 2008, five months after giving birth. If she appears in another international match, she would have played for the United States in four decades.

Four players selected have no international experience for the national team: defenders Whitney Engen and Brittany Taylor, and forwards Alex Morgan and Kelley O'Hara.

Nineteen of the players were at the Algarve Cup, where the U.S. women won the title for the seventh time. The United States is preparing for qualifying for next year's Women's World Cup.

The roster:

Goalkeepers: Nicole Barnhart (Gold Pride), Jill Loyden (Chicago), Hope Solo (St. Louis)

Defenders: Rachel Buehler (Gold Pride), Stephanie Cox (Boston), Whitney Engen (Chicago), Amy LePeilbet (Boston), Heather Mitts (Philadelphia), Meghan Schnur (Sky Blue), Brittany Taylor (Sky Blue), Cat Whitehill (Washington)

Midfielders: Yael Averbuch (Sky Blue), Shannon Boxx (St. Louis), Kristine Lilly (Boston), Lori Lindsey (Philadelphia), Carli Lloyd (Sky Blue), Heather O<Reilly (Sky Blue), Megan Rapinoe (Chicago)

Forwards: Lauren Cheney (Boston), Alex Morgan (California), Casey Nogueira (Chicago), Kelley O<Hara (Gold Pride), Amy Rodriguez (Philadelphia), Abby Wambach (Washington)

NCAA

Cal's Randle wins Pac-10 player of the year award

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WALNUT CREEK, Calif. California guard Jerome Randle has been picked as the Pac-10 player of the year.

Randle averaged 18.7 points and 4.5 assists per game. He helped the Golden Bears win their first conference title in 50 years.

In other awards handed out by the league on Monday, Arizona forward Derrick Williams was picked as the league's top freshman, Arizona State's Herb Sendek was selected as the coach of the year, Oregon State's Seth Tarver was named defensive player of the year, and Southern California's Nikola Vucevic won most improved player.

The awards are voted on by the league's coaches.

MOVIE TIMES

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Cop Out (R) 1hr 50min
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The Wolfman (R) 2hrs 5min
2:00pm, 4:45pm, 7:15pm, 9:45pm

The Imaginarium of Doctor Parnassus (PG-13) 2hrs 2min
4:30pm, 9:55pm

Shutter Island (R) 2hrs 18min
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Alice in Wonderland (in Disney Digital 3D) (PG) 1hr 49min
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Cop Out (R) 1hr 50min
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Shutter Island (R) 2hrs 18min
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An Education (PG13) 1hr 55min
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Crazy Heart (R) 2hrs 07min
1:30pm, 4:20pm, 7:10pm, 9:55pm

Ajami (NR) 2hrs 15min
1:15pm, 7:00pm

The Ghost Writer (PG-13) 2hrs 23min
1:00pm, 4:00pm, 7:00pm, 10:00pm

Mann's Criterion Theatre
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Avatar 3D (PG-13) 2hrs 40min
11:30 am, 3:00pm, 6:30pm, 10:00pm

Brooklyn's Finest (R) 2hrs 13min
12:30pm,1:00pm, 3:30pm, 4:30pm, 6:40pm, 7:30pm, 9:30pm, 10:30pm

The Blind Side (PG-13) 2hrs 6min
12:50pm, 3:50pm, 6:50pm, 9:50pm

Percy Jackson & The Olympians: The Lightning Thief (PG) 2 hrs
1:30pm, 4:20pm, 7:00pm, 9:40pm

