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THE I LOVE YOU MOM ISSUE

Pot of gold at the end of the rainbow

Santa Monica's gay friendly, but some work remains

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE The state of California has a well-established record of pushing against national opinion on rights for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered individuals, and now Santa Monica has taken one more meaningful step toward banning discrimination within its own city limits.

The City Council joined seven other California cities last week when it unanimously passed an ordinance that requires most city contractors provide the same health care and other benefits to workers' same sex spouses and domestic partners as they provide to heterosexual couples.

Mayor Richard Bloom characterized the move as a "small but significant step" to ensure Santa Monica's policies protect the rights of all workers and stand as an example for other cities to take similar steps.

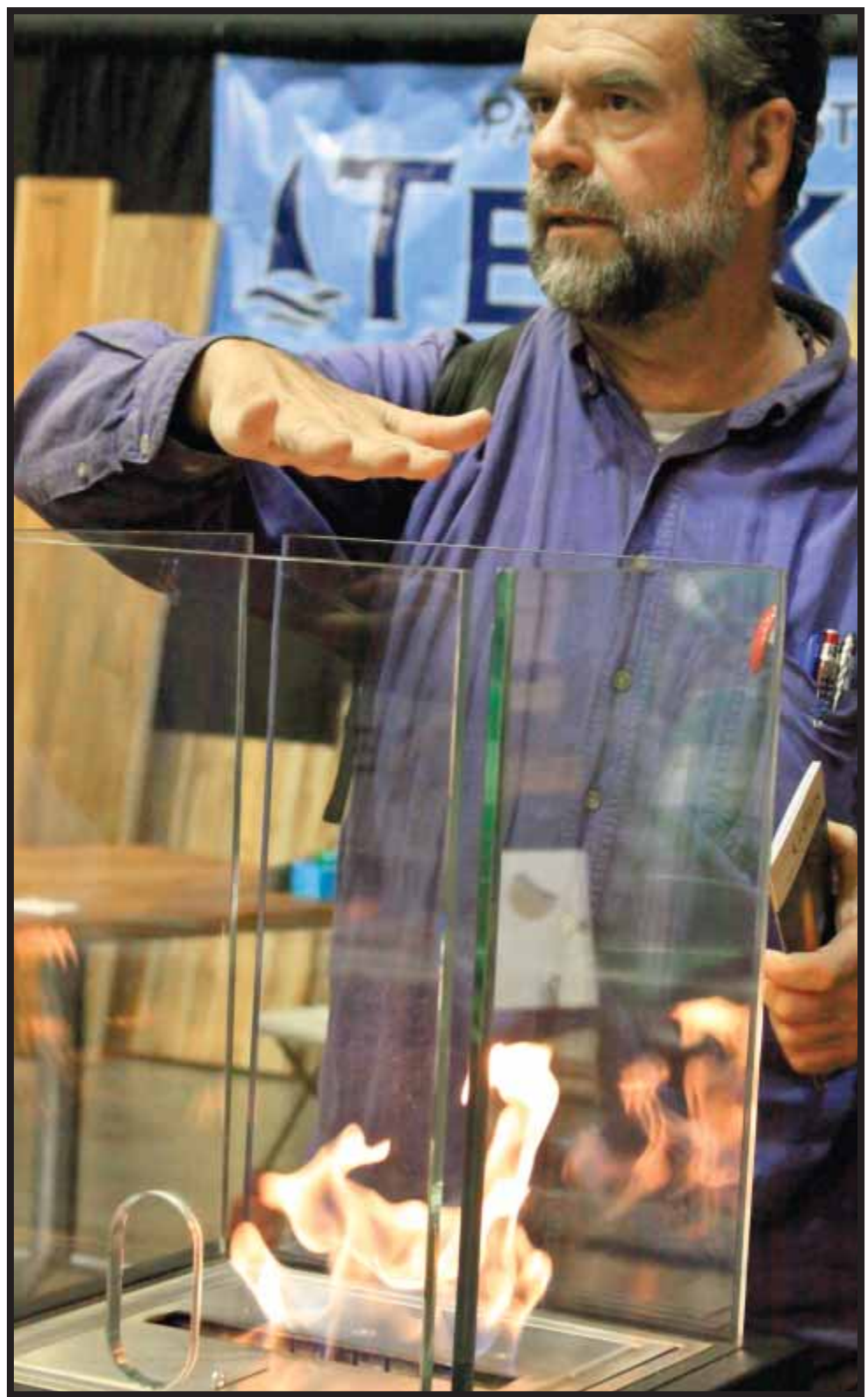
"It's 100 percent worth it," Bloom said Wednesday. "We all believe very strongly about not discriminating, and this law simply says if you provide a benefit for heterosexual couples, then you have to provide it for gay couples who are married or in domestic partnerships. That's just a basic premise of fairness and equality."

The move continues a trend of openness and anti-discrimination that City Hall has espoused for years, most significantly in 2003 when same-sex marriage was temporarily legalized in California.

At that time, the same council members opened themselves up for criticism by voting unanimously to endorse the actions of civil judges and religious leaders alike as thousands of couples who had previously been denied the opportunity to wed saw their relationships legitimized under law.

The Rev. Janet Gollery McKeithen, a Methodist pastor at the Church in Ocean Park, remembers those days well.

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THE HEAT IS ON

photo courtesy Stephanie Salvatore

A man heats up during his exploration of the Alternative Building Materials and Design Expo at the Santa Monica Civic Auditorium on Friday. AltBuild is a free, two-day event that features the latest in green building technology. It ends Saturday.

School district's lunch program gets high marks

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

SMMUSD HDQTRS School lunches are not what they used to be.

Gone are the days of deep-fried mozzarella sticks with a suggestion of vegetable in the marinara sauce. Soda, fizzed away. Even the mystery has been taken out of meat.

State and federal standards put in place over the last decades have sought to improve the quality of food available to students in an effort to maximize learning by upping nutrition and minimizing poor health.

Santa Monica schools took those standards and ran with them.

According to a report released last week,

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HIGH SCHOOL BOYS' VOLLEYBALL

St. Monica undefeated, awaits playoff seeding

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

ST. MONICA The Mariners have proven that they are capable of beating up on Camino Real League foes, but now the real test comes.

St. Monica High School's boys' volleyball team completed a perfect 10-0 record in league play on Wednesday with a 3-0 win over Mary Star of the Sea, a feat that was somewhat of a surprise considering that the previous matchup between the two teams had gone five games. This sets up a sure home playoff match in the first round and perhaps even more.

If Head Coach Javy Martinez has his way, this edition of the Mariners may have even more news to make as the playoffs progress.

"If feels good," said Martinez, who has led the Mariners to the postseason for the first time in his three years as coach. "If we're as motivated as we have been, it's going to be very tough to beat us."

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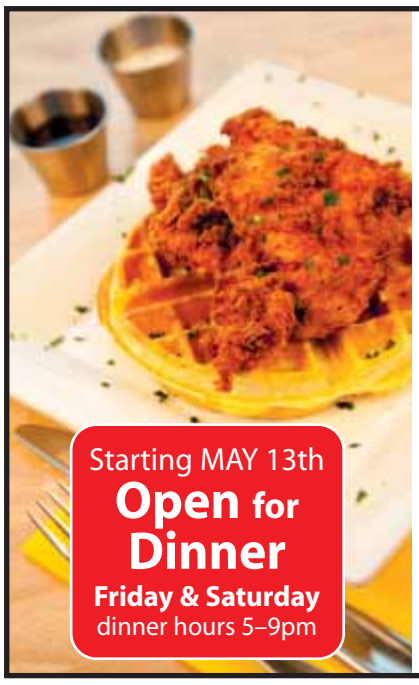
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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Saturday, May 7, 2011

Santa Monica Festival
Clover Park
2600 Ocean Park Blvd., 11 a.m.
Head over to Clover Park for the 20th annual Santa Monica Festival, a solar-powered, zero-waste event that is free for all ages and features an eclectic mix of live music and dance, art workshops using recycled and repurposed materials and guilt-free shopping from vendors featuring earth-friendly wares. Fresh and local food will be in abundance from an assortment of food trucks, and cooking demonstrations will be offered throughout the day by chefs and farmers. For more information, visit www.smgov.net/festival.

Alt Build Expo
Santa Monica Civic Auditorium
1855 Main St., 10 a.m. — 5 p.m.
The Eighth Annual AltBuild Expo and Conference presented by the City of Santa Monica is the largest and most-respected green design and building expo in Southern California for both professionals and public. Over 150 hand-picked exhibitors featuring the world's best in green building and design materials; energy efficiency techniques and technologies; alternative energy; water conservation and management; environmental plumbing; municipal and state agencies, and non-profit organizations. The event also features more than 40 speakers in all sustainable and alternative building practices. For more information, call visit www.altbuildexpo.com.

All about Tennessee Williams
Ruskin Group Theatre
3000 Airport Ave., 8 p.m.
This performance consists of two one-act plays, back to back by the great Tennessee Williams. In the erotic thriller "Green Eyes," a young couple awakens the morning after their shotgun wedding in a New Orleans hotel room. The boy, on leave from Vietnam, confronts his new bride about the mysterious tooth and claw marks on her body. In a power play of fear and desire, the two wage a sexual battle that ignites an explosion of passion. In "The Rooming House," a lonely young woman, deserted by her husband, meets a seemingly sympathetic and attractive young man who appears to embody the warmth and love she so desperately needs. For more information, visit ruskingrouptheatre.com.

