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THE DID WE MENTION WE'RE ON TWITTER? ISSUE

Details emerge in Samohi weapons case

Documents reveal arrested student had potential target, contradicting official stance

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

SMMUSD HDQTRS When two Santa Monica High School students were arrested in February for allegedly bringing daggers, a BB gun, handcuffs, rope and black face masks to school, district officials claimed the students had posed no threat to campus safety.

On April 9, when Santa Monica-Malibu Unifed School District Superintendent Tim Cuneo notified parents about the incident with a district-wide bulletin, he assured them there had been "no evidence of a plan to incite violence."

The students, who have since been expelled from the district, had merely been fascinated with ninjas, he said; an investigation by the district and Santa Monica Police Department had determined there was no public safety threat.

"Campus safety is our top priority and if

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Brandon Wise *brandonw@smdp.com*

A BIT BETTER: **Heal the Bay's annual report card cites progress, but Santa Monica Pier is still among the most polluted beaches in the state.**

Pier ranked fifth most polluted beach in state

BY REBECCA KHEEL
Special to the Daily Press

SM BEACH The Santa Monica Pier remained ranked as the fifth most polluted beach in California in Heal the Bay's 2009-10 Beach Report Card, though a replaced storm drain has contributed to a slight improvement in the quality of the water there.

Overall, Los Angeles County showed significant improvement in beach water quality during the dry-weather period of the year in Heal the Bay's annual ranking. But a future lack of funding for water quality monitoring from the state could threaten continued improvement, said Mark Gold, the executive director of Santa Monica-based Heal the Bay.

Slightly beyond the Santa Monica Pier at the beach near Strand Street, the water is considered part of Heal the Bay's "honor roll," meaning that it meets 100 percent of the requirements of water quality standards, which a quarter of monitored beaches do.

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Budget proposal avoids major cuts

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL Facing a $13.2 million general fund deficit, City Hall officials have proposed a spending plan for the upcoming fiscal year that they say will close the budget gap without substantial cuts to services and without layoffs or furlough days for employees.

The budget proposal, which the City Council began reviewing at a public hearing Wednesday night, contains $8.1 million in

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HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS ROUNDUP

New Roads slug way to CIF quarter finals

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

VALLEY VILLAGE New Roads' baseball team is in the zone at the right time.

The Jaguars routed Valley Torah, 17-1, in the second round of the California Interscholastic Federation Southern Section Division 7 playoffs on Tuesday, setting up a game with crosstown inter-divisional rival Pacifica Christian on Friday.

"I don't like playing close games," New Roads sophomore Anthony Carrillo said. "We should be beating any team in this tournament."

The confident outfielder, who is also

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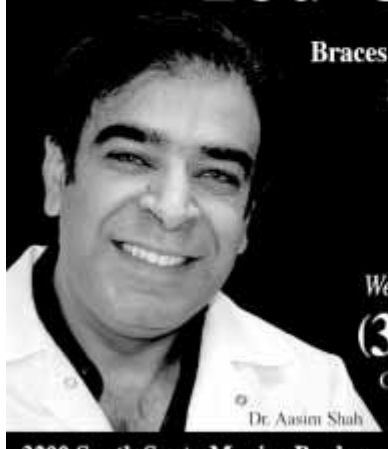
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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA AND SURROUNDS



Thursday, May 27, 2010

11th Annual Asian/Pacific Islander Celebration
Santa Monica College
1900 Pico Blvd., 7 p.m.
This year's program features anthropologist Tricia Allen, an author, researcher and tattoo artist who has travelled the Pacific extensively documenting the arts and dances of the islands, with a focus on tattoo and body art traditions. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call (310) 434-4303.

The legend of 'Fletch'
Aero Theatre
1328 Montana Ave., 7:30 p.m.
Celebrate the 25th anniversary of the classic comedy "Fletch." When confronted by a rich man who wants a heavy deed done in exchange for $50,000, Los Angeles journalist Fletch (Chevy Chase) finds himself at the center of a hot story and a hilarious mystery. It is playing as a double feature with another classic comedy, "Vacation."

Skate art
California Heritage Museum
2612 Main St., 11 a.m. — 4 p.m.
"SKATEBOARD: Evolution and Art in California" shows how the design of skateboards evolved from their birth pre-1950 to the present. The show is guest curated by the legendary Z-boy Nathan Pratt and is the first exhibition of the California skate movement to be shown where it was born, in "Dog Town." General admission cost $3, students and seniors cost $2, and children under 12 and members are free.
For more information, call (310) 392-8537.

