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## LOCAL NEWS BRIEFS

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### O'Connor files campaign papers

Mayor Pro Tem Pam O'Connor raised $6,675 in campaign donations last fall, financial disclosure forms filed with the City Clerk's office on Wednesday revealed.

Although O'Connor filed the forms more than six weeks after the Feb. 1 filing deadline, City Hall said she would not be fined for her tardiness.

In a letter to the City Clerk, O'Connor said she filed the forms late because of a knee surgery she underwent in February.

"It was determined that because of her situation that the fine would be waived," said Deputy City Clerk Esterlina Lugo.

The forms detailed campaign contributions made during the second half of 2009.

O'Connor, who is running for re-election in November, received money from businesses including the Best Western Gateway Hotel, Colorado Creative Studios and the Bubba Gump Shrimp Co., as well as from individual donors.

NICK TABOREK

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### Concert donations pile up

The Santa Monica Pier Restoration Corp.'s fundraising drive to pay for its annual Twilight Dance Series has raised $30,000 since pier officials announced two weeks ago that they were $92,000 short of the sum they need to put on the summer concerts.

The City Council last week contributed $35,000 to the effort from its discretionary fund, leaving pier officials in need of $27,000 to pay for a seven-concert series.

The fundraising drive was launched because corporate sponsorships that usually subsidize the event fell off by 80 percent in the past two years, officials said.

"We're on our way, but we need more donations to save TDS," Ben Franz-Knight, the PRC's executive director, said in a news release.

Franz-Knight said the PRC needs to raise enough money to pay for the concert series by March 24.

The biggest donations to the PRC so far are a $20,000 gift from Pacific Park, the amusement park on the pier, and $5,000 from Naked Juice. By Thursday afternoon, individual donors had contributed more than $5,000, Franz Knight said.

Donations can be made at www.santamonicapier.org.

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IMPACTING THE CLASSROOM: **Santa Monica High School English teacher Megan Walker speaks to her students on Thursday afternoon. An estimated 1,200 students could face losing permits to attend Santa Monica-Malibu schools if a LAUSD plan to revoke permits is implemented.**

# School super wants permit exemption

**BY NICK TABOREK**
Daily Press Staff Writer

SMMUSD HDQTRS The Los Angeles Unified School District wants to boost enrollment — and increase the amount of money it gets from the state — by cutting back on the number of permits it grants to students who live within the district's boundaries but attend classes in other public school systems.

Under a plan LAUSD Superintendent Ramon Cortines outlined in February, about 10,000 of the more-than 12,000 students who receive permits to leave the district would have to return to the LAUSD.

With more than 1,200 students who go to school in the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District but live in LAUSD territory, the plan has caused concern among SMMUSD officials and district parents who say the new permit policy would disrupt students' education and cost SMMUSD money.

Now, SMMUSD Superintendent Tim Cuneo is pushing back against the idea, announcing that he'll send a proposal to Cortines next week asking him to exempt all current SMMUSD permit students and their siblings from the policy change.

Cuneo said he understands LAUSD's need to increase revenue, but said the new LAUSD permit policy shouldn't affect students who have already established ties at their schools.

"I think that that's fair," he said. "It's fair to the families, it provides for continuity of education and it doesn't separate families."

LAUSD has said its permit policy change would generate $51 million for the district, which is facing a $640 million budget deficit.

SMMUSD School Board member Oscar de la Torre said Cuneo's proposal to grandfather in current permit students would benefit SMMUSD at least in the short term.

"It's what makes the most sense if you care about kids," he said. "From a financial point of view, we can't afford to lose those students. On top of that those students can't afford to have their education disrupted."

Under LAUSD's plan, permit students who go to SMMUSD schools would be eligible to continue attending if one of their parents works within the school's attendance boundary. Students entering fifth, eighth and 12th grade next year also would be eligible for permits to leave LAUSD, so that they can finish out the final year at their current schools.

Cuneo said about half of the district's

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## Friday, March 19, 2010

### Live local music night

Whole Foods Santa Monica
2201 Wilshire Blvd., 5:30 p.m. — 7:30 p.m.
Local musician Tom Jester will be starring at this month's performance. Whole Food's invites you to work your way around the store eating and drinking, trying local products. Call (310) 315-0662 for more information.

### Finding 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. This expansive collaboration between artist, curator, graduate students and community organizations will consist of a participatory laboratory that sponsors community dialogues, public presentations and interventions, exhibits of artworks and project data to explore the social and political dimension of art organizations. For more information, call (310) 453-3711. Admission is free.

## Saturday, March 20, 2010

### Santa Monica Airport Artwalk

Airport Ave., between Bundy Dr. and 23rd St., 1 p.m. — 5 p.m.
The fourth annual airport artwalk is an invitation to meet the resident artists of the airport arts community — a cultural resource located in a unique, creative atmosphere. More than 60 local artists and performers will have their private studios and works on view. Painting, sculpture, ceramics, and mixed media will be represented. New in 2010 will be free activities for kids and special discounts at airport restaurants. Some resident artists will sell work from their studios at discounted rates and many will offer free refreshments. The event and parking are free. For more information, call (310) 458-8350.

### 'Alice and the Wonderful Tea Party!' Extended

Santa Monica Playhouse Main Stage
1211 4th St., 12:30 p.m. and 3:00 p.m.
Extended by popular demand. Follow Alice as she accepts a party invitation to visit the wonderful Wonderland characters of her youth. The internationally acclaimed Family Theatre musical comedy, performed on three continents over the past 20 years, will usher in a 24-month theatre festival celebrating Santa Monica Playhouse's 50th year of continuous theatrical and educational services to the community. Come in costume and receive a two-for-one coupon for any future Family Theatre performance throughout the two-year 50th anniversary celebration. Prices: $10.50 for kids (12 and under) and $12.50 for adults. Also available to see on Sunday at the same times. For reservations, call (310) 394-9779 ext. 2.

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.

# Brownley's park smoking ban stalls out

**SAMANTHA YOUNG**
Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO An attempt to impose what is believed to be the nation's most far-reaching smoking ban in state parks has stalled in the California Legislature.

On Thursday, lawmakers supporting the bill in the 80-member Assembly fell five votes short of the simple majority needed to approve the ban. Supporters expect to have enough votes when the bill comes up for another vote, as early as Monday.

Democratic Assemblywoman Julia Brownley of Santa Monica, who handled the bill on the floor, says she feels "pretty confident" it eventually will pass.

The legislation would ban smoking at state beaches and all other state parks. It's meant to decrease litter from cigarette butts, eliminate second-hand smoke and reduce the threat of wildfires.

Campsites and parking areas would be exempted from the ban.

# Crooks target medical pot

**LISA LEFF**
Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO Patients, growers and clinics in some of the 14 states that allow medical marijuana are falling victim to robberies, home invasions, shootings and even murders at the hands of pot thieves.

There have been dozens of cases in recent months alone. The issue received more attention this week after a prominent medical marijuana activist in a Seattle suburb nearly killed a robber in a shootout — the eighth time thieves had targeted his pot-growing operation.

Critics say the heists and holdups prove that marijuana and crime are inseparable, though marijuana advocates contend that further legalization is the answer. News of crimes related to medical marijuana comes at an awkward time for California and Washington advocates who are pushing to

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## THE MADNESS

Brandon Wise *brandonw@smdp.com*

**Patrons at The Parlor watch Washington take on Marquette during the first round of the NCAA Mens Basketball Tournament on Thursday afternoon. Washington won, 80-78.**

# Home prices making a comeback

**JACOB ADELMAN**
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES The median home price in California hit $249,000 last month, marking its fourth consecutive month of year-to-year increases after more two years of declines, a tracking firm reported Thursday.

San Diego-based MDA DataQuick said the 11 percent increase in the median price from February 2009 was due to a dip in foreclosures and an increase in high-end sales.

The median for the state increased from $224,000 in February 2009 and about 1 percent from $247,000 in January.

More than 28,100 homes were sold in the state in February, up about 1 percent from January but down nearly 4 percent from February 2009.

DataQuick President John Walsh attributed the drop to job security fears among potential buyers, difficulty obtaining financing and a decrease in the number of low-priced homes on the market that are affordable to most buyers.

"The sales and price data remain choppy, with more ups and downs than we'd typically see," Walsh said. "The market remains fundamentally off kilter."

In the nine-county region of Northern California, sales dropped about 1 percent to 4,990 in February from a year earlier. That figure crept up about a percent to more than 15,000 in a six-county region of Southern California.

The median home price in Northern California increased 20 percent to $354,000 last month from $295,000 in February 2009, its fifth consecutive year-to-year increase.

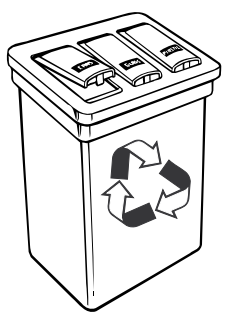
In Southern California, the median price rose 10 percent to $275,000, up from $250,000 in the year-ago period. It was the median's third consecutive year-to-year increase.

Foreclosures comprised 44.3 percent of statewide resales last month, up from 43.8 last month but down from the all-time high of 58.8 percent reached in February 2009.