School fundraiser
John Muir Elementary
1707 Fourth St., 6 p.m. — 10 p.m.
John Muir Elementary School will hold its annual silent auction and dinner dance "Ride the Wave of Success" with DJ Storey and dinner catered by Chef Monty Weddle. Auction items including accommodations at Casa del Mar, a weekend in beautiful Yosemite, lunch with a Santa Monica Fireman, fun kids camps, fine dining, creative classes, a year's worth of Peet's coffee, chic boutique items and more! Tickets are $40 advance purchase, $50 at the door, or $500 reserved table for 10. Tickets may be purchased by going to www.myjohnmuir.org or by contacting Lupe Ibarra-Smith at (310) 739-1466.

Variety is the spice of life
Lincoln Middle School Auditorium
1501 California Ave., 4 p.m. — 7 p.m.
Edison Language Academy, the only dual-language immersion public school in Santa Monica, is hosting a very special variety show. The event will feature top talent including comedian and Edison parent Greg Fitzsimmons who will emcee performances by magician Brandon Scott, tap dancer Mark Marchillo, musician Randy Kaplan, dance troupe Flamenco Passions, the Jacqueline Fuentes Band and Edison parent Ann Raziel leading a special chorus made up of Edison Elementary students. Tickets: $15 Purchase in advance: www.EdisonAmigos.com or at the door upon availability. For more information about Edison Language Academy please visit www.edison.smmusd.org or call (310) 828-0335.

Sunday, May 8, 2011

Happy Mother's Day!

Mom rides for free
Pacific Park
Santa Monica Pier, 11 a.m. — 9 p.m.
Moms will be living the high-life at Pacific Park on the Santa Monica Pier with a free ride on the nine-story tall world-famous Ferris wheel for Mother's Day. For more information, visit www.pacpark.com.

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For help, contact Daniel Archuleta at 310-458-7737 or submit to editor@smdp.com

For more information on any of the events listed, log on to smdp.com/communitylistings



CORRECTION

In the column Laughing Matters ("Wheel to the sea," May 6, page 4) it should have said that the website for the Wilderness Institute is www.wildernessinstitute.com.

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MOMS RECOGNIZED

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General Manager Julia Flick (far right) of Sweet Rose Creamery applies toppings to Myesha Pretlow's cup of ice cream as other mothers employed by the Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center order their own scoop during an early Mother's Day celebration hosted by Dr. Peter Galier. He wanted to show his appreciation for the mothers in his office on Friday afternoon.

Buzz builds at word of a British royals' CA visit

JOHN ROGERS
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES They could visit a movie set, grab a surfboard and shoot the curl at Malibu, sample a winery or two, even take in a baseball game at Dodger Stadium.

And, if baseball didn't seem too strange a sport to people raised on cricket and soccer, maybe Prince William and his new bride, the former Kate Middleton, could buy the team afterward. There is a rumor it might soon be up for sale.

The point is, there will be plenty to do when Britain's new hot young royal couple arrives in California on July 8. And, if the titters of excitement already emanating across the state are an indication, they will be welcomed with open arms by throngs of people. Not that there won't be a downside to that as well.

"Wherever they go, it's going to be more traffic and more security and the locals aren't going to be thrilled with that," said Jeff Aberbach, a government employee who lives in the Sacramento area and was quick to post the announcement of the royal visit on his Facebook page Thursday. "But it will give people something to look at. It's a nice way to break the summer doldrums, having a future king and queen of England visit us."

Their wedding last month at London's Westminster Abbey created a flurry of excitement in the United States. Hundreds stood in New York City's Times Square to watch it on the massive television screen there. Across the country, hundreds more jammed into Ye Old King's Head British pub in Santa Monica to take in the exchange of vows over an English breakfast of bangers and mash. At Walt Disney World in Florida people gathered near Cinderella's castle to catch the broadcast.

If the prince and his bride, aka the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge, have decided where they want to go during their three-day stay, they haven't told the British consulate in Los Angeles, said Katharine Keith, a consulate spokeswoman. It will be Kate's first visit to the United States and William's first official visit.

"No matter where they venture in California, the royal visit will create a global postcard for the Golden State," Caroline Beteta, president of the California Travel and Tourism Commission, said Thursday.

Pretty much all royal visits do.

Although sometimes dismissed as dour and dowdy, William's father, Prince Charles, and his wife, Camilla, were a big hit when they visited the San Francisco Bay area in 2005, mingling with the common folk as they sampled produce at farmers markets.

William's mother, Princess Diana, created a huge stir when she visited in the 1980s,

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Earnings Preview: Activision Blizzard

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK Video game publisher Activision Blizzard Inc. reports its first-quarter results on Monday after the market closes. The Santa Monica-based company didn't have any big game launches during the January-March period but its wildly popular "Call of Duty: Black Ops," which came out last year, continues to do well. Analysts expect the quarter's results to be slightly higher than the guidance the company gave in February due to strong sales of that game, along with "StarCraft II" and other titles.

WHAT TO WATCH FOR: Activision needs to overcome many challenges in 2011, including a difficult comparison with sales of the last "Call of Duty" game, growing competition from other first-person shooters such as "Battlefield 3" from rival Electronic Arts, as well as an over-reliance on its cash cows, "Call of Duty" and "World of Warcraft," said Wedbush Morgan analyst Michael Pachter.

Nonetheless, the analysts expect the company to keep its full-year guidance for adjusted earnings of 70 cents per share and adjusted revenue of $3.9 billion. Beyond 2011, Activision's prospects improve, Pachter says, so investors will be looking for long-term commentary as well. Any word on when the next "Call of Duty" will be released would also be of interest.

WHY IT MATTERS: Video games, whose production budgets and scales can rival movies, are a source of entertainment for millions of people, and as such can be a good gauge for consumer spending. Activision Blizzard publishes some of the world's best-known games. The company pulled the plug on its "Guitar Hero" games earlier this year because of slowing demand.

WHAT'S EXPECTED: Analysts, on average, are expecting earnings of 8 cents per share on revenue of $665.1 million, according to a poll by FactSet.

In February, Activision forecast adjusted earnings of 7 cents per share, and adjusted revenue of $640 million The company's adjusted results exclude one-time charges and account for deferred revenue on games whose online components reap sales over an extended period.

LAST YEAR'S QUARTER: The company earned $381 million, or 30 cents per share. Its revenue rose 33 percent to $1.31 billion. Adjusted earnings were 9 cents per share and adjusted revenue was $714 million.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Babs deserves credit

Editor:

I completely agree with Cindy Bendat's letter to the editor ("It's about activism," May 6, page 4) describing the successful community organizing resulting in maintaining the beautiful and iconic palm monoculture on Georgina and Marguerita avenues in Santa Monica. However, I would like to add that one very competent public servant, Barbara Stinchfield, the Santa Monica Community and Cultural Services director, deserves a great deal of credit for this successful result.

The homeowners on Georgina and Marguerita and many others were rightly concerned that City Hall was on the way of destroying two of the most beautiful streets in all of Los Angeles County. As part of our process, the leadership of this community organizing effort met with Ms. Stinchfield, an executive I had never known previously. As someone who has devoted most of his life to public policy at the federal, state and local levels, I came away very impressed with Ms. Stinchfield's mature and professional approach to this situation. Without her involvement, I doubt if City Hall would have resolved this problem as easily and sensibly as it has.

Without question, others deserve some credit including a few members of the Urban Forest Master Plan Task Force, the city manager, several concerned City Council members, and of course, the united homeowners on Georgina and Marguerita. But in this age where the term "career bureaucrat" is generally used in a pejorative manner, we should give credit to an impressive public servant who displays good judgment and has the ability to bring people with disparate views together to reach a thoughtful consensus.

Harley Frankel
Santa Monica

Not in to sharing

Editor:

Bike sharing is a bit like sliced bread: A great invention, but who really needs it? Sliced bread is for those who don't have a knife, those who do not dare to use a sharp knife, those who do not want to control the thickness of their sandwich, those who like to eat bread which tastes like paper, no substance and no crust. The rest of us go to a bakery, buy a loaf of real bread and cut it as we see fit. Why do we need bike sharing when we can have real bikes, bikes that we own and bikes we love?

This is my issue: You confuse the benefits of cycling with the benefits of a bike sharing scheme. The positive impacts of cycling (yeah!) are not really an argument for bike sharing. To argue for bike sharing you need to show how it will work as a cost-effective way to get people out of cars. Will it? Which part of the population? At what price?

There are 30,000 bikes sitting in garages and balconies all over Santa Monica, and they are not being used. That's why I prefer a "Reconnect With Your Bike" program. Such a program is slow and educational, not a quick technological fix. It would work from what is available in the community, in each case it would rediscover an old love, and address the reasons why people gave up on their bikes. Bike share may work for tourists or those attending a conference, but our residents may just need a helping hand to find their own bikes in the garage, and re-ignite the love they once knew.

Michael Cahn
Santa Monica



On the Beat

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Steps to take following a car crash

Q: UNFORTUNATELY, I WAS INVOLVED IN a minor traffic collision this past weekend. Both vehicles were not damaged too badly and they were both safe to drive. Should we have moved the vehicles out of the roadway or waited for the police to arrive?

A: People believe you must leave your vehicle in the roadway to prove your side of the story. This is not true. Most of the time, a collision investigator is able to determine the area of impact and the type of collision by several factors in their investigation. It is not necessary to leave your vehicle in the roadway and hold up traffic if the collision is minor and there are no injuries.