Friday, May 28, 2010

Wicked Wilde Shakespeare Festival
Miles Memorial Playhouse
1130 Lincoln Blvd., Various times
Streamlined, gender-bending versions of classic plays are the name of the game in a five-week summer theater festival from the Los Angeles Women's Shakespeare Company. Longtime fans of the company's all-female explorations of classic texts will be intrigued to discover this festivals inclusion of male actors - although not always in the roles one might expect.
For more information, call (310) 453-5069.

Comedy night
Morgan-Wixson Theatre
Pico Boulevard at 27th Street, 8 p.m. — 10 p.m.
Acclaimed playwright Christopher Durang presents two one-act comedies, "The Actor's Nightmare," a spoof, and "Sister Mary Ignatius Explains It All For You," a satire. Tickets cost $18 or $15 for students and seniors.
For more information, call (310) 828-7519.

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.



CORRECTION

An article in Wednesday's edition, ("Bobby Shriver selected mayor," pg. 1) should have stated that Santa Monica Councilman Terry O'Day failed to cast the decisive vote for mayor at a council meeting on May 11.

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Settlement reached in Lincoln Place dispute



Brandon Wise *brandonw@smdp.com*

VICTORY: **The Los Angeles City Council approved a settlement that will allow residents to return to Venice's Lincoln Place apartments.**

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

ROSE AVE A contentious legal battle involving a rent-controlled apartment complex in Venice that was built after World War II to house veterans unable to find affordable housing has finally come to an end with the Los Angeles City Council's approval Wednesday of a settlement that will return scores of evicted tenants to their homes.

Councilman Bill Rosendahl, whose district includes the complex, said the council ratified the agreement with AIMCO Venezia, owner of the 38-acre Lincoln Place apartments, located just south of Santa Monica near Rose Avenue. The settlement was reached earlier this month after 18 months of negotiations.

"This is a great day for tenants, for preservationists, for Venice, and for anyone concerned with fairness and justice," Rosendahl said. "This day has been a long time coming."

Under terms of the agreement, AIMCO, will: allow 83 evicted households to return to a rehabilitated Lincoln Place at pre-eviction rental rates; establish a multi-million dollar fund to compensate former tenants not returning to Lincoln Place; and restore 696 vacant apartments to market as rent-controlled units.

AIMCO may also construct up to 99 new rental units with a clubhouse and other recreational facilities on vacant property where the company demolished 99 units in 2003. In a bow to community sentiment, AIMCO and city officials agreed that the height of the new buildings cannot exceed 30 feet and AIMCO waives any right to a density bonus.

First Deputy Mayor Austin Beutner said the construction projects will create 600-800 jobs.

Nearly all of the apartments have been vacant for years because of legal entanglements. The settlement "represents the largest-ever restoration of rent stabilized housing in the city's rental market," Rosendahl said.

Tenants sued AIMCO for allegedly violat-

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New program to offer in-home services to seniors living alone

BY REBECCA KHEEL
Special to the Daily Press

DOWNTOWN Harold Weiss first started volunteering at WISE & Healthy Aging 25 years ago. His wife wanted him to get out of the house after he retired. He saw a sign advertising for volunteers at the Third Street Promenade and has been answering phones for the organization ever since.

"When you go to work for WISE & Healthy Aging, it brings the best out of you," Weiss said.

In the 25 years Weiss has volunteered, he has seen the senior services agency evolve and expand to cover more services for older adults, from social work to reverse mortgage counseling.

"I've seen people come in here that look like they don't know whether they're coming or going, but when they leave they have a little smile," Weiss said.

Now, WISE & Healthy Aging is in the process of expanding their services, again. It is currently in the process of creating WISE Connections, a program that will provide services to adults age 50 and over who wish to remain in their own home as they age, which it hopes to launch in September or October. It is currently in the survey phase to determine membership pricing and services.

WISE Connections is based on the virtual village model that was started in Beacon Hill in Boston approximately eight years ago. The idea is that neighbors work together to provide support services for seniors so that they may continue living in their own homes.

As the idea for villages spread across the country, Robin Davidson, the human services administrator for City Hall and member of the governing council of the Santa Monica village, brought the idea to WISE & Healthy Aging roughly four years ago. She said she thought it would be a great service for Santa Monica residents.

"For younger seniors and baby boomers, they want to stay in their homes," she said. "They're not necessarily interested in retirement communities like Sun City."

She said she thinks WISE Connections will fit well into the programs WISE & Healthy Aging already provides.

WISE & Healthy Aging has been serving the Los Angeles community for more than 30 years. It has two main areas of services for seniors, said Grace Cheng Braun, the president and CEO of WISE & Healthy Aging. First, it provides a federally mandated service to look out for the rights of people living in long-term care facilities that is called the ombudsman program. Second, it offers a range of programs from adult day care to mental health services to volunteering.