Walsh said the volume of homes in various stages of the foreclosure process suggested that the housing market's outlook would remain murky for some time to come.

"The key question is how much more distressed inventory is coming, and when," he said.

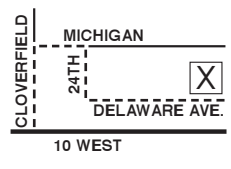
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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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### Shut down The Hump

**Editor:**

I'd like to urge City Council to make sure the selling of sei whale meat at The Hump stops. Now, how can they be sure they'll succeed in ending this illegal and immoral practice?

They seem divided, which is very disappointing. Is it true that only ONE lone member says (anonymously, although I'm guessing I know darn well who he is, and would love to shake his hand!) that he would like to shut them down? Mayor Pro Tem O'Connor says "... there are lots of people that are going to be hurt, and had nothing to do with the decision of serving the whale ..." ("Council members divided on future of The Hump," March 16, 2010). That may be true and unfortunate, and while [chef] Kiyoshi Yamamoto is fully responsible, are we to believe that no one else knew what was going on? It's embarrassing that in a city that prides itself on being green and progressive, this was never noticed until an undercover film crew exposed it.

Fining Yamamoto $100,000 seems a drop in the bucket for a place that charged $85 for the whale. Apparently, leasing and timing issues are a factor in the city's decision. This complicates the matter, but indeed there is some way to make sure sei whale and horse meat (horse was also sold according to the affidavit) is not served in this restaurant, in our city ever again ... and in a post on the popular Chowhound Web site (August 9, 2007), The Hump also allegedly served sea turtle, in a "bowl of its own beautifully polished shell."

Yamamoto's admission seemed disingenuous. While whale may be a delicacy in Japan, as he says, it's irrelevant in this case, and the mention of it only appears to be an apology to the trendy "exotic" and "adventurous" eaters than he can no longer surreptitiously serve. Many eyes are on you, City Council. Whatever the outcome, jobs there will be lost, because business won't be the same, but shouldn't that be on Kiyoshi Yamamoto's conscience, not yours? Shut them down.

**V.C. Baker**
Santa Monica






## Write Rachel

**Rachel Iverson** — **Send comments to editor@smdp.com**

# Porn could be deal-breaker

**Dear Rachel,**

I don't know what to do; my partner is addicted to porn. He watches it online every day and when I confront him about it, he says he's addicted and he'll never stop. I know it's a guy thing, but I think his behavior is degrading to women, and it turns me off. His obsession takes time away from our relationship and it affects our love life. When we first started dating, we had good sex, but now I feel like he couldn't care less about my needs in bed; he only cares about himself. I think he needs help. What can I do?

**Signed, Plagued by Porn**

**Dear Plagued by Porn,**

It's up to every couple to decide what behavior works for them and what doesn't. That being said, if your partner is heavily into pornography and you find it disgusting and degrading, you may have reached a deal-breaker in your relationship. Does your partner want to change? Unless he's willing to seek help, I don't see a way to bridge this gap. Your boyfriend may not be exaggerating when he says he's addicted to porn. He may need some form of addiction counseling/rehab in order to stop his habit. If he's not willing to make the changes necessary to save your relationship, it may be time for you to leave. If you stay, expect more of the same behavior.

The fact that you and your boyfriend have differing views on porn symbolizes incompatible beliefs that go beyond sexual preference. The two of you have conflicting values and porn is just one symptom of your incompatibility. I bet if you were to look deeper, you'd find other clues that you and your boyfriend are not on the same page when it comes to your core beliefs. Complementary morals are an essential ingredient to a healthy relationship, so consider your boyfriend's porn habit a dramatic sign that he's not the best match for you.

Shared values can be the ultimate aphrodisiac. Find a man who shares your views on life to experience a more satisfying relationship in and out of the bedroom. It's not true that all men watch porn. To avoid repeating history, identify signs of porn habits with future dates, and don't hesitate to move on if you see red flags. You can have chemistry and shared values with a man. Don't settle for less.

**Dear Rachel,**

My girlfriend is Caucasian and I'm Mexican. We've been dating for five months and I love her, but her family is racist. They make comments about my skin color as if they're using terms of endearment, when really they're being rude. If her mother calls me, "her brown boyfriend," one more time, I'm going to snap. The worst part is that my girlfriend is oblivious to her family's condescending comments. I love her, but I hate her family. What should I do?

**– Signed, Humiliated for Love**

**Dear Humiliated for Love,**

I'm so sorry that you've had to put up with your girlfriend's racist family. Unfortunately, there are still ignorant people in this world, but that doesn't mean you have to put up with abuse for love.

Sit your girlfriend down and explain that you feel uncomfortable around her family because of their racist comments. Although this conversation might feel awkward, it's essential to address this subject if you plan on salvaging your relationship. Your girlfriend may feel defensive, at first, but she should come around to see your point of view eventually. If she doesn't, she's not the right woman for you. This is an important issue to iron out, especially if you think the two of you are on the marriage track. You don't want to sign up for a lifetime of mistreatment from her family; it's best to nip this problem in the bud.

If you want a future with your girlfriend, you must get her to see your side so that you have an ally against your future in-laws. Hopefully your girlfriend can convince her family to treat you with more respect. Otherwise, you may choose to either keep your distance from her family, or end your relationship altogether. In this case, I hope her family comes around so that you and your girlfriend can work your way past this relationship obstacle.

**DSSDF**

I thought my boyfriend was, "The One," but he doesn't treat me right. Does this mean he's not "The One?" I'm confused.

**Signed, The One?**

**Dear The One?**

I guarantee your boyfriend's not "The One" if he treats you like $#!T. This is for everyone out there who justifies a dysfunctional relationship because they think their partner was predetermined by fate. Did I mention that I dislike the term "The One?" I think it's dangerous to base a relationship on anything other than the content of your partner's character. Exercise your dating freedom of choice. In other words, make a conscious decision to only date people who treat you well. You can love someone unconditionally, but don't date unconditionally. Date people on the condition that they treat you with love, respect and consideration.

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## Laughing Matters

Jack Neworth

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# Longer days, nosier nights

IF THIS WEEK'S COLUMN SEEMS TO ramble I say blame it on Daylight Savings. It all started at 2 a.m. on Sunday. I was at the computer when the clock suddenly jumped to 3 a.m. I thought, "There went an hour I'll never get back." (Exactly how I used to feel after a George W. Bush State of the Union.) Fortunately we get this hour back in November. It'll be football season and another year Los Angeles won't have an NFL team. You can almost set your clock by it.

Speaking of setting clocks, Sunday I skipped one. Because it's high on the wall and required a stepladder I didn't bother changing it last fall. Eight months later, voila, the errant clock is as accurate as Big Ben. For once, my laziness paid off.

Personally, I don't know why we don't have Daylight Savings all year round. But then, I never understood why we didn't have universal health care. (How's that for a segue?) We're the only industrialized country in the world that doesn't have it. We're also the only one with capital punishment and weak gun control. As comedian Yakov Smirnoff used to say, "America, what a country!"

Poor Yakov. Following the end of the Cold War he's hardly worked in TV or movies. It's reminiscent of Vaughan Meader in 1963. A JFK impressionist, his comedy album, "The First Family," made him an overnight sensation. But then came Nov. 22.

As the story goes, it was a New York cab driver who informed Meader that JFK had been assassinated. Meader immediately requested a stop at a liquor store where he bought a case of Scotch, went back to his hotel and got thoroughly blitzed for the next few decades. In time, Meader apparently added cocaine and heroin to his bingeing which ended with his death in 2004. How's that for an uplifting story?

But back to Daylight Savings. It's been a week and yet whenever I check the time, I still ask myself what is it in "real" time? I confessed this odd behavior to my doctor friend, Andy, who gave me one of those "take two aspirin and call me in the morning" looks. In my defense, for years researchers have been cataloguing the effects of switching to Daylight Savings.

A 1996 study in the New England Journal of Medicine documented an 8 percent increase in traffic accidents on the Monday after the switch. In 2009, Michigan State University psychologists reported that there are more workplace injuries on the Mondays following the time change. (Perhaps this column is an unusual form of workplace injury?)

Till Roenneberg, a German chronobiologist (not a typo, that's his real name and real job) at the University of Munich, reports that people can "lag" for a month following the change. He postulates that the impact of the time switch may be greater than we ever thought. Paraphrasing from an old Mike Nichols and Elaine May routine, "And that man is a chrnobiologist!"

Following the time change, summer is not far behind. Given this week's balmy weather it feels like it's already here. And with summer come the crowds. At our beaches, Promenade and streets, get ready for the hordes of visitors to our fair city. At worst, it's like a bad horror movie. At best, it's still like a horror movie. This past weekend I got a reminder of what's to come.

At midnight on Saturday, the beach parking lot sounded like the Indianapolis 500, filled with people racing battery operated miniature cars. To my ears there's few sounds more hideous than the high pitched whine these cars emit. It makes fingernails on a blackboard seem soothing.

I was going to call the police but, given the possible rapes, robberies or even murders that could be going on (hopefully, none of the above), reporting noisy battery-operated cars seemed slightly trivial. And yet, while I'm vehemently against the death penalty, for these model car racers I might make an exception.