We all understand that traffic collisions can be stressful and/or overwhelming. The first thing to do is take a deep breath, stay calm and check for injuries. Once you establish that no one is injured, evaluate the damage to your vehicle. If the collision is minor and your vehicle can safely be driven, activate your emergency hazard lights and move your vehicle to a safe place out of traffic. If available, place a cone or a traffic triangle behind your vehicle for safety. Once your vehicle is out of the roadway, you can start exchanging information with the driver of the other vehicle.

If you desire assistance with this process you can call the Santa Monica Police Dispatch Center at (310) 458-8491 and a police representative will be dispatched to assist you. If there is a major traffic collision and/or injuries associated with the collision, call 911 and help will be dispatched right away. Drive safely and do not drive distracted.

Q: With the great weather and gas prices climbing, I am starting to ride my bicycle more. Do I have to stop at stop signs and follow all the same rules as a vehicle?

A: I am glad to hear you are riding your bicycle more. I encourage everyone to ride when you can. We all know that our city has several thousand vehicles utilizing our roads at any given time, and it is imperative we, as vehicle drivers and bicycle riders, share the road. The city of Santa Monica is constantly evaluating how we can improve our roadways to entice others to choose alternate modes of transportation.

The answer to your question is yes; you must stop for every stop sign and follow the same rules of the road. Bicycle riders on public streets have the same rights and responsibilities as a motor vehicle driver and are subject to the same rules and regulations as any other vehicle on the roadway. This means that rules drivers must follow are the same rules bicyclists must follow.

The laws were established to keep bicyclists and motorists safe on the roadways. Although we all know a vehicle moves faster than a bicycle, we must share the road. The California Vehicle Code also recognizes this and established a rule on how to share the roadway. The rule is that a bicyclist who is traveling upon a roadway at a speed less than the normal speed of traffic moving in the same direction at the same time shall ride as close as practical to the right hand curb or edge of the roadway (California Vehicle Code Section 21202). This same rule states that a bicyclist riding on a one-way street can ride as close as practical to the left hand curb as well. There are a few exceptions to the rule. The law says you do not have to ride closest to the right hand curb or edge when preparing to make a left turn at an intersection or into a private roadway, when it is reasonably necessary to avoid an unsafe condition, and when overtaking another bicyclist.

As we now understand that bicyclists must follow the same rules of the road as vehicles, let us get out on the roadways and travel safely. The key to bicycling safely is to be predictable, visible and communicate your intentions to motorists. Never assume someone sees you and never ride distracted.

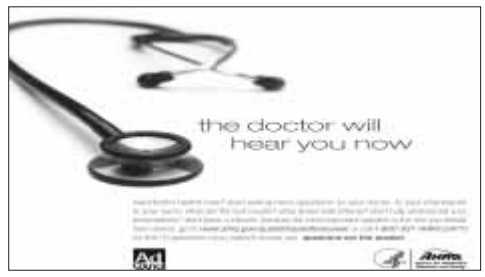
Q: My high school teenager thinks it is uncool to wear a helmet while riding his bicycle. Can he get a ticket for not wearing a helmet while riding a bicycle?

A: Yes, the California Vehicle Code states that any person who is under the age of 18 years old shall not operate a bicycle, scooter, skateboard or in-line skates, upon a roadway, highway or any other public bicycle path without wearing a properly fitted and fastened helmet (California Vehicle Section 21212). Your teenager is subject to a ticket by a police officer if he/she is riding without a helmet.

I would also like to address the fact that your teenager believes it is "uncool" to wear a helmet. All professional BMX riders wear helmets during their competition events and you see several who wear them on the videos. These professional athletes understand that they need to protect their heads by wearing a helmet. These are the riders the teenagers look up to. The professionals know it's smart and cool to wear a helmet and so should your teenager.

Although it is not the law for an adult to wear a helmet, I also believe you should always wear a helmet while riding a bicycle. The statistics show that lives are saved by wearing a helmet. The Safe America Foundation reported that there are approximately 550,000 people who require medical treatment due to bicycle crashes, and approximately 950 people die. Of those who pass away, approximately 80 percent of the deaths result from brain injury. This report also states that a properly worn helmet can reduce head injuries by 85 percent. These are impressive numbers and I suggest we all play it safe and ride with a bicycle helmet.

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The Q Line

A BETTER BUFFER

Residents had a rare opportunity last week to weigh in on a 2-acre buffer zone meant to shield them from the noise made by the future Expo light rail line. Some would like shops, others open space.

This past week, Q-line asked:
What do you think should be built on the site near Exposition Boulevard and Stewart Street?
Here are your responses:

"I THINK THE CITY SHOULD CREATE community gardens so that the many people living in apartments near the rail line can engage in urban farming. Possibly the city could create a community farm where volunteers get together and grow produce for themselves and their neighbors. I think this could be a great way to green a space that would otherwise be just concrete."

"WALLS, WALLS AND MORE WALLS. BUT commission artists to paint murals on them and rotate every year. That could be cool and it's near Bergamot so there are your artists. We just need something to block us from the noise and the ugly sight of trains."

"I FEEL VERY SELFISH WITH THIS DUE TO the fact that all of the development around our neighborhood is taking away from our quality of life and I feel that those should have something in the buffer zone that would give back property value that is lost on my property due to the fact that all of the development that has been going on there. Buffer zone needs to be something that brings in no foot traffic, no community buildings, anything that would bring more people, more cars, more traffic to the area. I feel it should be a tall bamboo shell to block off all the sound and noise... . I also feel that it should be very simple due to the fact that the city is only using $2 million for the project and as we know the city will probably spend that much on an outside consultant to figure out what we want. So there's really no funds allocated towards it. We need a quiet zone with endangered oak trees so they can't eminent domain it. So large oak trees and timber bamboo that would grow very high to block the noise and filter out the fine particles and nothing with picnic benches or barbecues that would bring more people to the area. We already have a park nearby."

"WE DON'T NEED LIGHT RAIL INTO SANTA Monica. This is just an incremental ruse to one day get us out of our cars. Why, you ask. Because your unfit City Council has overbuilt Santa Monica and continues to correct their anti-citizen agenda with more unwanted, progressive ideas. The entire area should be a green area with a swimming pool, library, dogs, skate, horse and public gun range. It could be our Central Park. Instead of utopian ideas of light rail and bike riding reversal of living quality, demand a park."

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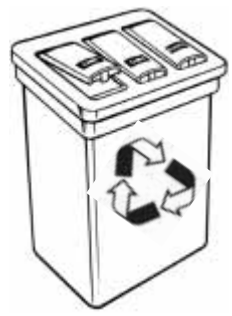
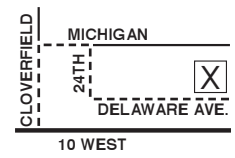
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Fly by night:Restaurants popping up, then disappearing

BY JESSICA MINTZ
For The Associated Press

SEATTLE If you missed the fried rice with pungent shrimp paste at Shophouse Seattle on Monday night, well, too bad. The down-home Thai joint has already shut its doors.

Shophouse creator Wiley Frank spends most nights as sous chef at an upscale restaurant called Lark. But once a week, Frank and his wife transform a nearby bar called Licorous into a short-lived eatery dedicated to simple, authentic Thai street food.

His venture is just one permutation of an emerging class of restaurants called pop-ups, in which chefs set up temporary shop in breakfast spots, art galleries, financially troubled eateries and places that don't normally serve food. Then, after a day, a week or a month, they shut it down.

For chefs, pop-ups are a way to test new dishes, let off some creative steam, expand their brand to new neighborhoods and otherwise take risks without the hefty up-front investment required for a traditional restaurant. In Frank's case, the pop-up is an outlet for his entrepreneurial tendencies that — unlike starting a full-on restaurant — leaves him time to spend with his family.

For customers, pop-ups mean access to high-end food at more affordable prices, as well as the thrill of taking part in something fleeting.

Pop-up restaurants, together with food trucks, were voted the top operational trend for 2011 by chefs surveyed by the National Restaurant Association. Hudson Riehle, an analyst for the trade group, said the here-today-gone-tomorrow eateries are mostly springing up in larger cities.

Pop-ups are gaining traction as culinary schools crank out a growing number of chefs eager to reach a younger generation of restaurant-goers with an increasingly sophisticated palate. Plus, the rise of social media gives these entrepreneurs a way to generate buzz quickly for a temporary eatery.

Money plays a big part in pop-ups' appeal. Bonnie Riggs, an industry analyst for market researchers NPD Group, said that while restaurant traffic has started to recover following declines during the economic downturn, growth is expected to be essentially flat for the next few years. Especially among independent and high-end restaurants, which were hit the hardest during the recession and which continue to struggle to get financing, the race is on to entice people to go out to dinner more.

"It's a battle for market share," Riggs said. "Those who are the most creative and innovative, who pique consumer interest, those are going to be the winners."

Creativity and innovation can be easier to execute with a pop-up than a traditional restaurant, which needs to satisfy investors looking for a return.

Dan Moody, a San Diego-based chef, got his feet wet in the pop-up scene cooking for one of its pioneers, chef Ludo Lefebvre, who has been orchestrating pop-ups in Los Angeles since 2007. When Moody decided to strike out on his own, his first thought was to go pop-up.

"I get to be more playful," Moody said. "At a restaurant, you have to think about how it would work operationally for a long period of time."