The organization serves three main groups, Cheng Braun said. The first group is the care givers of adults 50 years old and up. The second group is what is called the pre- and active-retirees, who are mostly still working, but looking to transition into retirement. The third group, the group WISE & Healthy Aging is most know for

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Above: Professional heavyweights Joe Hanks (white shorts) and Anthony Gatt box during 'Big Fighters, Big Cause' charity boxing event at the Santa Monica Pier on Tuesday. Hanks knocked out Gatt in the second round.

Right: Former welterweight and middleweight boxing champion Sugar Ray Leonard hits the speed bag during the event.



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Historical perspective

Editor:

Natalie La Padura's complaints regarding airplanes flying under the new take-off pattern are comical ("Students affected by flight path change," Letters to the editor, May 19). She cites the "distraction" to the students of John Muir/SMASH. If the students are in a classroom the sound of the plane at basically 1,500 feet would hardly be noticeable. Their headsets of the current level of music would put the planes to shame.

The meeting of the PTA with having to "wait two times" mid-conversation is also questionable. I live 10 blocks closer to the airport than John Muir school and am under the take-off pattern. Even in my yard there has been no time that conversation has been interrupted due to the planes – private or jet.

All during WWII, I lived at 3212 18th St. directly at the end of the runway. Four-engine propeller-driven cargo planes would take off so low the power lines would sway and we would wave to the pilots. The planes now taking off are considerably higher and less noisy. I believe Ms. La Padura needs a reality check.

Betty A. Darling
Santa Monica

The whole story on Measure A

Editor:

Your bias is showing.

While it is fair to claim that Measure A is a $198 parcel tax, failing to mention the existing $346 parcel tax and the resultant sum ($544) shows where your heart is at. I expect Op-Ed pieces to be so labeled, and reporting to be objective.

SMDP began as a news organization, and as far as I know, still retains much of its original staff and character. But something happens when you hang out in a liberal bubble – you start to use the same Newspeak as those around you, and the lies told often enough in your midst become a cultural reference. Snap out of it!

Rob Martin
Santa Monica

At the movies

Editor:

A couple nights ago while seated in the Aero Theatre awaiting the start of "Batman" (1966), I was bombarded by a gaggle of rabid liberals still spewing their hatred at former President Bush.

Wake up, people! There is a radical son of Islam in the White House now. He is truly someone to fear.

David Long
Santa Monica

Students do pay for bus rides

Editor:

In response to "Fare increase not fair," Letters to the editor, May 24: Yes, all students at Santa Monica College ride the Big Blue Bus for "free." It is also true that students have this right due to the $1.2 million contract Santa Monica College has with the BBB, 50 percent of which is paid for by the students themselves; $9 of the $19 students pay for membership to the Associated Students goes to the paying this half, which amounts to over $600,000. Students pay for the bus just like the rest of the riders – they pay in advance. Because of the contract with the college and the increased ridership among students, the BBB has added more routes. The BBB has also increased the number of trips, so wait time between buses is shorter. Greater ridership among would-be-driving students has decreased the amount of traffic, congestion, and noise pollution on Interstate 10, Pico Boulevard and neighboring streets. So because of the students of Santa Monica College and the college's contract with the Big Blue Bus, all citizens, be they bus riders or not, benefit. And the students definitely do not ride for "nothing."

Rochelle Watkins
Vice President of Associated Students and
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Work experience comes in many forms

DEAR NEW SHRINK,

I am a recent college graduate and have come to realize that most positions require experience. Seeing this in the job description has stopped me from applying to several positions that I feel I am qualified for. How do you get experience if they require experience just to get the job? Perhaps I am missing something but this seems nearly impossible. Please help!

Sincerely,
Need Experience

DEAR NEED EXPERIENCE,

Ah, the catch 22 of starting out in the real world. This is certainly a frustrating dilemma for many entry-level candidates. While it may seem like an impossible feat, I hope to provide you with a few tricks to maximize your search.

First off, you have to consider what is meant by the word experience. Experience is not just limited to full-time, paid positions. Coursework, projects, volunteer work, internships, and other assorted tasks can build your experience portfolio. Do not limit yourself to applying for an opportunity that fits just because you do not have continuous, full-time work experience. You need to begin by considering your background and experience and showcasing this on your resume. Focus on your strengths and how they relate to the company or the position. Even if it was a class project that gave you exposure to the industry, focus on the skills and techniques required to complete that project and what the end result was.

Next, consider how you might gain further experience in your industry of interest. Consider applying for a summer internship to gain experience and build contacts. You will be given a chance to demonstrate your skills and experience within a supportive work environment. The benefit here is twofold; by taking advantage of this opportunity you will gain experience and prove yourself to be a useful and dedicated worker. In fact, many companies hire directly out of their internship programs for full-time positions. From the corporate bottom-line, internship programs serve as an opportunity to preview an employee before committing to a full-time guarantee while also giving you a chance to test out that industry before making a longer commitment.