Daylight Savings also means baseball. (Yawn.) This year our carpetbagger Dodger owners are embroiled in an ugly divorce. Jamie McCourt's seeking a mere $1 million a month in temporary support. (Apparently private jets aren't cheap.) It seems that instead of buying starting pitchers the McCourts bought houses. Alas, we fans are the kids in this divorce.

Also unsettling me is the NCAA basketball tournament. Normally at this time of year I'm stressing about UCLA's next opponent. This year, UC Santa Barbara is in the Big Dance but UCLA isn't. (The Gauchos play today while my Bruins can watch on TV.) In one season, March Madness became March Sadness.

Well, I better wrap this up as my deadline is 4 p.m. With Daylight Savings, I still can't help but wonder what is that in "real" time?

When he isn't busy checking his watch, Jack can be reached at Jackneworth@yahoo.com.

## The Q Line

**The big race**

For the first time in its history, the Honda LA Marathon presented by K-Swiss will end in Santa Monica. The race takes place Sunday, March 21.

**So, this week's Q-Line question asks:**
Will you be out cheering on the masses of runners or will you be upset by the road closures the event creates?

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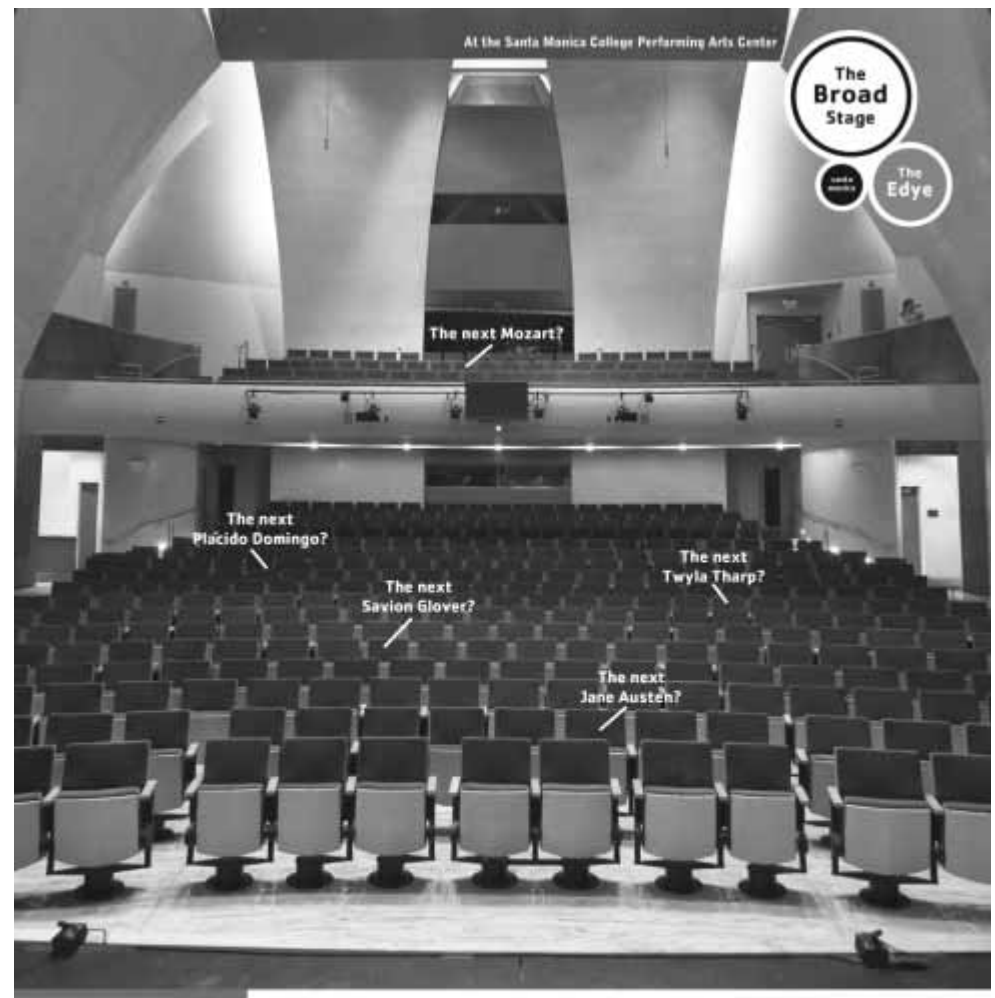
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# Bikers eyed in police building booby traps

**THOMAS WATKINS**
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES Authorities are investigating whether a motorcycle gang rigged a Southern California police building with booby traps after becoming angry when police monitored the funeral of a member.

Hemet police spokesman Lt. Duane Wisehart said Thursday it was one of several possible motives being considered regarding the attacks.

"They are definitely one of the suspects," Wisehart said. "It's coincidental at minimum."

About 30 members of the Vagos, California's largest motorcycle gang, were arrested Wednesday as part of a crackdown in Riverside and Shasta counties in California, Arizona, Nevada and Utah.

California Attorney General Jerry Brown and Riverside County District Attorney Rod Pacheco scheduled a news conference later in the day to discuss the attacks. Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger has offered a $50,000 reward for information in the case.

About 100 members of the Vagos gang attended the Dec. 29 funeral at a church across the street from the anti-gang unit's headquarters in Hemet, authorities said.

Officers monitored the memorial but did not attend the service. Some of the Vagos members were questioned or followed as they left town.

"They were there, we were there," said Riverside County sheriff's Capt. Walter Meyer, who oversees the regional gang task force. "Is there information that could indicate it was possibly them? Absolutely."

Meyer, however, said members of other gangs had not been ruled out as suspects.

"Obviously we have angered somebody," he said.

Two days after the Vagos funeral, someone drilled a hole in the roof of the police building and diverted a natural gas line from a heater, filling the space with flammable gas. The trap was discovered before anyone was hurt.

Last month, a contraption rigged to a security gate at the building sent a bullet whizzing past an officer. Nobody was hurt in that attack or another incident when an unspecified, dangerous device was found near an officer's car.

Meyer said there are about 200 Vagos members in Riverside County.

The gang specializes in methamphetamine sales, identity theft and violence, he said.

Hemet is located in Riverside County's San Jacinto Valley and has a population of about 75,000 people.

# Board to study requiring condoms in porn

**SHAYA TAYEFE MOHAJER**
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES California's worker safety board voted Thursday to further study a proposal that would require porn actors to wear condoms during sex scenes.

The six-member California Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board voted unanimously to assign an advisory committee to study the proposal from the AIDS Healthcare Foundation. The advocacy group filed a petition in December seeking to require the use of condoms in the porn industry.

"We feel like this is the game-changer. The sentiment expressed by the board members indicates that the majority if not all of them are willing to vote for regulations," said Michael Weinstein, president of the Los Angeles-based advocacy group.

The group wants the same sort of protections in place for nurses and doctors who work with bodily fluids to be extended to porn to prevent the transmission of diseases.

By law, U.S. adult film actors must prove they have tested negative for HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases within 30 days of going to work on a film.

Pornographers, including Hustler publisher Larry Flynt and Vivid Entertainment head Steven Hirsch, have said mandatory testing for adult film actors has been an effective way to prevent the spread of disease. Flynt added that adult film viewers don't want to see people using condoms.

Hirsch said the adult film industry would likely leave California if the use of condoms became mandatory.

The AIDS Healthcare Foundation's other efforts to mandate condom use have been unsuccessful.


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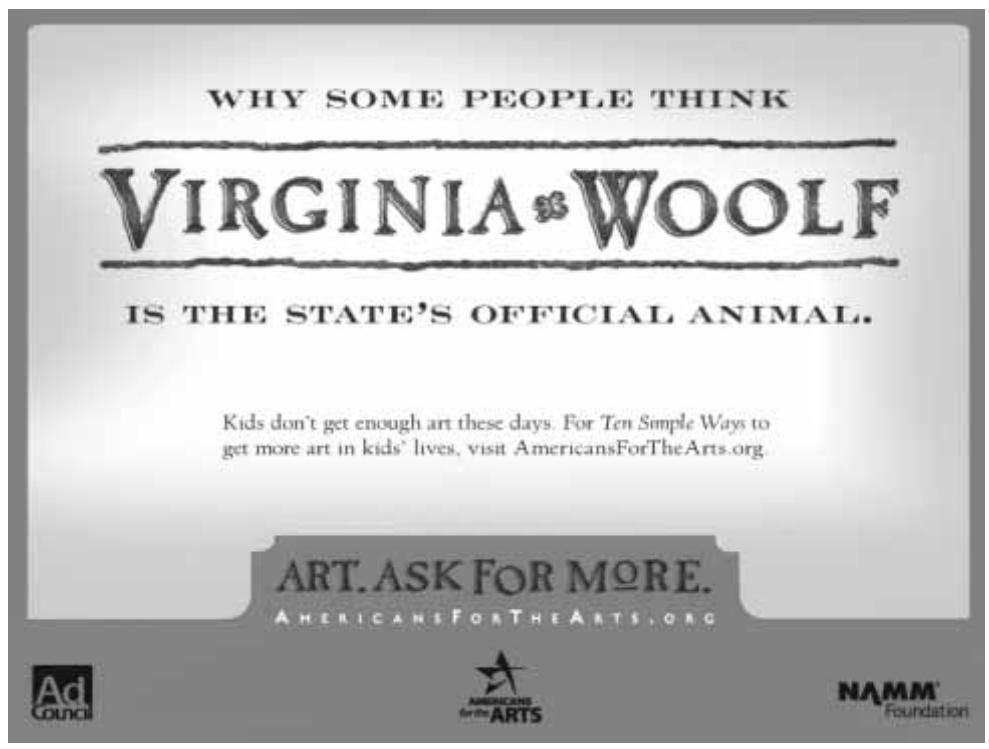