For instance, Moody said that at a physical restaurant he wouldn't want to change the menu frequently, because people expect a permanent restaurant to keep offering favorite dishes. A lean pop-up gives Moody the freedom to offer some out-there dishes, such as his own riff on beef Wellington: sous vide filet mignon with porcini-dusted seared foie gras and mustard ice cream.

"I think what makes (pop-ups) hot and trending is the ability for a chef to come out and do something people wouldn't normally get. People get to see a chef's creativity, completely unconstrained by an owner, investors, anything like that," Moody said. "It's the chef's food as he wants to do it."

Opening a pop-up isn't without hassles or risks. Each city has its own set of rules when it comes to securing licenses and permits; for temporary restaurants in unconventional spaces, chefs are wading through gray areas of the law.

It took Moody about three months to find a location, and another two to get Relate Restaurant in shape to open. He gave himself time to order his own pots, pans and other kitchen equipment; it was also harder than he thought to find staff willing to work for this short-term experiment. He had to learn on the fly how to manage the entire business of a restaurant, beyond what happens in the kitchen.

Moody picked an existing cafe in Encinitas, Calif., about 25 miles north of San Diego, that was only open for breakfast and lunch. Both parties would benefit from the arrangement — Moody would get inexpensive kitchen space for a month without having to navigate the tangle of licenses and permits, and the cafe owner could pull in extra revenue, generate press and, hopefully, score some new repeat customers.

While the financial risk is lower than opening a traditional restaurant, pop-up operators still need capital. Moody relied on an investment from his parents that he hasn't yet paid back.

Other pop-up restaurants, like the two-man business called Eat in Boston, keep costs minimal by hiring few workers.

Eat's Aaron Cohen, a marketing consultant with a foodie bent, and Will Gilson, chef at the Cambridge, Mass., gastropub Garden at the Cellar, take over a non-restaurant space once a month and transform it for the weekend. With the help of friends paid mostly in beer and whiskey, they swoop in and serve whimsical dishes that reflect the setting — an angel hair pasta dish in a hair salon, soup that looks like a latte in a coffee shop.

Every location requires a different setup; Gilson used a nearby restaurant kitchen to cook the hair salon dinner, and used the duo's new food truck for another. Cohen said he wakes up at 6 a.m. in a panic about something every time, from the liquor permit to finding a place to store rental equipment.

For Eat customers, who eagerly snap up tickets just hours after they go on sale, one payoff is not knowing exactly what to expect.

"People come to experience something different," Cohen said. "It's an opportunity to try one of the good chefs in Boston in a place that nobody else has had that experience."

Pop-ups are quickly moving from fringe to mainstream — even Martha Stewart has gotten in on the action, opening a pop-up pie shop in New York for two days in March to celebrate a new book of pie and tart recipes.

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The Re-View

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Classical French cuisine missing from the restaurant landscape

They say that when man lands on Mars, he will find a Starbucks on one corner and an Italian restaurant on the other. But, like in Los Angeles, no classical French food.

It didn't use to be that way. Usually dining out in a fine restaurant meant French, like La Rue, where Frank Sinatra used to hang out. And do you remember L'Hermitage on La Cienega Boulevard, where you might as well have been in France? L'Orangerie is gone, and now Chez Mimi in Brentwood is re-opening as a high-end Italian restaurant. In the old days it was for a change that we would go to an Italian restaurant such as Valentino.

Now we have Melisse, which is wonderful, but too expensive for most people some of the time. We have La Cachette, where a couple of French friends recently told me they had a terrific dinner, but the food is not classical French. And then there is a pair of restaurants in Culver City, including MEET, a real French restaurant run by a lovely French couple whose family are in the restaurant business in Paris. There one can find a number of the more simple, straightforward classical French dishes.

Other potential classical French chefs in Santa Monica have elected to move in different directions. Wolfgang Puck's Chinois took the Asian path. Joe's, Jiraffe, and Michael's, all owned by French trained chefs, have moved toward California cuisine.

So when we were in New York City last month we decided to lunch at Le Bernardin — one of the leading classical French restaurants in the world. My partner Alain Giraud had called ahead so a nice glass of champagne was waiting for us as we sat down. As an "amuse bouche" we were treated to a delicious bowl of salmon rillettes with toasts — more of a first appetizer than a small taste. Then I had a crab appetizer, which was served in a sauce reminiscent of Thai food, and Bonnie had a raw tuna dish with sea salt, chives, and Sicilian olive oil, which she said, was spectacularly good.

The menu is almost exclusively fish, but since I had fish the night before I ordered duck breast, while Bonnie had sea bass. The bass came Chinese style, with a hoisin sauce and real miniature bao buns. The duck breast arrived in a fruit sauce with cinnamon and spices, but no dish was all that special.

We didn't order any dessert, but were served delicious chocolate and coffee flavored pot de crème with caramel sauce served in an eggshell.

For wine I took the sommelier's recommendation and ordered an Austrian white (Ott) with the seafood course, then an ordinary Burgundy with the duck. As always, the wines were overpriced.

I enjoyed Le Bernardin, with its soft lighting, well-spaced tables, and barely perceptible music. But I wouldn't go there often. The menu is too limited, and the wine list is also too restrictive to easily find affordable wines. And it's no longer classical French cuisine, since Escoffier would probably turn over in his grave if he knew they were serving foods with Chinese and Thai flavors.

Personally I think Melisse in Santa Monica is a better choice, and the prices are about the same.

For me the interesting fact that stands out from this experience is that classical French food in California is almost dead, and even in NYC internationalism is influencing the menus. C'est la vie!

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And the 25-year-old culinary institution, the James Beard Foundation, took over a vacant spot in New York's Chelsea Market for a pop-up it is calling JBF LTD. The sold-out dinners run through May 14 and feature guest chefs from Los Angeles to Paris. Unlike the scrappy operations run by Eat or Shophouse Seattle, JBF LTD is supported by sponsors with deep pockets, including Delta Air Lines and Scripps Networks Interactive's Food Network. The James Beard Foundation worked with an architecture firm to design the space and a catering company to help with staffing in the kitchen and dining room.

As workers set up big communal tables on the day of JBF LTD's first test run in April, foundation vice president Mitchell Davis' head was still spinning a bit after two months of wrangling logistics.

"On the one hand, you would like it to go on forever. But if it did, you'd never do it," Davis said. "We're all really willing and able to work really hard for a burst of energy, for a period of time, knowing that May 15 we can close up and go back to our lives."



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LGBT
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McKeithen, and other priests like her, risked official censure from the Methodist church by performing marriages at the church, in back yards and "lots of places."

Although she personally believes that same-sex couples should be allowed to wed, McKeithen said that her congregation was an outlier in its staunch defense of those rights.

"It's more the community of Santa Monica and this church's identity," she said, referring to the Church in Ocean Park's unique interfaith composition. "It's about being open not only to all faiths, but to different ways of being."

Although McKeithen hasn't taken a poll of Santa Monicans' LGBT-friendliness, the church's outspoken activism on everything from gay issues to the war in Iraq has put her in a position to see a lot of people at their defensive worst, particularly during protests or other gatherings.

"I've lived in a lot of places, and Santa Monica is fundamentally more accepting," McKeithen said.

There's no scorecard or measuring stick to determine a city's "LGBT-friendly" level, but Santa Monica's reputation is "pretty good," said Sky Johnson, senior policy counsel for the Gay and Lesbian Center in Los Angeles.

"It's a progressive city across the board," Johnson said. "I've done no personal surveys, but I get the sense that it is perceived to be a congenial city in terms of the social political environment there."

The council's adaptation of its living wage law is a "vanguard of what needs to be happening at the local level," Johnson said.

Santa Monica has made strides to ensure equal protections and take stances for gay rights, but there is more to be done.

"It's a very tolerant community, but that doesn't mean that everything is perfect," Bloom said.

Even the acclaimed living wage law contains loopholes that exempt banking institutions, city grantees and nonprofits from the non-discriminatory measures.

More fundamental efforts come at the high school level, where administrations can fight only so hard to quell expressions of homophobia within the student population.

"High school is just inherently not the most gay-friendly place, because you have a bunch of insecure people trying to find themselves, and that breeds animosity," said Evan Kahn, 17, a senior and co-president of the Santa Monica High School Gay Straight Alliance.

School administration allows signs declaring the campus a "homophobia free zone" in nearly 75 percent of classroom doors or bulletin boards, and even some teachers have felt the freedom to come out to their colleagues and students.

The slurs continue, however.

Some just pop out, Kahn said.

"Using 'gay' in a derogatory manner, you hear that a lot, especially in high school," he said. "It's unrealistic to say no one should ever use or say 'That's so gay' again. Once tolerance builds, that will die away because people will feel that the LGBT community isn't the minority to be picked at."

Other digs are more purposeful.

At an annual seminar called "Project Safe Zone," an anonymous student penciled in the word "fag" on a poster outside of the classroom where the discussion about sexism and homophobia was taking place.

"It was in crayon, of all things," Kahn said, shrugging it off.

If he could see changes at the high school level, it would involve addressing LGBT issues directly in the curriculum, perhaps by incorporating a few lessons into the freshman seminars.

"It would be amazing, a step forward," Kahn said. "There might be some protest at first, but I think it would be a bold move."

Of course, Santa Monica's LGBT needs depend on who you ask.

On a mission to find out how some homosexual friends felt about the state of their city, Bloom came to a very different conclusion.