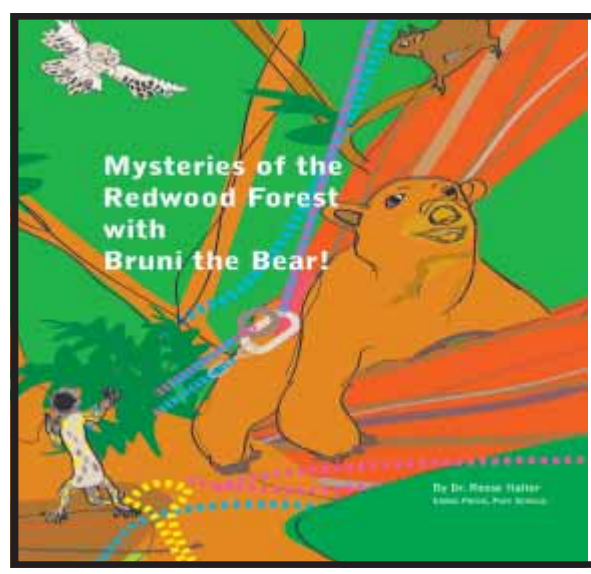
You might also consider registering for a temp agency. Although the focus for many openings may be on administrative duties, you will gain access to the industry and market yourself as an employed professional. If you have a particular "dream" company, consider calling their human resources department and asking which temporary agency they use. Then contact that temp agency and register with them. Each temp agency has a particular procedure in place, but often this will require that you submit a resume, complete a typing test, and conduct an in-person interview. Once you enter the doors of your "dream" company you may learn about potential openings, network and meet other employees, and learn what it takes to succeed.

DO NOT LIMIT YOURSELF TO APPLYING FOR AN OPPORTUNITY THAT FITS JUST BECAUSE YOU DO NOT HAVE CONTINUOUS, FULL-TIME WORK EXPERIENCE.

Beyond gaining additional experience, also consider the positions you are looking at and finding ones that truly fit your background and qualifications. When searching for opportunities use key-words like "entry-level" or "assistant" as these positions often require limited experience. Many major companies have a career section dedicated to entry-level hires or college graduates. View these sites to get a sense of what the company looks for in new candidates and the terms they use to describe their entry-level opportunities.

I know I say it all the time, but please do not dismiss the power of networking. You need to surround yourself with a group of people who can vouch for your qualifications and traits. Whether or not you have significant work experience, if you have people who can vouch for your hard work and dedication, you will increase your chance of securing a full-time position in your industry of choice.

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Feeling out of place in the Big Apple

"DEAR GOD," I PRAYED SILENTLY ON A 5:33 p.m. express train from Grand Central Terminal the other day as I glanced out the window and saw the name of an unfamiliar stop. "Please don't let me be on the wrong train."

"I know it won't be the end of the world if I am. But dear Lord, I'll never hear the end of it from my family. And I just know that if I have to make the call of shame, the hipster doofus sitting next to me will post it on Facebook from his phone, and he'll start snickering like a Judy Blume book mean girl when his friends make snarky comments in response. By the way, if you're so hip, why are you on a commuter train to the suburbs? Anyway, thanks, God, and amen."

It really wouldn't have been my fault if I had been on the wrong train (although, as it turns out, I wasn't). It was so crowded when I got off the subway at 42nd Street that I got a little frazzled and instead of walking through the metal exit cage, I walked into it. Thus, when a few minutes later I checked to see what track the train back to my parents' house was on, I wasn't 100 percent certain I had seen the number correctly. Rush hour in Grand Central is not for the weak or meek, and I'm embarrassingly rusty in my New Yorker-ness.

In all the time that I lived in New York, I survived without ever missing my stop, getting on the wrong train or subway, or falling asleep so soundly that I woke up at the end of the line. Now I'm removed from the city by a few years and I might as well be wearing a Scrunchie in my hair while walking around gawking at the skyscrapers trying to figure out which is 30 Rockefeller Plaza so I can hold up a "Hi Mom!" sign outside of the "Today" show windows. Whatever New York skills I used to have are long gone.

Trains and subways were a headache for me all last week. I had work in Soho and couldn't find a damn subway station anywhere. I used to live on the Upper West Side, which is to the suburbs what downtown is to the real city. Uptown, everything's safe and on a grid. Downtown, it's every street (and girl) for herself.

On the first day of my meetings I was driven into the city. At the end of the day, I was on my own.

"Will you be OK?" my ride asked.

"Of course," I scoffed.

Although as it turns out, not so much. I kept walking, thinking that eventually I'd run into a subway. If there's an Original Ray's pizza every two blocks in Manhattan, I figured there'd be a subway station eventually, too. But in fact, Soho is the exception (to Ray's and the subway).