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CRIME WATCH
BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

# Trouble while texting

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

## MONDAY, MARCH 8, AT 6:53 P.M.

A traffic officer requested assistance in the 500 block of Santa Monica Boulevard. As police personnel arrived, they witnessed a suspect pull away from the curb forcing the enforcement officer to jump out of the path of the advancing vehicle. After detaining the suspect, the enforcement officer said that he initially saw the suspect parked in a red zone. The officer asked the driver to move at which point she replied: "I will move when I am done texting." As the officer moved to the rear of the vehicle, the driver exited the vehicle, confronting the officer. The suspect then attempted to grab the officer's hands, attempting to bite him. The suspect is reported to have yelled: "I am not getting any more tickets." The driver then re-entered the vehicle, attempting to flee the scene. The suspect was identified as Ashley Albrand, 26, of Topanga Canyon. She was charged with assault with a deadly weapon. Her bail was set at $30,000.

## MONDAY, MARCH 8, AT 11:43 P.M.

Santa Monica police responded to the 100 block of Wilshire Boulevard regarding a malicious mischief incident report. Upon arrival, officers were advised by a security guard that a suspect picked up an unknown object, hurling it at a glass door causing it to shatter. Security attempted to detain the suspect, but he got away on foot. Officers were able to locate the suspect a short distance away. He was identified as Alexander Carver, 37, of Santa Monica. He was booked for felony vandalism. His bail was set at $20,000.

## MONDAY, MARCH 8, AT 7:50 P.M.

Officers responded to a collision in the 2100 block of Euclid Street. Upon arrival, officers made contact with a driver that struck a parked vehicle. While speaking with the driver, officers noted that she appeared to be impaired. Officers conducted a field sobriety test, determining that she was under the influence. She was identified as Jennifer Goodwin, 34, of Santa Monica. She was booked for driving under the influence and a probation violation. Her bail was set at $40,000.

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10, AT 5:55 P.M.

Officers stopped a bicyclist after witnessing him run a red light while riding on the sidewalk. During the stop, officers searched the suspect finding a meth pipe and burglary tools. The suspect was identified as Daniel Perales, 21, of Santa Monica. He was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia, vehicle code violations and possession of burglary tools. His bail was set at $500.

## THURSDAY, MARCH 11, AT 2:45 P.M.

Officers responded to the 700 block of Broadway (Vons) regarding a theft suspect in custody. Security personnel informed officers that the suspect entered the market and placed two beer cans in his pocket. The suspect then attempted to exit the building without paying for the items. Security stopped him and detained him until officers arrived. Once on the scene, officers searched the suspect discovering nine small bags of marijuana in his jacket. He was identified as Huey Little, 44, of Huntington Beach. He was booked for burglary, possession of marijuana and a parole violation. He was not eligible for bail.

## FRIDAY, MARCH 12, AT 8:15 P.M.

Officers were on patrol in front of City Hall when they observed a suspect yelling and cursing. As officers parked their vehicle, they saw the subject run up to an individual that had just parked his car on Olympic Boulevard, challenging him to a fight. The suspect struck a fighting stance and appeared to begin hitting the victim. Officers exited the vehicle and immediately attempted to arrest the combative suspect. After a bit of a struggle, officers were able to detain him. The suspect was identified as Bryan Dibucci, 41, a transient. He was booked for challenging to fight in a public space. His bail was set at $10,000.

## SATURDAY, MARCH 13, AT 5:57 P.M.

Officers responded to the 2400 block of Pico Boulevard (Rite Aid) regarding an assault with a deadly weapon. Once on the scene, witnesses identified the alleged suspect talking on a nearby pay phone. Officers also made contact with the victim who stated that the suspect had assaulted him with a pair of crutches. As officers made contact with the suspect, they noticed that the crutches in his possession had splattered blood on them. The suspect was identified as William Bell, 47, a transient. He was booked for assault with a deadly weapon. His bail was set at $30,000.

Managing Editor Daniel Archuleta compiled these reports.

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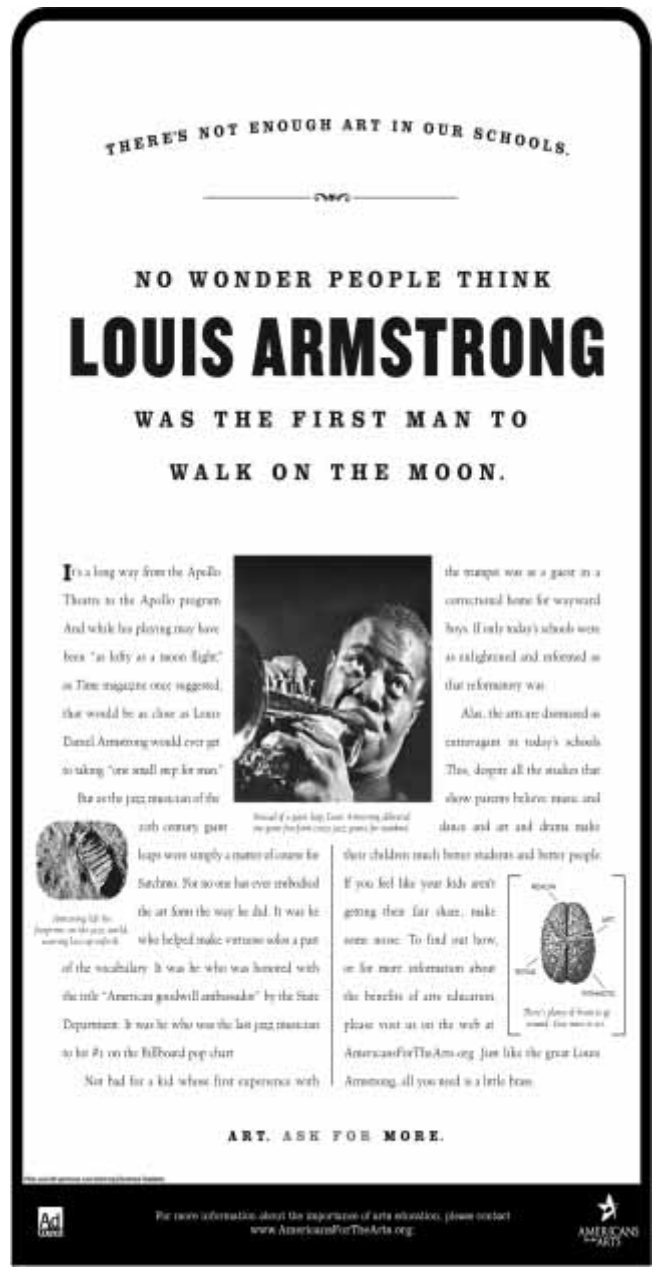
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# L.A. woman paroled in deadly fire deported

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Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES A clothing store owner who spent 23 years behind bars for a deadly arson fire after proclaiming her innocence was paroled from state prison and deported to Mexico on Thursday.

Immigration and Customs Enforcement officials said Maria Rosa "Rosie" Sanchez was released from the state California Institution for Women in Chino and deported by immigration authorities at the San Ysidro border crossing.

ICE spokeswoman Virginia Kice said Sanchez is a convicted felon with no lawful status in the U.S.

"She was made aware of her rights and the process was explained to her," Kice said. She declined to describe Sanchez's response.

Sanchez, who owned a small clothing store, said she was at home when another store in the same building went up in flames in December 1985. A man died in the fire, and Sanchez was convicted of first-degree murder and arson. In 1987, she was sentenced to 25 years to life.

She always maintained her innocence. With the help of a law clinic for women at the University of Southern California Law School, she got the state parole board to recommend her release.

Sanchez met with Mexican consular officials after she was processed by immigration officials, Kice said.

The USC law students who helped Sanchez win parole are preparing to ask Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger to pardon Sanchez so she can visit with her adult children, who waited for years to bring their mother home.

Last week, prison officials told Sanchez she would be released to her daughter, also named Rosie Sanchez, who lives in Anaheim, said her son, Gustavo Sanchez.

His sister bought furniture, fixed up a room for their mother to live in and prepared her young children to welcome their grandmother, he said.

"She's pretty upset because she keeps looking at that empty room. She's been sleeping in there since we found out," that their mother would be deported instead of released, Gustavo said, as he prepared to leave for Tijuana to meet his mother.

Sanchez was picked up by her sister at the border, and she will live with her in Mexicali, her son said.

Jennifer Farrell, a second year law student at USC who represented Sanchez at her parole hearing, said the whole family got their hopes up when the prison said she could stay in the U.S. and live with her daughter, but Sanchez had told the parole board she would go to Mexicali.