Valentine's Day (PG-13) 1hr 57min
1:10pm, 4:10pm, 7:10pm, 10:10pm

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

Burn the midnight oil, Aries

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ What you are sure of this morning could be up for grabs by the afternoon. Your instincts could be telling you that another course would be better. Don't fight city hall until you know exactly which path suits you. Tonight: Burning the midnight oil.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Listen to another's opinion, but understand that this might not be the gospel truth, only what he or she is thinking. A meeting proves to be most enlightening and provides direction. Check in with an expert or two before you say that this is it. Tonight: Take in new vistas.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Others could be forward, in your opinion, but what you think might not be all that important. Be willing to break through and find another path that suits you. Investigate options with care. Tonight: A long-overdue conversation.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Dive into work. You will want to network later and handle an issue. Your ability to change gears is a testimony to your strengths. You are able to do this with ease. Work with a loved one who presents a different point of view. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Be aware of what is happening with a child or loved one. This person might feel a little down. Your conversation could be difficult. Discussions remain animated, especially at work. Accomplishment is your middle name. Tonight: Quit pushing so hard.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ Your creativity marks your decisions, forcing your hand with a child or loved one. You simply know when something is off. Honor a change, remaining more upbeat than many. Others happily allow you to take the lead. Tonight: Kick up your heels.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Don't question what is happening so intensely. Sometimes you are the source of your negativity. Pleasure surrounds a domestic matter. Make your best effort to get past a problem. Tonight: Settle in early.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Avoid going to extremes. You could be a lot more vulnerable than you realize. Communication keeps others in touch with what needs to happen. Just pick up the phone if you need to have something happen. Tonight: Visit with friends.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You could be overwhelmed by what is going on around you. You might feel as if you have pushed way beyond your limits. Others simply won't work with you. Honor what is happening with a family member. Tonight: Your treat.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You might feel as if the pressure is way too heavy and overwhelming. You might wonder exactly what to do with a family member who can be charming yet demanding. Communication flourishes in the afternoon. Tonight: As you like.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ Knowing when to back off could be significant if ultimately you want to work through a problem. Observe what isn't being said rather than intercede in a situation. In the long run, the more facts you have the better. Tonight: Do your thing.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ Zero in on what you want. Your finances could be restricting you. Honor that which you cannot change. Not everything is as you think it is. Your words have an impact, especially in a meeting. You might wonder why this doesn't occur more often. Tonight: You are the center of the action.

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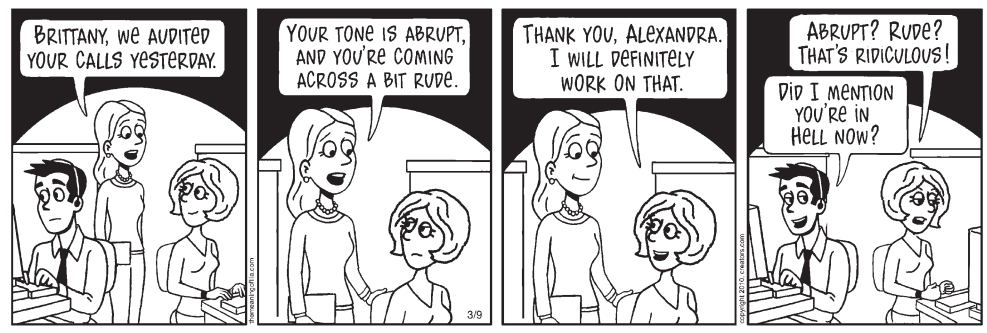
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★★★★★Dynamic ★★ So-So
★★★★ Positive ★ Difficult
★★★ Average

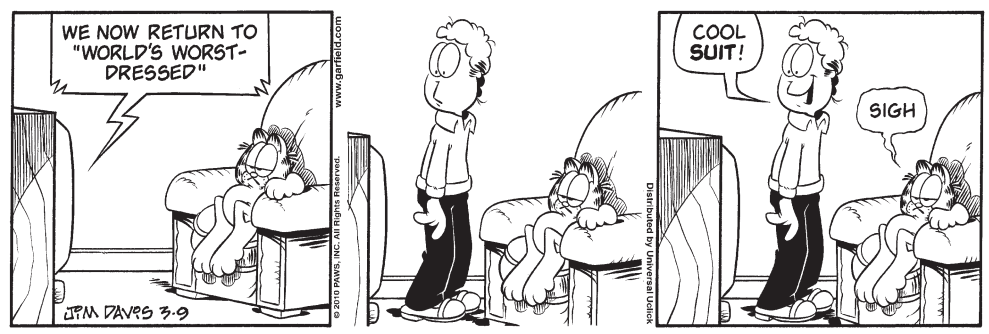
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Difficulty Level ★★

		3	7	4				5
2					6	9	3	
							7	
		4			7	3	1	
				6				
	6	9	4			7		
	5							
	7	1	6					2
4				3	2	8		