I had way too much pride to ask for directions, but when I really had to go to the bathroom and my feet were starting to show signs of a forced retirement after walking in circles in heels for what felt like days, eventually I caved. I scoped out the block and using my finely tuned New York radar, picked a woman oozing downtown confidence as she typed furiously into her iPhone. As it turns out, she was searching for an app that told her where the nearest station was. I followed her with my head hung in disgrace like a dog that peed inside the house. And I didn't even have the benefit of an empty bladder.

The next morning I took the train into the city and was determined to find a subway station closer to my destination, and I succeeded. I was so successful, in fact, that I decided to reward myself with a coffee drink.

I've had coffee twice since sometime immediately following the new millennium, but figured a jolt of caffeine would get me even further back in the swing of the New York thing. I walked into an overpriced deli feeling like an eminent New York adult, and ordered a mochaccino.

I became decidedly less important and determinedly more Disney when the guy behind the counter filled up the cup to the top with ice, poured in an ounce of coffee and then added an entire container of Hershey's chocolate syrup. The translucent cup was streaked with fudge from every conceivable angle. Walking back outside, it seemed as if there were neon signs with arrows pointing at me. I felt about as subtle and sophisticated as one of those giant rainbow lollipops that are the prizes given for the least amount of tickets at a carnival.

As the cup started sweating in the heat and some of the chocolate was dripping out from under the lid, I realized there was a distinct possibility my pressed white shirt might end up with a souvenir stain. I threw the mochaccino and my remaining dignity into the nearest trash can.

If I ever make it in New York again, I'll definitely start spreading the news. Until then, I'll be sticking to cabs and Diet Pepsi.

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The Q Line

Getting tough on smokers

There is a movement afoot to expand Santa Monica's already strict smoking laws. The new rules would restrict smoking on patios and balconies of multi-unit residences.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
Would you support such a rule, or do you think it goes too far?

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Report: Trans fat limits lead to healthier food offerings

ALICIA CHANG
AP Science Writer

LOS ANGELES Holy fish sticks! Scientists finally have some good news about fat in our foods.

Contrary to fears, most food manufacturers and restaurants did not just swap one bad ingredient for another when they trimmed artery-clogging trans fats from products and menus, an analysis finds.

Even the french fry, a longtime dietary scourge, got a healthier remake. But there's still room for improvement, particularly for some items sold in supermarkets, which replaced heart-damaging trans fat with its unhealthy cousin, saturated fat.

A Harvard researcher and a consumer advocacy group examined 83 foods that had a makeover since 2006. That year the federal government began requiring food labels to list the amount of trans fat in packaged products and New York City became the first of several cities to phase them out in restaurants.

Trans fats are created when hydrogen is added to liquid oils to harden them for baking or to extend shelf life. With trans fat under attack, food makers and restaurants tinkered with various cooking oil and fat substitutes, trying not to compromise taste and texture. But how healthy are the reincarnations?

Harvard researcher Dr. Dariush Mozaffarian and the Center for Science in the Public Interest checked grocery products and restaurant chow for fat content.

The researchers did not do their own chemical testing, but instead used Food and Drug Administration databases, nutrition labels and industry brochures to determine trans fat and saturated fat levels.

Results were published in a letter in Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine.

Nearly all of the foods analyzed were free or mostly free of trans fat. And many companies and restaurants did not spike their saturated fat content when they cut trans fat — 65 percent of supermarket products and 90 percent of restaurant fare contained saturated fat levels that were lower, unchanged or only slightly higher than before.

"Companies almost always can reformulate their food to have a healthier balance of fats," said CSPI executive director Michael Jacobson.

The researchers declined to provide details about the winners and sinners because they said they plan to publish the full results later. But they gave examples:

— Large order of McDonald's french fries: Trans fat dropped from 7 1/4 grams to zero; saturated fat went from 5? grams to 3? grams.

— Gorton's Crunchy Golden Fish Sticks: 3 grams of trans fat per serving to zero; saturated fat unchanged at 4 grams.

L.A. Catholics welcome next archbishop

JOHN ANTCZAK
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES The future leader of the nation's most populous Roman Catholic archdiocese was welcomed Wednesday with a standing ovation in a religious service at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels.

The Mass of Reception marks the start of Coadjutor Archbishop Jose H. Gomez's ministry as an assistant to Cardinal Roger Mahony, who will retire next year. Gomez then automatically becomes the archbishop.

"Mahony goes; Gomez comes. But Christ alone endures," Mahony said in his homily.

Other cardinals, dozens of bishops, more than 400 priests and representatives from 288 parishes throughout the nearly 8,800-square-mile archdiocese participated in a service incorporating a half-dozen languages to reflect the diversity of the region.