"It was the best strategy before the parole board, but partly I think that after 23 years of wrongful incarceration, she was just fed up with the American dream," Farrell said.

Sanchez said she had been approved for a green card and would have received it if she hadn't been arrested, said USC Law professor Michael Brennan said. She was deported primarily because as a convicted felon without U.S. citizenship she's not allowed to travel or live in the U.S.

Farrell said that Sanchez's public defender was ineffective during the 1987 trial and the sole witness who placed her at the scene was unreliable. Farrell also said Sanchez didn't have a financial motive as prosecutors had claimed.

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# Parents urging LAUSD to move gradually on permits

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LAUSD permit students would likely fall into one of those two categories.

On Wednesday, 250 to 300 parents attended a meeting at John Adams Middle School to discuss LAUSD's new permit policy and the process for appealing permit decisions, Cuneo said. SMMUSD has posted information for permit families on its Web site, www.smmusd.org.

District parents also have begun a letter writing campaign to urge LAUSD board members to implement the new permit policy gradually, Cuneo said.

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# Reports of illegal activity include gunfire, burglary

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pass ballot measures to allow all adults, not just the chronically ill, to possess the drug.

"Whenever you are dealing with drugs and money, there is going to be crime. If people think otherwise, they are very naive," said Scott Kirkland, the police chief in El Cerrito, Calif., and a vocal critic of his state's voter-approved medical marijuana law.

"People think if we decriminalize it, the Mexican cartels and Asian gangs are going to walk away. That's not the world I live in," Kirkland said.

Activists and law enforcement officials say it is difficult to get an accurate picture of crimes linked to medical marijuana because many victims don't notify the police for fear of drawing unwanted attention to their own activities. But the California Police Chiefs Association used press clippings to compile 52 medical marijuana-related crimes — including seven homicides — from April 2008 to March 2009.

There also is plenty of anecdotal evidence:

■ A man in Washington state was beaten to death last week with what is believed to be a crowbar after confronting an intruder on the rural property where he was growing cannabis to treat painful back problems.

■ Medical marijuana activist Steve Sarich exchanged gunfire with intruders in his home Monday in Kirkland, Wash., shooting and critically injuring one of them.

■ In California, a boy was shot to death in 2007 while allegedly trying to steal a cancer patient's pot plants from his home garden.

■ A respected magazine editor was killed that same year by robbers who targeted his Northern California home for marijuana and money after hearing that his teenage son was growing pot with a doctor's approval.

■ Robbers killed a security guard at a Los Angeles medical marijuana dispensary in 2008.

Police and marijuana opponents say the violence is further proof that the proliferation of medical marijuana carries problems that would worsen if pot is legalized or decriminalized.

Pot activists say the opposite: that prohibition breeds crime and legalization would solve the problem. They also say the robberies have exposed the need for more regulation of medical marijuana laws in states like California, Washington and Colorado.

"The potential for people to get ripped off and for people to use guns to have to defend themselves against robbers is very real," said Keith Stroup, founder and chief legal counsel for the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws. "But it's nothing to do with medical marijuana. It is to do with the failure of states to regulate this."

Marijuana advocates say there is adequate regulation in New Mexico, where officials say there have been no violent medical marijuana robberies.

Medical cannabis is primarily grown by a small number of regularly inspected nonprofits in New Mexico, and the state keeps their names and locations confidential. The law includes extensive requirements covering security, quality control, staff training and education about the use of the drug.

Most medical marijuana states have only vague rules for caregivers or dispensaries participating in a business with products that can fetch $600 an ounce. Some states, including California and Colorado, can only guess how many pot dispensaries they have because the businesses don't have to register with the state.

"This is ridiculous, in my opinion, to have medical marijuana and no regulation," Stroup said. "A jewelry store wouldn't open without security, and if it did, a scuzzy person's going to break in and steal all their diamonds."

Stephen Gutwillig, California director of the pro-pot Drug Policy Alliance, said that while the robberies are disturbing, there is no way to conclude that legalized marijuana breeds any more crime than convenience stores, banks or homes stocked with expensive jewelry and electronics.

In fact, Denver police said the 25 robberies and burglaries targeting medical marijuana in the city in the last half of 2009 amounted to a lower crime rate than what banks or liquor stores there suffered.

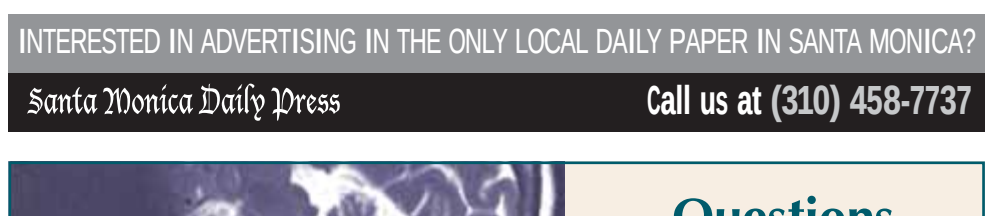
"I think what we are seeing is a spate of crime that reflects the novelty of medical marijuana cultivation and distribution through unregulated means," Gutwillig said.

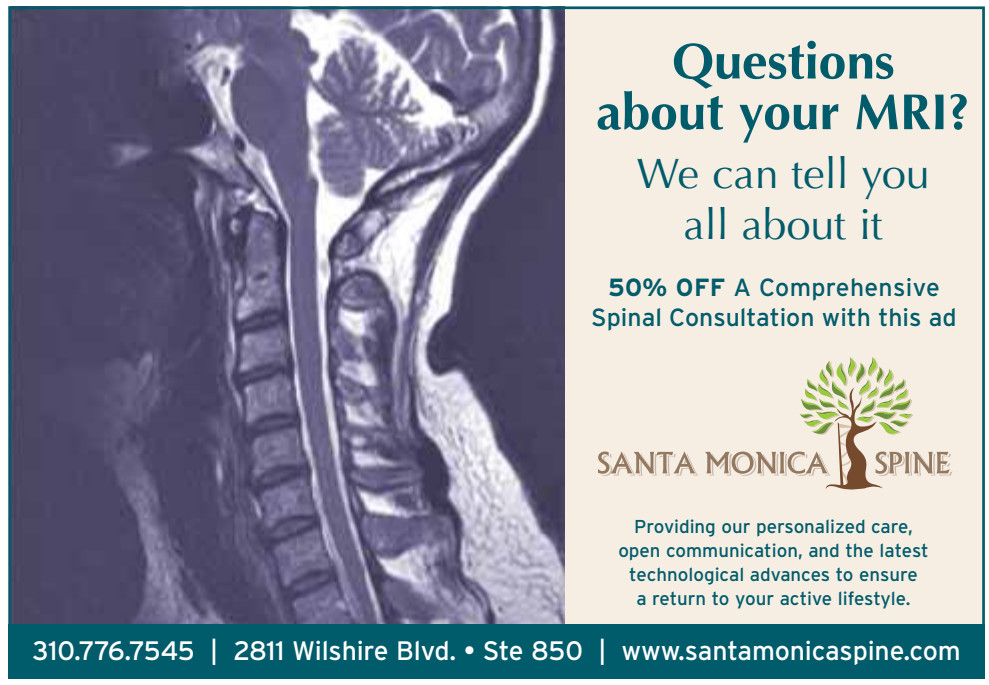
Marijuana is still illegal under federal law, but the Obama administration loosened its guidelines for prosecutions of medical pot last year. The Justice Department told federal prosecutors that targeting people who use or provide medical marijuana in strict compliance with state laws was not a good use of their time.