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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

9	4	2	7	6	8	3	5	1
5	8	6	3	9	1	2	4	7
3	7	1	5	4	2	6	8	9
4	5	7	6	3	9	1	2	8
6	2	3	1	8	7	5	9	4
1	9	8	4	2	5	7	6	3
2	3	5	9	7	4	8	1	6
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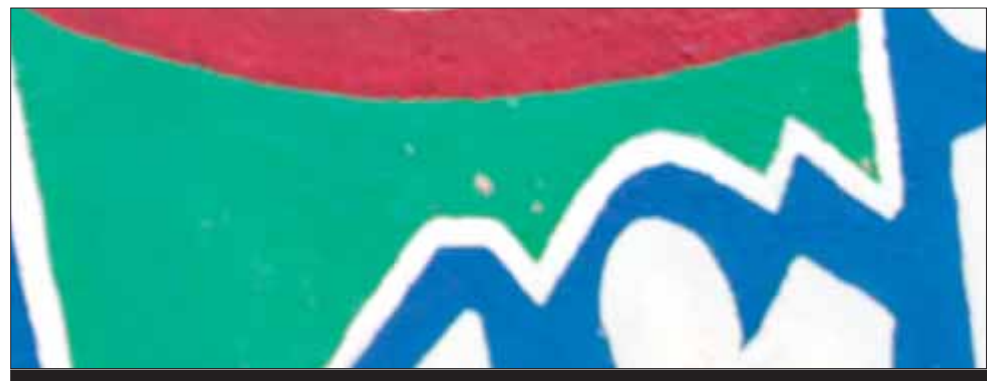
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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Sends
6 Mine section
11 Rainy month
12 Berry of "X-Men"
13 Goading
15 Horror star Chaney
16 Mountain pass
17 Coach Parseghian
18 Trap
20 Naughty act
21 Termite's cousin
22 Suit piece
23 Second president
26 Exams
27 "Clair de —"
28 Dramatist Jonson
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34 Had lunch
35 High hit
36 Paris pal
37 Formal gathering
40 Queen — lace
41 Wise teachers
42 Theater units
43 Emporium

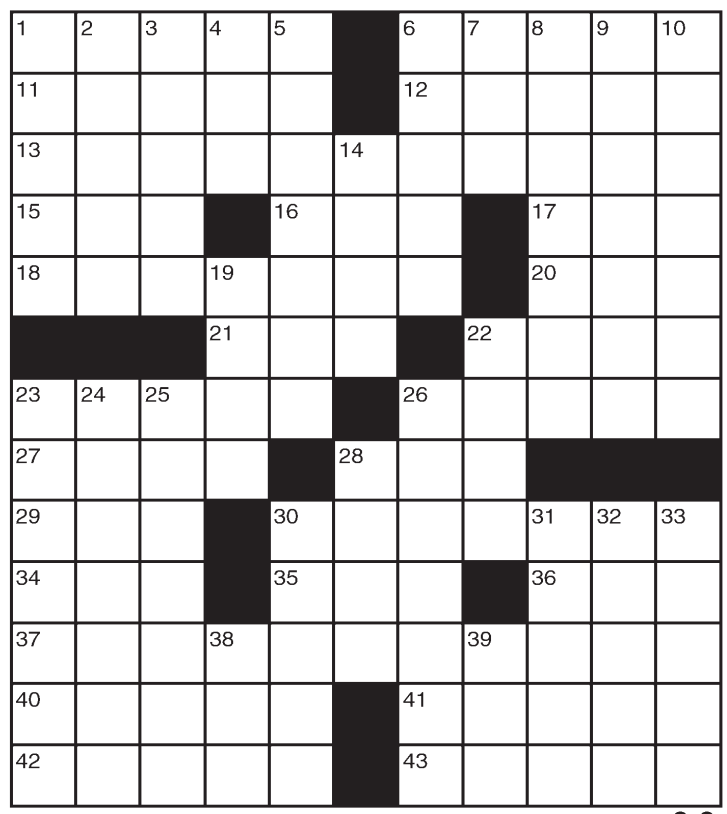
DOWN

1 Sap source
2 Chef's wear
3 Some golf clubs
4 Tyler of "Armageddon"
5 Catchphrases
6 Square or circle
7 Chapeau
8 Assumed names
9 Rose vendor
10 Lease signers
14 Shopping aid
19 Title
22 Let off steam
23 Llamas' cousins
24 Bicolor picture
25 Reception aid
26 Brewing items
28 Political alliance
30 Dentist's directive
31 Egypt's capital
32 Love affair
33 Washer cycle
38 Dog doc
39 Chiding sound