Mahony, who became archbishop of Los Angeles in 1985, has said he urged Pope Benedict XVI to select a Latino to replace him when, under church law, he retires in February at age 75.

Born in Monterrey, Mexico, Gomez, 58, will become the first Hispanic archbishop of the Los Angeles archdiocese at a time when illegal immigration from Mexico is a heated political issue.

In a homily delivered in English and Spanish, Mahony directly set the stage for Gomez on that issue.

"A good shepherd here will of necessity work tirelessly for just immigration policies and for the protection of the dignity of all our immigrants," Mahony said.

Gomez is the newly elected chair of the Committee on Migrants and Refugee Services for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. His new position in Los Angeles will give the former archbishop of San Antonio, a more visible platform on immigration while reflecting a large segment of the U.S. church.

More than a third of the 65 million Catholics in the United States are Hispanic, as are nearly three-quarters of the 5 million-plus members of the three-county archdiocese.

Gomez will also inherit remaining elements of the clergy sex abuse scandal that has dogged the Archdiocese of Los Angeles for years.

In, 2007, Mahony agreed to a $660 million settlement with more than 500 alleged victims of clergy abuse, and a federal grand jury is investigating how the archdiocese handled abuse claims.

Mahony is not a target of the investigation, according to his attorney.

Judge refuses to halt closure of L.A. pot clinics

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES A Los Angeles judge has denied a temporary court order that would have allowed four medical marijuana clinics to remain open after a city ordinance takes effect June 7.

Superior Court Judge David P. Yaffee's decision Wednesday could discourage other dispensaries from seeking similar orders to block enforcement of the ordinance.

The four clinics are among 44 that have filed lawsuits.

The new city rule allows only dispensaries that registered by Nov. 13, 2007, to continue to operate.

Violating the ordinance could result in six months in jail and a $1,000 fine.

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there is any indication that there is a threat to the safety of our students and staff you will be informed immediately," he wrote in the bulletin.

In interviews in April, SMPD detectives also told the Santa Monica Daily Press there had been no plan to incite violence.

But documents describing the investigation that led to the students being expelled that were obtained by the Daily Press appear to contradict officials' earlier statements.

In an interview with police after his arrest, one of the students said he had been repeatedly bothered by a classmate and that if the person continued to "mess with him" he would "tie him up and pull out a knife to teach him a lesson," according to an official record.

In recommending the student's expulsion, a district official wrote that "the naming of a possible student target suggests the intention of violence," and labeled the student "a significant threat."

Other documents showed more evidence of possible threats.

The second student had maintained a website with a profile that included the statement, "I have a very large collection of knives, and trust me when I say, 'I will stab you,' I mean it," according to official records. The website profile also contained a reference to being bisexual and a threat the student would retaliate violently against anyone who made "a gay joke" in front of him.

The second student also had previously been questioned for allegedly bringing a knife to school.

On Feb. 11, two weeks before the student's arrest, a classmate reported seeing the student drop a knife on the floor during class, according to official documents. The teacher interviewed the student about the incident the next day but determined he was "a low risk and not a danger to have on campus," according to the document.

The high school student who reported the Feb. 11 incident, though, described it as a scary event in an e-mail message to a teacher.

In the e-mail, which was obtained by the Daily Press, the student wrote that seeing the knife "frightened me and the other kids that noticed this" and urged the teacher to "please take this seriously, this is not a joke."

In an interview on Wednesday, SMMUSD Board President Barry Snell denied the weapons incident that led to the two students' arrests had been more serious than the district portrayed it to be.

"I never heard that there was a potential threat at all, so that's news to me," Snell said.

The student who mentioned the possibility of targeting a classmate when questioned by police later recanted his statement, Snell said. He said he was not aware of a website maintained by either of the students that contained threatening language.

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>
> **Barry Snell,**
> School Board President

Snell also denied the district had inappropriately withheld information about the arrests.

"Nothing has been withheld or not disclosed to teachers, parents and the board," he said.

The expelled students, who have not been identified because both were minors at the time of their arrests on Feb. 25 and Feb. 26, are facing criminal charges, police said last month

The documents obtained by the Daily Press also provided a complete picture of the weapons the students allegedly possessed: 13 knives, the largest of which had a 10-inch fixed blade; six throwing knives; a BB gun that looked like a pistol; four pairs of handcuffs; a blowgun made out of bamboo with a nail; two black masks; two ropes and a wrist wrap with spikes.

TEACHER UNION SEEKS ANSWERS

Several parents and School Board Member Oscar de la Torre in April criticized district officials for failing to disclose more information about the arrests immediately after they occurred.

Cuneo waited until April 9 to notify parents about the incident, the day after an article describing the arrests appeared in the Daily Press.