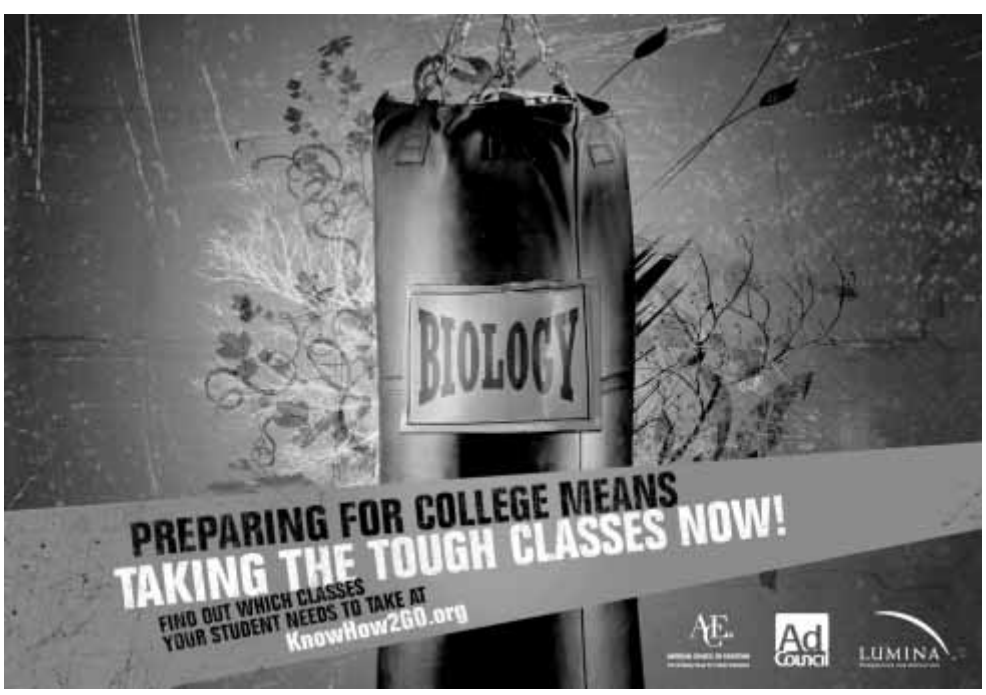











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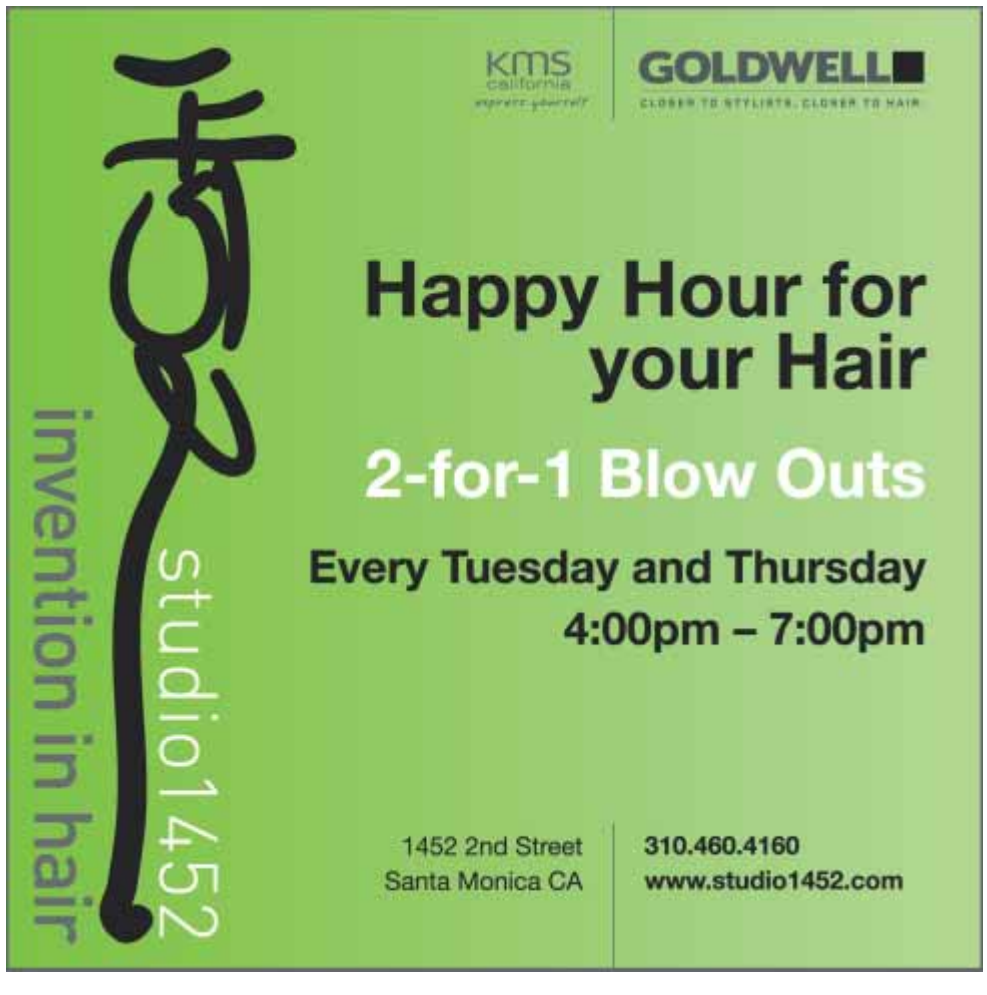
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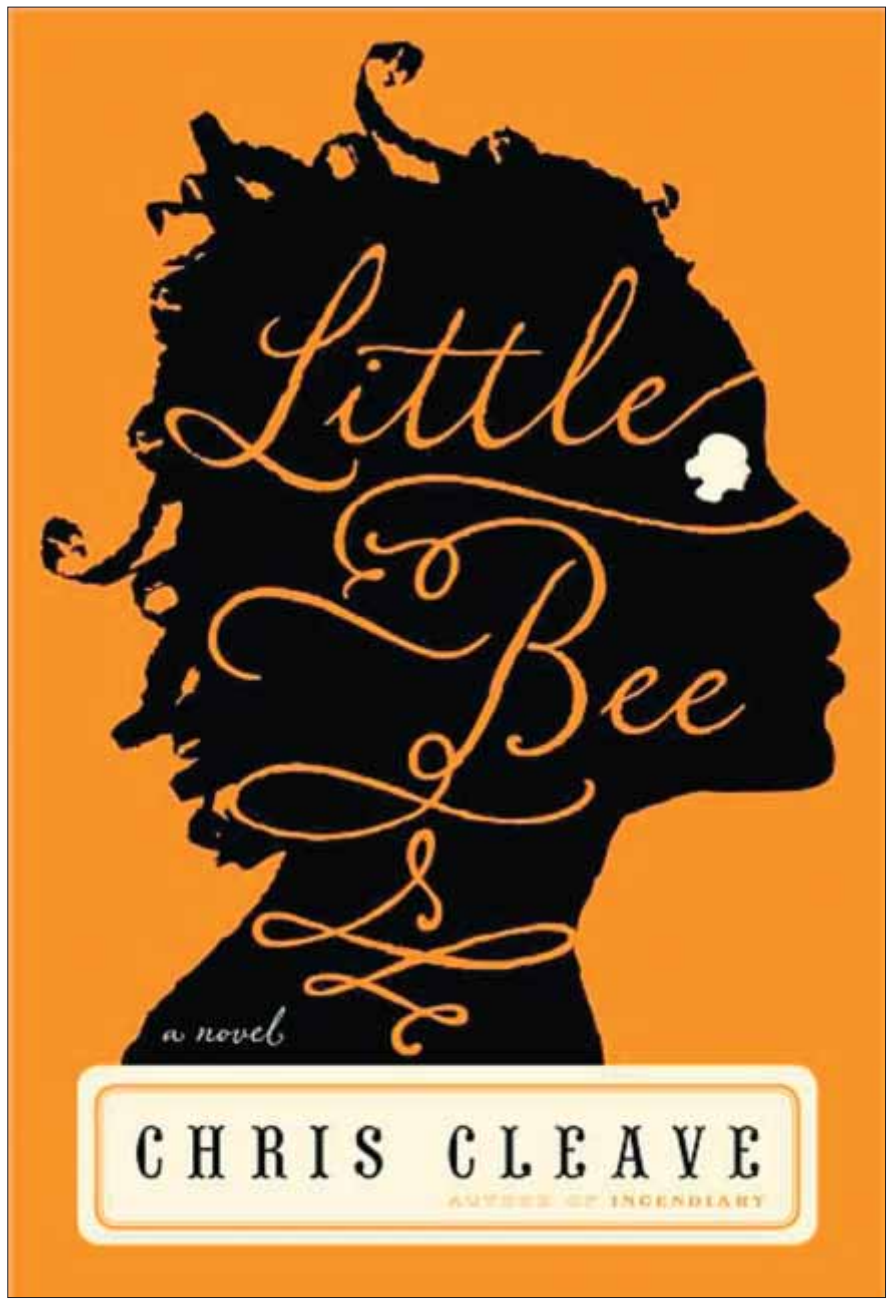
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# BOOK REVIEW

BY DANE ROBERT SWANSON




## 'Little Bee'

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We all wear costumes and need to put them off to venture forward. For Little Bee, the protagonist in our story, her speaking the Queens English and moving away from the past were her costume. Despite the fact she had the skin of a Nigerian among the white people of England she figured her ticket out was knowing and speaking English.

"Little Bee" is a story of two women, one is Little Bee from Nigeria and the other is Sarah from England. Their lives intersect two years before the story opens when Sarah and her husband, Andrew, vacation on a beach in Nigeria trying to repair their marriage. They get involved in Little Bee's life. As the story opens Little Bee is at a immigration center in the United Kingdom and all she has is the card handed to her by Andrew two years before. She doesn't know that her appearance will cause Andrew to commit suicide.

It can be a problem being an immigrant in a country that doesn't want you. To save Little Bee in Nigeria, Sarah allows her finger to be cut off. Her Husband, Andrew, will not go so far. When he receives the phone call from Little Bee stating that she is in England and is coming to them, he exhibits fear driving him to take his life. Thus it appears Sarah shows more backbone than her husband. She is a survivor as is Little Bee.

This book uses alternate voices. We have the voice of Little Bee and the voice of Sarah. Cleaves handles both well and makes the transition from one person to the other seamless. He keeps them distinct. Sarah wants to get on with life after the suicide of her husband. Little Bee wants to hide away from the Nigerian bad men who killed her sister and may be waiting to kill her.

Little Bee helps Sarah take care of her 4-year-old son. Sarah lets her be a kind of caretaker.