He discovered complaints about bullying in the schools, national policy concerns and worries about discriminatory churches, but there was one other problem: Santa Monica has no gay bar.

"One person jokingly said you can't really be a gay friendly city without a gay bar," Bloom laughed. "I told them that's not something I can probably do anything about. Just get the word out there that there's a market waiting for a business."

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ROYALS
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charming people everywhere she went.

Royal visits, of course, also create traffic jams, and California Highway Patrol spokeswoman Fran Clader said her agency could be called on to try to help keep the roads clear. But for security reasons she wouldn't say whether the agency has been asked yet.

As they plan their trip, William and Kate might get some tips from the prince's grandmother, Queen Elizabeth II. She stopped in San Diego, Los Angeles, Palm Springs, San Francisco and elsewhere in 1983. During an earlier visit she even watched movies being made at Universal Studios.

To help the royal couple plan, the Los Angeles Times asked readers Thursday to offer their suggestions. Several whimsically replied that a stop at Dodger Stadium was in order, adding they hoped the couple might like the sport so much they'd buy the distressed franchise.

If William and Kate are superstitious, however, they might want to stay away from San Diego's Hotel del Coronado. King Edward VIII stayed at the tony beachfront resort in 1920 and, as anyone who saw the film "The King's Speech" knows, threw the British monarchy into turmoil a few years later when he abdicated the throne to marry American socialite Wallis Simpson.

"Many have speculated that they may have first met at the Del," the hotel says on its website.

Likewise, William might pass on the ongoing exhibition of graffiti art at Los Angeles' Museum of Contemporary Art lest he get the wrong idea. During a 1984 visit, his uncle, Prince Andrew, playfully picked up a spray-paint gun at a construction site and blasted reporters and photographers with it, creating a minor international incident.

But no matter, there are plenty of other places to go.

Ye Olde King's Head in Santa Monica, where the royal couple's friend David Beckham stops by for lunch, would pull out all the stops, said Peter Dolan, the Liverpool native who runs the place.

"We'd have our staff dressed up as royal guards, we'd have a couple doormen outside in full regalia," he said.

"And our girls would all love to wait on Prince William," he added with a laugh. "They quite fancy him."

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FOOD
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state auditors gave the Food and Nutrition Services Division high marks for meeting and exceeding the exacting requirements, which include calorie counts and nutritional analysis.

They pointed out in glowing terms the emphasis on fruits and vegetables — which SMMUSD officials provide in excess of the required amounts — and staff's encouragement of children to try the healthier options.

"Thank you for feeding our future generation," the auditor wrote.

Passing the audit has a monetary component because the federal government gives the school district cash for meals that meet its requirements, said Orlando Griego, director of the Food and Nutrition Services Division.

"We get $2.72 for every free meal that we serve, and less for a reduced meal or paid meal," Griego said.

But while the government requires that a certain composition of foods appears on every plate, and state law puts regulations on how much saturated fat turns up in your taco meat, neither mandates that those vegetables get sourced from local farmers, or that the schools produce freshly prepared salads for students on the go.

Griego's division goes to those lengths for two reasons.

First, staff wants to promote healthy eating and create partnerships with the community.

Secondly, they have clients to please.

"We don't get any money from the general fund," Griego said. "Federal and state reimbursements or what comes in through the cash register is what's used to pay for salaries, benefits, equipment and food."

That means that the Food and Nutrition Services Division serves two taskmasters: The state and federal governments that restrict what it can serve, and students that have to like what's offered to keep the whole system running.

That can mean getting a little inventive.

The district conducts surveys and polls to keep ahead of the game. At the high school level, students get vested with the responsibility to keep businesses like the Vike's Inn Cafe operating profitably.

Engaging students in their food through local celebrities can also be a backdoor to education and nutrition.

At Olympic High School, nutritionist Dona Richwine helped to set up school gardens that get used by local chefs to source their restaurants.

"The school gardens become a nutrition and education piece," Richwine said. "We're teaming up with the chef from the Fig Restaurant, and he's taking some of the produce back to Fig to use on his menu."

School board member Nimish Patel was thrilled to hear about the schools' nutritional report card.

"We need to celebrate the successes that we do have," Patel said. "One of those is that the district is serving fresh fruits and vegetables, and doing it with the Farmers' Market. We believe in healthy eating and diet, and what better way to do it than in the schools."

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VOLLEYBALL
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The team has been led by senior Tanner Peach and his epic vertical leaping ability, but Martinez also credits his team's newfound chemistry as a reason behind their success this season.

The emergence of outside hitter Chaz Moynagh is something that Martinez said has been crucial to St. Monica's resurgence.

"He's starting to find his stride," Martinez said of Moynagh. "He's been super effective."

Another player making an impact is freshman setter Max Garris. Martinez said he still makes the occasional freshman mistake, but said his hustle has saved more than a few games.

"At first, I felt bad putting a freshman in that position," Martinez said. "But, he's been doing a great job."

For now, all the Mariners can do is wait for CIF-Southern Section Division 5 playoffs seedings to be released on Sunday. Postseason games begin next week.

"I like where we're at," Martinez said. "The chemistry is beautiful."

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WAY UP: **St. Monica's Tanner Peach makes a play against Mary Star of the Sea earlier this week. St. Monica won 3-0 to clinch a perfect Camino Real League season.**

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Texas pursues Calif. businesses after jobs summit

BY JULIET WILLIAMS
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. The tiny Los Angeles County city of Vernon is getting no love from state lawmakers who want to dissolve it amid a compensation scandal, but Texas has sent a love letter to Vernon businesses.

In a letter obtained Friday by The Associated Press, Texas Gov. Rick Perry urged those businesses to flee California as lawmakers threaten to disincorporate the city of 90 people where the city manager makes more than $211,000 a year.

"As the state of California continues to support legislation that causes undue burden and taxation on companies doing business in the Los Angeles area, I invite you to consider your future in America's new land of opportunity: the state of Texas," Perry wrote to nearly 70 businesses in the letter dated Tuesday.

"I stand ready to help convince you to relocate or expand in the fiscally conservative, low-tax Lone Star state," he wrote.

Accompanying the letter are pages of graphs and figures noting that Texas has no income tax, lower corporate taxes than California, lower wages and a lower rate of union membership.

Perry's attempt to poach California businesses came just three weeks after a group of GOP lawmakers from the state and Lt. Gov. Gavin Newsom, a Democrat, traveled to Texas to discuss job-creation strategies with the governor.

The California Assembly last week passed legislation sponsored by Assembly Speaker John Perez, D-Los Angeles, to dissolve any city of fewer than 150 people. That legislation now heads to the state Senate.

John Vigna, a spokesman for Perez, said the notion that jobs are leaving California for Texas is a myth that's been debunked in recent studies.

"The fact is that Speaker Perez is fighting to protect jobs and businesses from the Enron-style corruption in that city," Vigna said, referring to Vernon.

Perez said the size of the city in his district has allowed rampant corruption, with officials essentially putting themselves in office and paying themselves exorbitant salaries.

Many of Vernon's residents are city employees or friends or relatives of city officials.

Mark Miner, a spokesman for Perry, said the governor has not previously sent such a letter to California businesses, although he has urged business leaders to move. Perry has sent letters to businesses in Washington state and Illinois in the past.

"Gov. Perry wants California to succeed. He believes in competition among the states," Miner said.

California is grappling with a state budget deficit that now stands at $15.4 billion, after Gov. Jerry Brown signed into law bills that addressed $11.2 billion of the original deficit, mostly through spending cuts. His plan to call a special election so voters could decide whether to extend a series of tax increases stalled in the Legislature.

Texas also is facing staggering budget cuts and the specter of massive layoffs, with a budget deficit of $27 billion over two years.

In March, the state's nonpartisan Legislative Budget Board released data showing the state would lose 335,000 jobs — both public and private — if a bare-bones House budget proposal became law.

Asked why Perry specifically targeted businesses in Vernon, Miner said only that California lawmakers should enact policies that create jobs, rather than hurt businesses.

The city of Vernon has drawn attention as its officials over the years have faced charges involving voter fraud, legal malpractice and misusing public money.

Former city administrator Bruce Malkenhorst awaits trial on charges that he spent nearly $60,000 in public money for personal use, including massages and golf outings. Before retiring five years ago, Malkenhorst's reported salary of more than $600,000 made him one of the highest paid city officials in California.

He now draws an annual pension of $500,000.

Former Mayor Leonis Malburg was convicted of voter fraud and conspiracy. Prosecutors said he claimed to live in the city but actually had a home in the wealthy Hancock Park area of Los Angeles.

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Key role in bin Laden raid for secret stealth choppers

BY ROBERT BURNS
AP National Security Writer

WASHINGTON Secret until now, stealth helicopters may have been key to the success of the Osama bin Laden raid. But the so-far-unexplained crash of one of the modified Black Hawks at the scene apparently compromised at least some of the aircraft's secrets.

The two choppers evidently used radar-evading technologies, plus noise and heat suppression devices, to slip across the Afghan-Pakistan border, avoid detection by Pakistani air defenses and deliver two dozen Navy SEALs into the al-Qaida leader's lair. Photos of the lost chopper's wrecked tail are circulating online — proving it exists and also exposing sensitive details.

President Barack Obama traveled Friday to Fort Campbell, Ky., and met privately with the elite Army pilots who flew the daring mission. They are members of the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment, nicknamed the Night Stalkers, and he saluted them in public remarks afterward.