This month, Santa Monica-Malibu Classroom Teachers Association officials sought more information about the arrests, stating in a letter dated May 12: "Unfortunately, the only knowledge we have regarding this matter is from news reports and other external sources. We do not believe it's good practice to respond to member questions based on news reports and hearsay."

In the letter, SMMCTA officials asked whether the students had "been previously involved with similar issues" and whether they threatened colleagues or staff members either verbally or in writing. The association also asked the district to provide pictures of the weapons the students were allegedly carrying.

Snell said the district had responded to the SMMCTA's letter.

SMMCTA President Harry Keiley could not be reached for comment. Cuneo also could not be reached for this story on Wednesday. The SMPD did not return a call seeking additional comment on Wednesday.

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ing conditions of an agreement with the city of Los Angeles to relocate tenants to other units on the property instead of evicting them in December of 2006. They also claimed AIMCO failed to properly notify tenants of their rights and threatened them.

AIMCO, one of the largest real estate management companies in the country, had plans to redevelop the property, placing condominiums and luxury apartments on site with 140 low-income units, according to previous reports.

Lincoln Place, a garden-style campus of 52 buildings built in 1951, was originally backed by the Federal Housing Authority when it was built in 1951 to support World War II veterans and their families. However, it has always been privately owned.

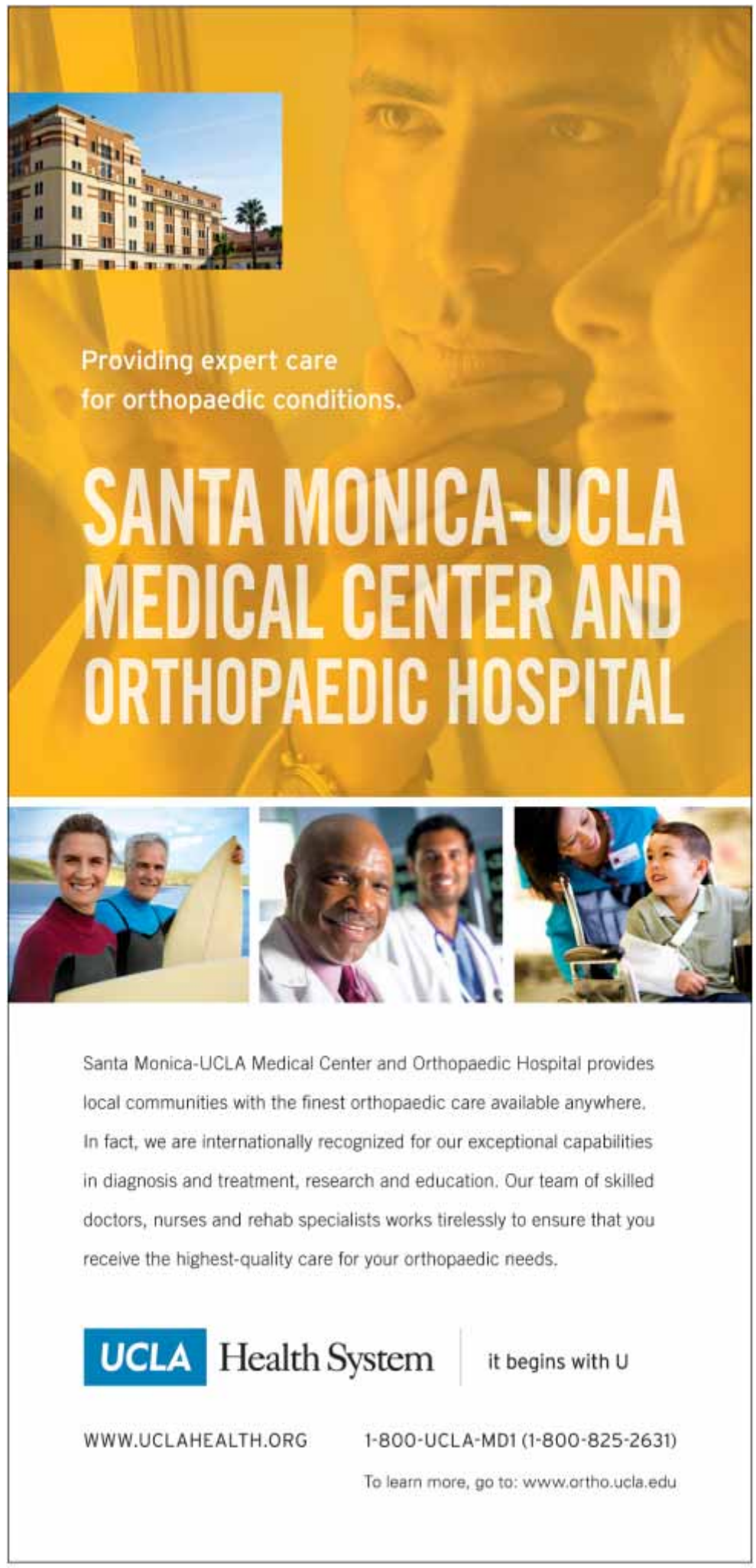
Sheila Bernard, president of the Lincoln Place Tenants Association who still lives on the property with 10 other households, said she is "delighted" by the settlement and is looking forward to the day when many of her old neighbors return. While some may like the peace and quiet that comes with living in a nearly abandoned property, Bernard said some apartments need repairs.