This sets up the tension as the subject of illegal immigration surfaces when Sarah gets friendly with a close friend who works for the immigration department in England. He wants to send Little Bee back to Nigeria.

Even a bit of humor is interjected as Little Bee's thoughts race through her head as she imagines getting caught by immigration authorities. Read the book to enjoy the monologue she has with herself, it is a real highlight.

Cleave also uses the "Greek chorus" technique when Little Bee thinks of the girls back home. It all works.

This book has been chosen as the 2010 Santa Monica Citywide Read.

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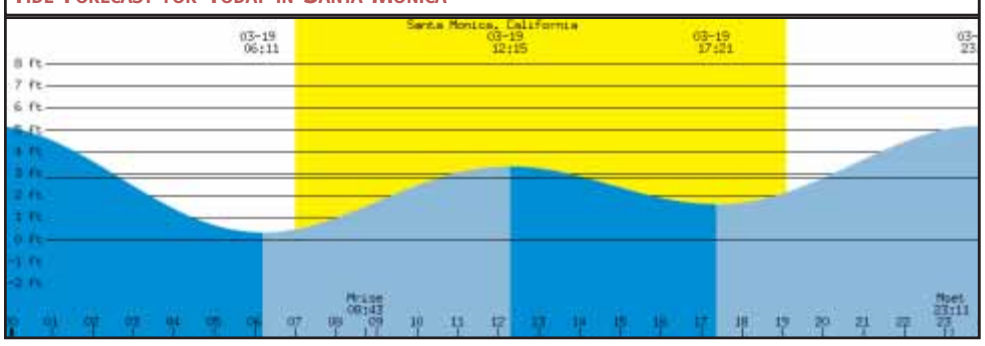
### Swell Forecast

**Tomorrow the NW'er should back off to around chest high or so. Some southern hemi from 190° should come into the mix, mostly waist to maybe chest high at times at south facing spots.**

### Long Range Synopsis

The NW backs off even further to around waist high. Light southern hemi should remain at waist+ or so as well.

### 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 **March 9, 2010**

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**QUICK STATS** (for the last 30 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 1
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 17
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 38 / 32
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 8 / 11

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 |
|---|---|---|
| Los Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth. | A+ | A |
| Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth. | A+ | A+ |
| El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Las Alina creeks. | A+ | A+ |
| Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach. | A+ | A+ |
| Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth. | ns | 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 | A |
| Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach. | F | F |
| Latigo Canyon Creek mouth. | A+ | C |
| Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach. | A+ | A |
| Puerco State Beach at creek mouth. | A+ | A+ |
| Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.. | F | D |
| 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 Los Tunos County Beach. | A | A+ |
| Topanga Canyon. | A+ | ns |
| Topanga State Beach at creek mouth. | F | C |
| Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach. | A+ | A+ |
| Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach. | C | A |
| 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. | B | B |
| Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain. | A | D |
| Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms). | A+ | B |
| Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain. | A+ | A |
| 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 | B |
| Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth. | A | C |
| Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain. | A+ | A |
| North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach. | A+ | A+ |
| Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty). | A+ | 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+ | D |

**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

Heal the Bay's Beach Report Card℠ is based on weekly water quality monitoring data provided by the City of Los Angeles' Environmental Monitoring Division and the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services. Data is analyzed as soon as it is made available to us by the public agencies. Beaches are graded on an A–F scale based on the risk of ocean users becoming ill. Samples are analyzed for bacteria—enterococcus, total and fecal coliforms—that indicate biological pollution. A fact sheet detailing the exact methodology used in determining grades for each location is available from the office or on our web site. The report is not designed to measure the amount of trash or toxins found at local beaches.

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NCAA BASKETBALL

# Big players remaking the game

**JOHN ZENOR**
AP Sports Writer

There's been a growth spurt in women's basketball.

Fans watching the NCAA women's tournament will see more versatile 6-foot-3 or taller players than ever, a couple playing above the rim and plenty facing the basket with guard skills — their games patterned more after LeBron than Kareem.

"Back in the day, if you were a big person, you were a back-to-the-basket kind of player," says Anne Donovan, a 6-8 force who won Olympic gold medals in 1984 and 1988 and was the 1983 college player of the year at Old Dominion. "It was Kareem Abdul-Jabbar in the men's game, and the women's game had the same style players.

"Our game has evolved like the men, where we're not back-to-the-basket for post players any more. I think you started seeing that evolution with (6-5) Lisa Leslie and it's just continued."

Has it ever.

Coaches say the increasing popularity of the women's game has resulted in more girls playing at an early age, and these players are more skilled. Though the game is growing, the average woman isn't — she still stands about 5-4. Women on average have grown just eight-10ths of an inch since the early 1960s, according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Still, the major conferences feature a host of athletic, versatile players. National championship contenders like Tennessee and Stanford enter the NCAA tournament with the size of many men's teams in smaller conferences. Even their point guards are 6-footers.

A look at rosters from the six major conferences — Big East, Big Ten, Big 12, SEC, ACC and Pacific-10 — from the mid-1990s shows that the number of 6-3 or taller players has nearly doubled in some cases.

And their roles have grown along with their stature.

What Leslie started, 6-4 Candace Parker took to another level as a do-it-all forward/guard/center at Tennessee, knocking down 3-pointers, dunking off the dribble.

Now there is Brittany Griner, Baylor's towering 6-8 freshman, who has gained YouTube fame with her dunks and blocks. Stanford's 6-4 Kayla Pedersen leads one of the tournament's top contenders in scoring and rebounding, but has also drilled 49 3-pointers in 31 games and is second on the team with 86 assists.

This year's Lady Vols features 12 players 5-10 or taller, topping out with 6-6 center Kelley Cain.

"Just the mobility of the post players throughout the country, it's amazing to me, compared to let's say 10 years ago," Tennessee coach Pat Summitt says. "Being out recruiting and seeing some of these young players, there's some post players out there that could step in and play at the college level."

The long list of stars 6-3 or above also includes UConn's Tina Charles — whose team has won 72 straight — Ohio State's 6-4 Jantel Lavender and the other half of Stanford's dominant frontcourt, 6-4 Jayne Appel.

There are still some back-to-the-basket players like Donovan, now coach of the WNBA's New York Liberty. But just like in the men's game, more of the bigs in the women's game are slashers, with quick moves, crossover dribbles and showtime passes.

"You're seeing more kids 6-3, 6-4, 6-5. You're seeing them in all dimensions," said Kim Mulkey, Griner's coach at Baylor. "You're seeing them broad and then you're seeing them long and athletic. You're seeing a variety.

"It's because women's basketball is a very visible sport at the collegiate level. Kids are seeing it at a young age and they start playing bitty basketball, AAU basketball and select basketball. There are just more of them involved."

The athletic post players aren't only in major conferences — or even in the NCAA tournament.

Consider Delaware's 6-5 Elena Delle Donne, who turned down a chance to play at Connecticut and stayed closer to home with the Blue Hens. The freshman was the nation's No. 2 scorer this season while recording more 3s (62) than blocks (60).

ACC champion Duke has won with a frontcourt that plays mostly with their backs to the basket — 6-4 Krystal Thomas and 6-5 freshman Allison Vernerey.

Duke coach Joanne P. McCallie says tall players are playing more positions.

"Sometimes it's hard to find the traditional post because so many post players want to step out and shoot the 3," she says. "It's always exciting to see players who can play with their back to the basket. It makes the game exciting. I think it makes the game more diverse."

NBA

# Lakers' Gasol complains about Spanish paparazzi to police

REDONDO BEACH Police in Redondo Beach say two men they stopped for following Los Angeles Lakers forward Pau Gasol turned out to be Spanish paparazzi.

Sgt. Phil Keenan says Gasol told officers he saw the men following him before he got into his car Wednesday afternoon.

Keenan says the men tailed Gasol's car and the athlete was worried that they might be stalkers.

Gasol called a friend in law enforcement who told him to pull into the police station, and he described the men's black sedan to officers.

Keenan says officers pulled over the car near the station and officers discovered that the men worked for a Spanish news agency. They were allowed to leave and Gasol was escorted home.

Gasol is from Spain but lives in Redondo Beach, just south of Los Angeles.