The reason one of the helicopters crash landed at the bin Laden compound has not been disclosed, but Daniel Goure, a defense specialist at the Lexington Institute think tank, said Friday it might be explained by the unusual aerodynamics resulting from the aircraft's modifications.

"It could be much more difficult to fly, particularly at slow speed and landing than you would expect from a typical Black Hawk," Goure said.

The U.S. military's first stealth aircraft, the now-defunct F-117 fighter jet, was notoriously difficult to handle in flight, officials have said.

Night Stalker pilots also fly other, publicly acknowledged versions of the Black Hawk that are specially equipped with advanced navigation systems, plus devices allowing for low-level and all-weather flight, day or night. Those are rigged to permit occupants to "fast rope" from the helicopter as it hovers just off the ground — a technique used in the bin Laden assault.

Also taking part in the bin Laden mission were two MH-47 Chinooks, specially modified versions of the heavy-lift Chinook helicoptersthat are widely used by the Army's conventional forces.

The MH-47s are flown by the 160th, the Night Stalkers. Those aircraft are not known to have stealth capabilities, although one was summoned to the scene of the raid after one of the stealthy Black Hawks crash-landed, in order to help ferry the SEAL contingent out of Pakistan.

Many aspects of stealth technology have been known for decades, including the use of angled aircraft edges and composite materials to make aircraft less visible on radar. The Army began a program to build a new class of helicopter with stealth technology in 1992. Known as the RAH-66 Comanche, it was canceled in 2004, in part to speed up development of drone aircraft.

Bill Sweetman, editor-in-chief of Defense Technology International and a long-time student of stealth aircraft development, said the biggest secret behind the stealth helicopter is simply that it existed.

"There was obviously a fairly high risk that you were going to compromise it one way or another the minute you used it," he said in an Associated Press interview.

The decision to use the helicopters reflected the extraordinary stakes involved in eliminating bin Laden, the world's most-wanted terrorist. It is not known whether the choppers have been used in earlier Special Operations raids, but Dick Hoffman, a former Navy SEAL and now a defense analyst at the Rand Corp. think tank, said he had never before heard of their existence.

Hoffman said in a telephone interview that the apparent stealth technology on the choppers boosted the raid's chances for success.

"Getting into the target area undetected is hugely important, especially with these terrorist targets and militia targets," he said. He noted that the SEAL team did not arrive at the Abbottabad compound in complete silence, since a resident in the same town was writing on Twitter during the raid that he could hear one or more helicopters and wondered what was happening.

But the modifications that suppressed noise from the helicopters — including the use of extra blades in the tail rotor and placement of a hubcap-like cover on the rotor — may have been sufficient to allow the assault teams to get on the ground before bin Laden and his security guards could mount enough of a defense to slow the SEALS; only one of the defenders was said to have gotten off a shot.

Noise suppression, Goure said, is "a huge advantage in these kinds of strikes."

Some elements of that noise suppression technology were visible in photos of the tail section that was left behind. The main body of the helo was blown up by the SEALs before they left with bin Laden's body, apparently in order to prevent the exposure of other secret stealth components.

A Pentagon spokesman, Marine Col. David Lapan, declined to say Friday whether Pakistan was resisting U.S. efforts to retrieve the remains of the chopper.

Sweetman said it was remarkable that the SEALs managed to swoop into the compound and catch the bin Laden party by surprise.

"They're probably expecting that someday they could get a visit from (U.S.) Special Forces," he said. "But they would also be expecting to hear helicopters for a few minutes before they arrive overhead. If your first warning is that you hear the thing and then you look up and it's right there, you've lost valuable time."

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Pakistan paints dismal image of bin Laden's end

BY MUNIR AHMED & SEBASTIAN ABBOT
Associated Press

ISLAMABAD Pakistan's military paints a far different picture than the United States of Osama bin Laden's final days: not the terror mastermind still trying to strike America, but an aging terrorist hiding in barren rooms, short of money and struggling to maintain his grip on al-Qaida.

Three of bin Laden's wives were living with him in the compound and are being interrogated by Pakistani authorities, who took them into custody after Monday's raid, along with 13 children, eight of them bin Laden's.

Their accounts could help shed light on the U.S. military operation that killed the al-Qaida leader and reveal how he was able to avoid capture for nearly 10 years.

One of the wives, identified as Yemeni-born Amal Ahmed Abdullfattah, told interrogators she had been staying in bin Laden's hideout since 2006 and never left the upper floors of the large but sparsely furnished building, said a Pakistani intelligence official, speaking on condition of anonymity in line with the agency's policy.

The official did not indicate whether bin Laden was with her the whole time, a period in which the Pakistani military says the al-Qaida chief's influence and financial status eroded.

Disputes over money between bin Laden and his No. 2, Ayman al-Zawahri, led the group to split into two factions five or six years ago, with the larger faction controlled by al-Zawahri, according to two senior Pakistani military officials. Bin Laden was "cash strapped" in his final days, they said.

The officers spoke to a small group of Pakistani reporters late Thursday, and their comments were confirmed for The Associated Press by another top military official, speaking on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the issues. The officer didn't provide details or say how his agency knew about bin Laden's financial situation or the split with his deputy.

The image coming out of Washington based on information seized from bin Laden's compound was far different. The confiscated materials revealed al-Qaida plans for derailing an American train on the upcoming 10th anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks, U.S. counterterrorism officials say.

They believe the plot, which seemed to be formulated in February 2010, was only in the initial planning stages, and there was no recent intelligence about any active plan for such an attack. The FBI and Homeland Security issued an intelligence bulletin with details of the plan to law enforcement around the country. The bulletin, marked "for official use only," was obtained by the AP.

Already tense military and intelligence relations between the U.S. and Pakistan have been further strained by the raid that killed bin Laden.

Both countries have an interest in their version of bin Laden's hidden life.

A weak bin Laden would make Pakistan's failure to unearth his hiding place in Abbottabad, a military town just two-and-a-half hours' drive from the capital, seem less of a glaring embarrassment, while a menacing bin Laden would make the U.S. Navy SEAL raid that killed him a greater triumph.

The proximity of the al-Qaida chief's hideout to an elite military academy and the Pakistani capital has raised suspicions in Washington that bin Laden may have been protected by Pakistani security forces while on the run.

Pakistani officials have denied sheltering him and have criticized the U.S. operation as a violation of their country's sovereignty. Pakistan's army, a key U.S. ally in the Afghan war, threatened on Thursday to review cooperation with Washington if it stages any more attacks like the one that killed bin Laden. The army is considered the strongest institution in Pakistan, but its reputation has taken a beating in the wake of the raid.

Risking more tensions, a U.S. drone strike on Friday killed 15 people, including foreign militants, in North Waziristan, an al-Qaida and Taliban sanctuary close to Afghanistan, said Pakistani intelligence officials, speaking on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to talk to the media.

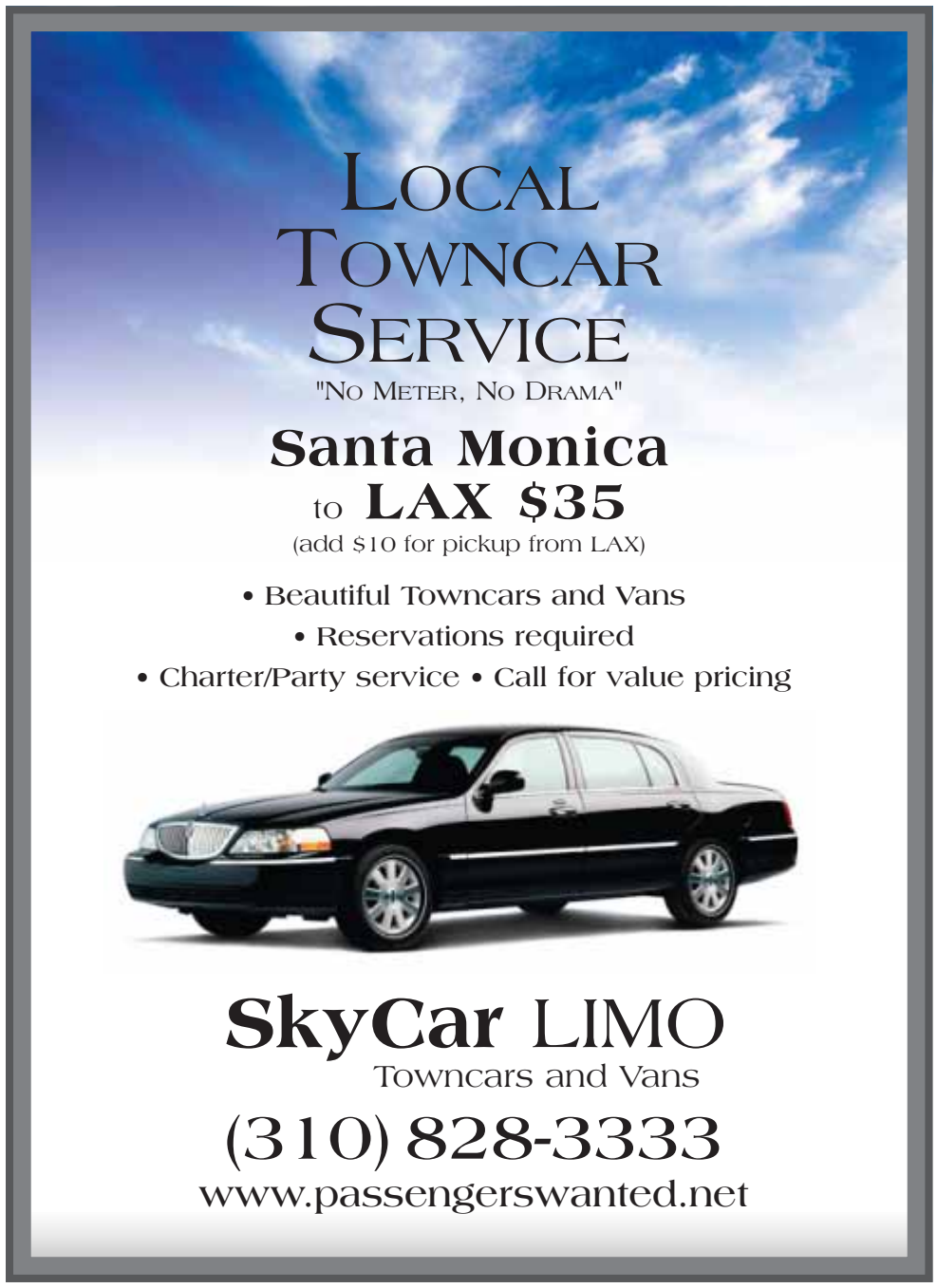
Such attacks were routine last year, but their frequency has dropped this year amid opposition by the Pakistani security establishment and people on the street.