L	A	C	E	S	■	A	P	E	D	■
I	M	A	G	E	■	S	E	D	E	R
L	I	T	O	N	■	S	C	I	F	I
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C	O	R	R	E	C	T	I	O	N	S
■	■	■	I	R	E	■	R	U	S	E
F	L	A	P	S	■	P	A	T	E	S
A	O	N	E	■	F	A	Q	■	■	■
C	O	N	N	E	C	T	I	O	N	S
I	K	E	■	V	C	R	■	P	I	C
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Dr. Thomas Perls, director of the New England Centenarian Study at Boston University Medical School, told a conference in Brisbane, Australia, in March 2005 that he donates blood regularly, largely because he believes it will prolong his life. Women outlive males, Dr. Perls believes, mainly because they menstruate. Perls said iron loss inhibits the growth of free radicals that age cells. "I menstruate," he said, "every eight weeks."

■ Pastor John Renken's Xtreme Ministries of Memphis, Tenn., is one of a supposedly growing number of churches that use "mixed martial arts" events to recruit wayward young men to the Christian gospel. Typically, after leading his flock in solemn prayer to a loving God, Pastor Renken adjourns the session to the back room, where a New York Times reporter found him in February shouting encouragement to his violent parishioners: "Hard punches!" Renken yelled. "Finish the fight! To the head! To the head!" One participant told the Times that fight nights bring a greater masculinity to religion, which he said had, in recent years, gone soft.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1847 Mexican-American War: The first large-scale amphibious assault in U.S. history is launched in the Siege of Veracruz

1856 National Fraternity Sigma Alpha Epsilon is founded at the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

1862 American Civil War: The USS Monitor and CSS Virginia fight to a draw in the Battle of Hampton Roads, the first fight between two ironclad warships.

1896 Prime Minister Francesco Crispi resigns following the Italian defeat at the Battle of Adowa.

1908 Inter Milan is founded.

1910 The Westmoreland County Coal Strike, involving 15,000 coal miners represented by the United Mine Workers, begins.

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Obituaries

Donald Eugene Fawcett

Born in St. Louis, MO. November 6, 1925 died February 15, 2010 in Santa Monica, CA. A graduate of Kirkwood High School (MO) and Washington University in St. Louis (BA Journalism '49), Don was a retired advertising creative director who came to California in 1949. Over a 40 year career, he was a copywriter, art director and creative director at a number of prestigious ad agencies in New York and Los Angeles including Young & Rubicam, Ted Bates, Leo Burnett, and among his clients were such powerhouses as Sony, Pioneer, Gallo, Hughes Aircraft and McDonalds.

A committed progressive liberal, Don was a member of the ACLU, NRDC, Sierra Club, Planned Parenthood and the World Wildlife Foundation. However, central to his social activism was his 35 year involvement with US Servas as a Servas Peacebuilder, and past President of Servas International. The people he hosted, interviewed and visited contributed to a very rich 84 years of life.

In WWII, he served with the Military Tribunal Guard at the Nuremberg Nazi War Crimes trials in 1946 & 1947. He will have a small private burial with full military honors at Riverside National Cemetery.

Don is survived by his loving wife, Aleyne Larner, stepdaughter Maureen (Kate) Larner; sister, Claire Martin and her husband Tom Martin; nieces Laura Martin and Richelle Longo, nephew Bradley Martin, and many cousins and loving friends.

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Santa Monica Canyon	$2,522,500	$4,802,500
North of Montana	$3,200,000	$974,500
Between Wilshire & Montana	$1,875,000	$802,000
South of Wilshire	$979,000	$649,500
Sunset Park	$999,000	$595,000
Ocean Park	$1,396,500	$659,000

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