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**Shutter Island (R) 2hrs 18min**
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**Ajami (NR) 2hrs 15min**
4:00

**A Single Man (R) 1hr 55min**
9:55

**The Hurt Locker (R) 2hrs 26min**
1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 10:10

**Crazy Heart (R) 2hrs 07min**
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**The Ghost Writer (PG-13) 2hrs 23min**
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# Happy birthday, Emily Gould

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)**
★★★★ Your perspective is in demand. How you see finances or a business arrangement remains unique to you. Look for the right path for all those who are mutually concerned. Listen to someone who might have different expertise. Tonight: Indulge a little. It's about time.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**
★★★★★ You might be on top of your game. Your way of handling a situation could change radically after a meeting or conversation with more than several people. A decision made now could be sound and productive. Worry less. Tonight: Out on the town.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**
★★★★★ Working to facilitate a situation could be difficult if others aren't working with you. Know when to walk away from a situation and call it futile. Understanding what is going on could be more important than you realize. Consider yourself first. Tonight: Vanish if you can.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)**
★★★★★ Look at the end result. Listen to others in a meeting. The solution, though evident to many, might not be evident to others. Realize when you have gone too far. Back off diplomatically. Know when you no longer have control and what needs to happen. Tonight: Say "yes" to an invitation.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**
★★★★ Others look to you. Your advice probably means much more than you realize. Understanding evolves because you are willing to listen to an important partner. Your ability to understand someone emerges. Tonight: Assume the lead.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**
★★★★ Your ability to grasp what has happened comes out. Reach out for others at a distance. If you want to take off early for the weekend, by all means do. Lunch easily could become an event. Tonight: Don't let a child or loved one mar a happening.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**
★★★★★ Teamwork always brings results, be they negative or positive. As your efforts come with positive thoughts and good will, you will draw that type of results you desire. Know when you have had enough. Tonight: Togetherness is the theme.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**
★★★★ Others demand control. It would be best to be unusually creative when putting in your two cents. An approach other than the norm will most likely draw the desired results. A brainstorming session produces excellent results. Tonight: Just don't be alone.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**
★★★ An even attitude, with focus on getting a project done, could make all the difference in what occurs. You could be tired and wanting to complete the weekend early. Understand what is happening within a relationship. Tonight: Feeling invigorated.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**
★★★★★ Keep asking questions, knowing full well you are on top of your game. Remember, your words don't fall on deaf ears, and others will respond. Your tone can make or break a situation. Let humor evolve. Creativity flourishes in this atmosphere. Tonight: Hook up with some cohorts.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**
★★★ If you feel the need to pull back some and play the recluse, take off early or call in. Everyone needs a break, even you. Schedule some time for indulgence where you can and will enjoy yourself. Know what works for you. Tonight: In the thick of things.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)**
★★★★★ You say the right words, and others respond. You might have had a problem for a while, but now you loosen up. Others want your views. Express the same type of excitement about others' opinions. Build up more mutuality. Tonight: Hanging out is fun to do.

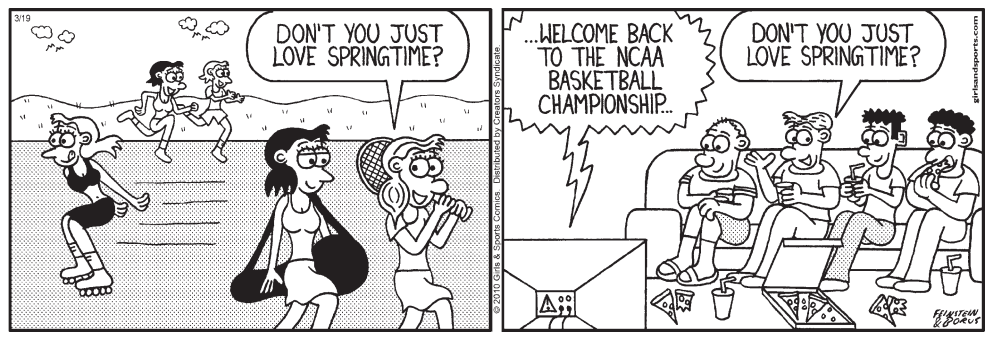
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This year is a very special period in which you evolve to a new level and create much more of what you desire. You discover just how far-reaching your influence might be and who can and will make a difference. If you are single, you'll discover how attractive others think you are. If you are attached, the two of you will connect on a level that you haven't experienced in many years. TAURUS always brings logic to a situation.

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS
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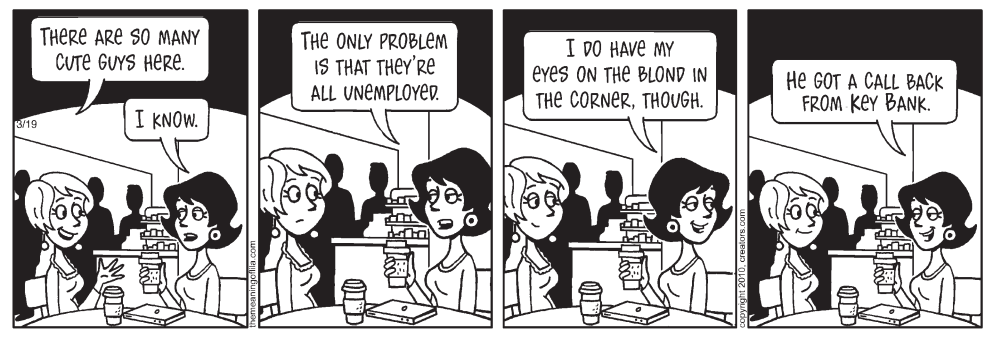
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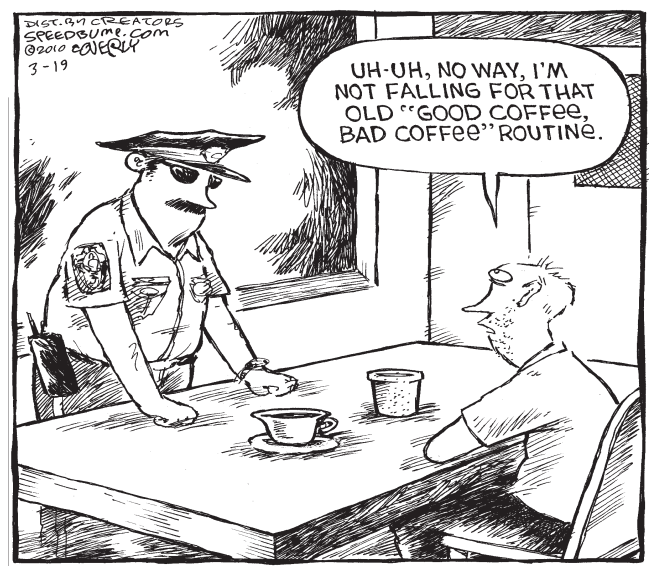

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Difficulty Level ★★★★

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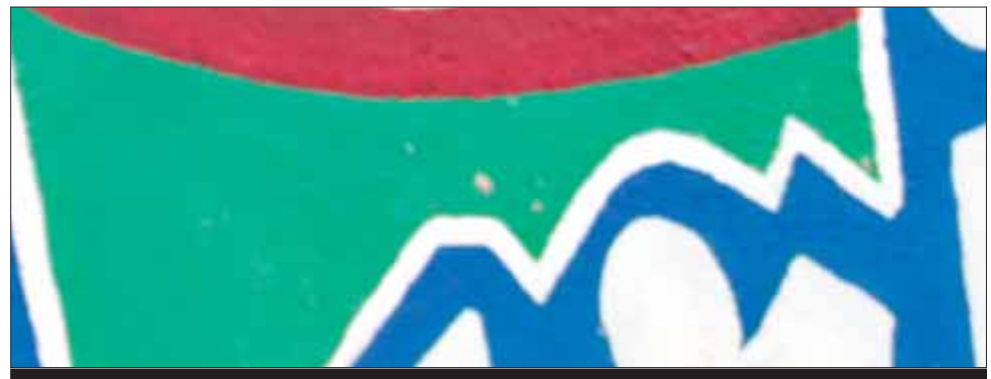
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**6** First family of 1910
**11** Needed a massage
**12** Some messages
**13** Taken aback
**14** Singer Ronstadt
**15** Course needs
**17** Plan part
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**20** Tiny amount
**22** Pub pints
**23** As a group
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**28** Pastoral poem
**29** Famous
**31** Descartes conclusion
**32** Rational
**33** Regarding
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**36** Bridge cost
**38** Use
**40** Map lines
**43** Tubular pasta
**44** "Tomorrow" warbler
**45** Concluded
**46** Pigeon's perch

**DOWN**

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**8** Aaron Spelling series
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**10** Strike
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**21** Overlook
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**24** Louver piece
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### NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Craig Show, 49, filed a lawsuit in January against the Idaho State Police and the Bonner County Sheriff's Office, demanding compensation following his DUI arrest in August. Show said the cops had seized a "medicine bag" on his motorcycle and, in opening it for inspection, permitted the "mystical powers" inside to escape. The bag was blessed by a "medicine woman" in 1995 and, Show said, had been unopened since then.

■ Sabrina Medina filed a lawsuit against the Hyatt Regency Waikiki Resort in Hawaii in January, claiming that an employee had caused her husband's death. The late Humberto Murillo had swiped two 12-packs of beer from a store at the resort, but the manager pursued and confronted him. Murillo started punching, and bystanders came to the manager's aid, restrained Murillo and held him down. Murillo, who was bipolar and had marijuana in his system, passed out and asphyxiated.

■ Clumsy: (1) Teacher Karen Hollander filed a lawsuit in November against the New York City Department of Education after taking a fall on "slippery foreign substances," including condoms, on the floor at the High School of Art & Design. Since schools distribute condoms on campus, she said, the department is responsible when students open them and discard them during the lunch period, littering the floor. (2) Anthony Avery, 72, a retired insurance underwriter, filed a lawsuit in December against the exclusive Rye Golf Club in East Sussex County, England, for lingering injuries caused when he slipped on the wet floor of the club's shower room. The floor, he said, was "too" slippery.

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