Hundreds of members of radical Islamic parties protested in several Pakistani cities Friday against the U.S. raid that killed bin Laden.

"America is celebrating Osama bin Laden's killing, but it will be a temporary celebration," said Abdullah Sittar Chishti, a member of the Jamiat Ulema Islam party.







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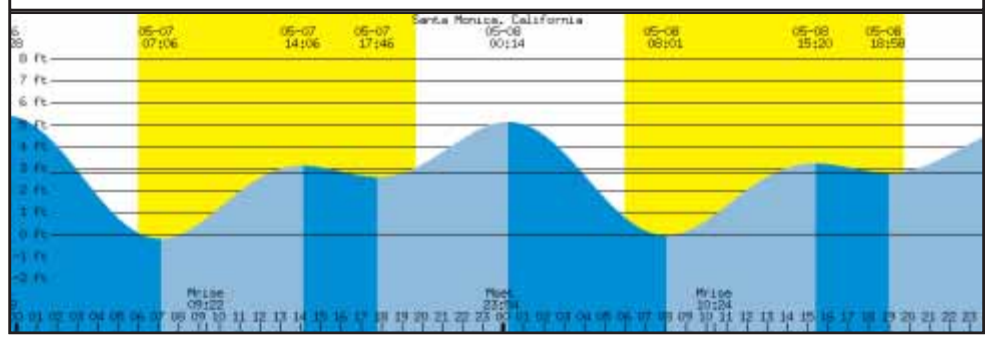
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Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	F	F
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lachusa and Los Aliso creeks.	A+	A+
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	A+
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	B	F
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	F
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A	A+
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	F	F
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	F	A+
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A	F
Solstice Canyon at Dan Blocker County Beach.	A+	F
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	F
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	F	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	C
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	F	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	B	F
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	F	F
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	A
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A+	C
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	A+	B
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.	F	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	F

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A+	F
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A+	F
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A+	F
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	F	F
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	C
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A+	C
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	D	F
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	C	F
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A+	C
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A	F
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A+	F
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	C
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	A	A+
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A+	C
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St..	A+	C
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower.	A	F
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North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	A+	A+
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Thor (PG-13) 2hrs 10min
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Scream 4 (R) 1hr 43min
9:20pm

African Cats (G) 1hr 29min
9:45am, 12:10pm, 2:30pm, 4:55pm, 7:20pm, 9:45pm

POM Wonderful Presents: The Greatest Movie Ever Sold (PG-13) 1hr 30min
10:00am, 12:25pm, 2:55pm, 5:20pm, 7:45pm, 10:10pm

Hoodwinked Too! Hood vs. Evil 3D (PG) 1hr 25min
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Hanna (PG-13) 1hr 51min
11:45am, 2:30pm, 5:10pm, 7:55pm, 10:40pm

Prom (PG) 1hr 43min
11:40am, 2:20pm, 5:00pm, 7:45pm, 10:25pm

Soul Surfer (PG-13) 1hr 45min
10:15am, 12:50pm, 3:25pm, 6:15pm, 9:00pm

Rio 3D (PG) 1hr 36min
11:30am, 2:10pm, 4:45pm, 7:15pm, 9:55pm

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Last Night (R) 2hrs 00min
1:00pm, 3:20pm, 5:40pm, 8:00pm, 10:15pm

Forks Over Knives (PG) 1hr 30min
1:00pm, 3:10pm, 5:30pm, 7:50pm, 10:10pm

Win Win (R) 1hr 46min
4:50pm, 9:40pm

Exporting Raymond (PG) 1hr 26min
2:40pm, 7:30pm

I Am (NR) 1hr 16min
1:10pm, 3:20pm, 5:30pm, 7:40pm, 9:50pm

Vanishing of the Bees (NR) 1hr 00min
11:00am

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Tyler Perry's Madea's Big Happy Family (NR) 2 hrs 33 min
10:45pm

Something Borrowed (PG-13) 1hr 43min
11:30am, 2:15pm, 4:55pm, 7:40pm, 10:20pm

Jumping the Broom (PG-13) 1hr 53min
10:45am, 1:40pm, 4:30pm, 7:20pm, 10:10pm

Water for Elephants (PG-13) 2hrs 00min
10:00am, 1:00pm, 4:00pm, 7:00pm, 10:00pm

Source Code (PG-13) 1hr 34min
12:05pm, 2:35pm, 5:05pm, 7:30pm, 9:55pm

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11:00am, 2:00pm, 5:00pm, 8:00pm, 11:00pm

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Keep it low-key tonight, Aquarius

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ Your nearly accepted unpredictability still could toss the household into a tizzy. Are you sure you want to deal with a situation that makes you uncomfortable? Perhaps there are other ways of handling your response. Tonight: make it easy; order in.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ You feel like you're on cruise control, despite another person pressuring you for a time change or change of plans. The only question is: Why not? Understand that even you, the Bull, have limits. If you're tired, opt for a nap. Tonight: Hanging out is where it's at.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ You might be subject to unusual tension and demands. What you do concerning a personal matter could be unusual and dynamic. Trust your ability to see through another person's ruse. Tonight: You get results.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You are full of fun and want to go off and frolic. A partner or friend doesn't see eye to eye with you. Now what? How do you handle this tension? Remember, both of you are coming from a point of validity. Honor that. Tonight: Whatever knocks your socks off.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ Much is going on behind the scenes. What is clear is you might need to respond to another person's rebellion more fully. Step back and understand what is a high priority. Don't allow someone's negativity to filter into the basics. Tonight: Get as much R and R as possible.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Stay on top of plans with friends and family. You might want to float from one happening to another. Diversity will energize you; however, a child or loved one might not be "digging" your newfound style. Tonight: Wherever you are, the party is.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★ Though you might not intend to, you are Princess or Prince Negativity. If nothing else, your expressions give you away. Focus on work or another responsibility that might not be dependent on your personality. Tonight: Let it all happen.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Let your mind wander. A concert or movie just might fit the bill. Others will hop in the car and go for a day's outing. You could be amazed by what turns up. Open up about others' lifestyles. If their life philosophy isn't right for you, you don't need to put it down. Tonight: Allow for spontaneity.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Deal directly with an important friend or partner. You could be overwhelmed by what is going on. Sometimes you need to rethink and remember the long-term commitment behind a special relationship. Tonight: Say "yes" to an offer.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ The only way to handle a problem is to solve it. You might want to run away or shut down. Don't. Your willingness to resolve a partnership issue will be unanticipated and could toss someone into a tizzy. Tonight: Fun and games.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ Toss yourself into a project. It might be difficult to put a halt to a problem. You need to lighten up, detach and understand. With perspective, you will be able to find a resolution. For now, just relax with a favorite pastime. Tonight: Keep it easy and low-key.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ Your imagination is endless. Apply this gift to the present situation, and you will discover exactly how much you could have and how well others can relate. A partner is difficult. Accept that, and you will take the first step toward a better relationship. Tonight: Be naughty and nice.

Happy birthday

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

This year, you will have your message heard loud and clear. Establish stronger boundaries yet be willing to honor others as well. You enter a new life cycle during the next year, which will be very lucky. Eliminate what is no longer valid or doesn't work in your life. If you are single, you will experience a lot of popularity and have quite a few choices. The issue is making the right choice, as someone quite significant might be heading your way. If you are attached, the two of you need to plan many dinners, weekends, etc. alone together. You renew your caring. CANCER loves to swap jokes and news with you.



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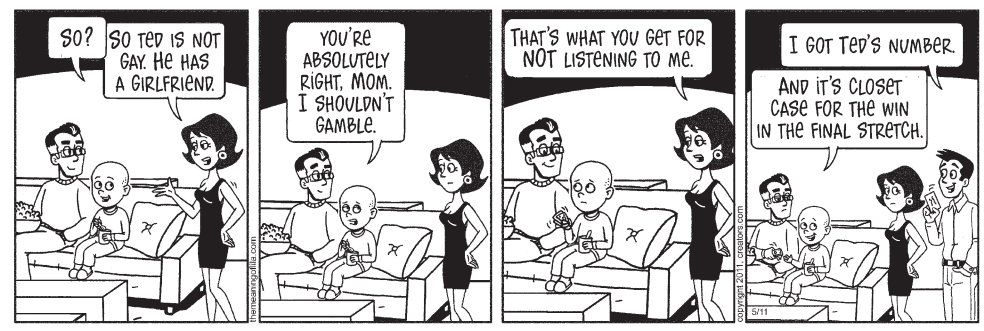
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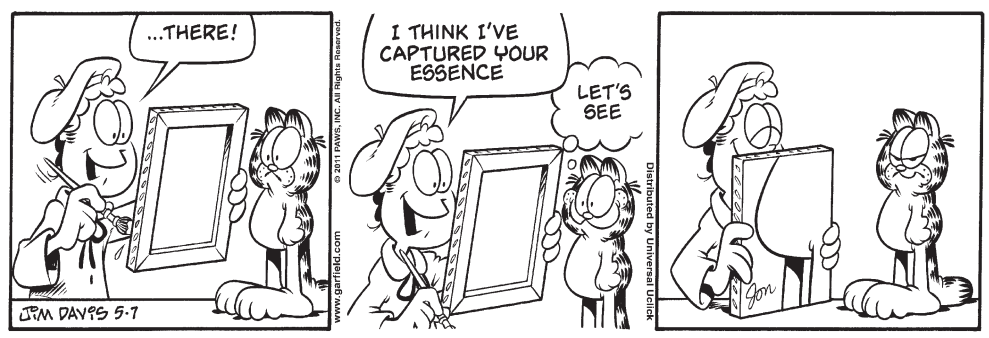
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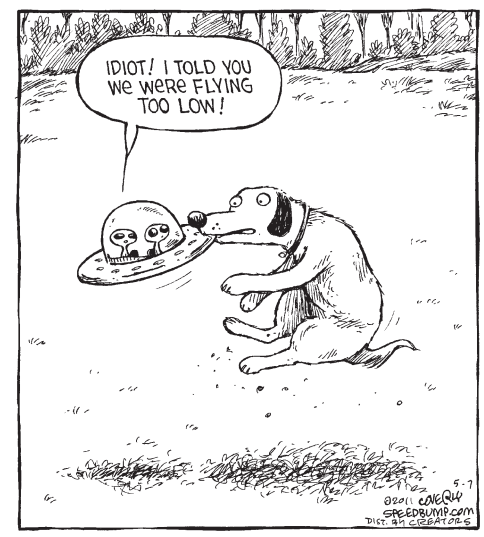
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Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★★★

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7	3				5		1	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

4	9	1	6	3	5	8	2	7
8	6	3	9	7	2	1	4	5
2	7	5	1	8	4	6	3	9
7	4	8	2	5	3	9	6	1
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7 Nuisance
11 "Seward's Folly"
12 Choir voice
13 Reunion attendee
14 Notorious emperor
15 Concluded
16 Number part
17 Spotted
18 Gaming spot
19 Wine buy
21 Homer's neighbor
22 Presentation graphics
25 Take the title
26 Make over
27 Pal of Porthos
29 Baby's call
33 Made cookies
34 School-bag item
35 Visitor to Siam
36 Governor of Judaea
37 Bar order
38 Shrewdness
39 Millinery wares
40 Vacation spot

DOWN

1 Oxford parts
2 Forsaken
3 "All in the Family" spinoff
4 Gist
5 Lose traction
6 Camel
7 Wild fear
8 Swanky
9 Long steps
10 Sounded a horn
16 Intense fear
18 Hibachi waste
20 Bitter
22 Voracious fish
23 Tangled
24 Twin raised by a wolf
25 Terre Haute's river
28 Abattoir offering
30 Texas landmark
31 Poet's concern
32 "— we all?"
34 Paella base
36 Course goal

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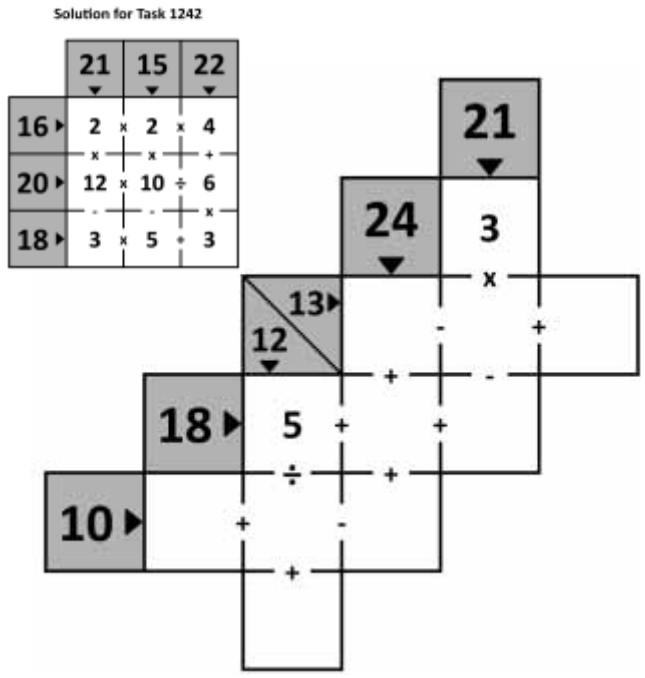
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Arrested in Aurora, Colo., in January and charged with stalking his wife: Joseph Moron. Appointed to a senior executive position in January in the global communications firm Alcatel-Lucent: George Nazi. Arrested for dealing marijuana in March in Fairfax County, Va.: Kevin Lee Cokayne. Appointed as interim chief medical officer of Newhall Memorial Hospital in Santa Clarita, Calif., in March: Dr. Richard Frankenstein. Arrested for DUI in April by a California Highway Patrolman ("CHiP"): Eric Estrada (not the actor). Posthumously rejected as the namesake for the new government office center in Fort Wayne, Ind., in March: former Fort Wayne Mayor Harry Baals (pronounced "bales" by his descendants but always "balls" by Mr. Baals, himself).

■ Among the Republicans swept into office in November (1994, a banner year for the GOP) was Steve Mansfield, elected to Texas' highest criminal-appeals court. Among Mansfield's campaign lies or exaggerations (freely admitted in a post-election interview in the publication Texas Lawyer) were his claims of vast criminal-court experience (he is an insurance and tax lawyer), that he was born in Texas (actually, Massachusetts), that he dated a woman "who died" (she is still alive), and that he had "appeared" in courts in Illinois (never) and Florida (advised a friend, but not as a lawyer). During the interview, Mansfield said that he lived in Houston as a kid, but when the reporter asked him if that was a lie, Mansfield reluctantly admitted it was. Mansfield said he planned to stop "exaggerate(ing)" now that he is one of the highest-ranking judges in Texas. (Update: He served one six-year term.)

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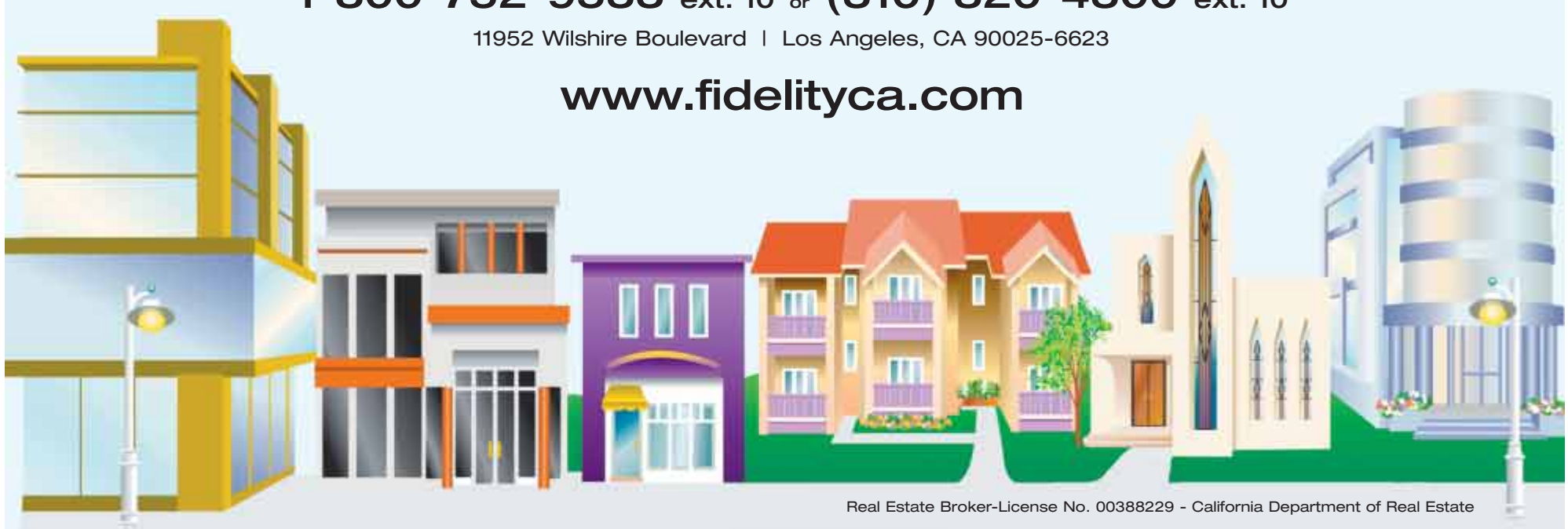
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