"We've been dealing with this for so long," she said. "We were just waiting for something to happen. Now this brings us one step closer to finality."

Bernard knows the apartment complex will never be the same as many people have moved away to other cities or states in search of work and affordable housing. But she is committed to continuing her life at Lincoln Place, the only home her son has known.

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REPORT CARD

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Despite that beach's cleanliness, the pier still ranks among Heal the Bay's "Beach Bummer" list, meaning it received an F grade during the summer beach-going season, and was ranked the fifth most polluted beach in the state during that period. Avalon Harbor Beach on Catalina Island was listed as the most polluted.

The pier was also ranked number five in the Beach Bummer list last year, but was ranked second most polluted in the 2007-2008 report.

"The good news (at the pier) is that things are on the rise there," Gold said. "They put in a brand new storm drain diversion system. They hope to put nets underneath the pier [to prevent pigeons from roosting there], and we're starting to see good grades there for the last couple times, so that's a good improvement."

The improved storm drain was completed approximately a year ago, replacing a corroded drain that was often blamed for the pollution at the pier. The improvements also included creating a mechanism that diverts water flow into a nearby sewer system. City Hall also recently completed the installation of nets under the pier to keep fecal bacteria from birds from polluting the water.

Because four of the five monitored beaches in Santa Monica received an A during the dry-weather period, City Hall is pleased with the results of the report card, said Lee Swain, the director of public works. But City Hall also recognizes that work still needs to be done in regards to the pier.

"Measure V is beginning to have an effect," Swain said.

Measure V is a parcel tax approved by voters in 2006 that is expected to generate roughly $40 million over the next 10 years for stormwater diversion projects, including the new pier stormdrain.

"It's going to take time to realize the full benefits," Swain added. "We're cautiously optimistic that this trend of improvement will continue."

To continue the trend of improvement, City Hall has begun a five-year plan with funding from Measure V that began in fiscal year 2010 and will last through fiscal year 2014, Swain said. Among the improvements will be permeable alleyways to absorb rain runoff and rain barrels to collect rain water.

Seventy percent of beaches in L.A. County received a grade of A in this year's ranking, compared with last year when 70 percent received either an A or a B. But the wet-weather period saw little to no improvement, with only 50 percent of beaches receiving an A and 36 percent receiving an F.

"Seventy percent is actually the best we've seen in quite some time in Los Angeles County," Gold said.

Gold cited government funding, like Santa Monica's Measure V, as the reason for the overall improvement in beach water quality.

But maintaining high-quality beach water will be difficult when state funding of monitoring programs runs out at the end of the year, Gold said. Unless a new source of funding arises, Gold said more than half of the beaches in California will not have monitoring systems.

"We're not talking about a huge amount of money," he said. "We're talking about $1 million a year, about $1.5 million, for these 20 monitoring agencies to continue monitoring our beaches to make sure that public health is protected. To think that that program is going to end is absolutely ridiculous considering we have a $43 billion coastal tourism industry."

In a 2008 line-item veto, Gov. Schwarzenegger cut $1 million in funds for collecting and processing ocean water samples and for posting signs notifying swimmer of risks. While federal and local bonds have helped to create clean-up programs like six, year-round diversions for dry-weather runoff in L.A. and a treatment plant for one of the most polluted beaches at Paradise Cove, Gold said monitoring programs are equally important, but harder to get funding for.

Santa Monica, too, is concerned about a lack of state funding, Swain said. But Swain assured that Measure V will allow Santa Monica to continue trying to improve the quality of its beaches.

"Obviously the state economy is always a concern. This is just one other way," he said. "Measure V was a strong statement that we care about our beaches."

Chris Franken, 32, of Downtown L.A., who was at the pier surfing Wednesday, said he is concerned about the amount of pollution, but is not sure where more funding to improve it would come from.

"The state can hardly pay for its employees," he said.

Franken said he gets sick about two or three times a year from surfing in polluted waters, but he still comes to the pier for convenience.

"But at the same time, you can see all the dolphins out there. I don't know how bad it is if there's sea life," he said.

Some tourists said the amount of pollution by the pier would not affect their decision to come to the beach. Grace Hickam, 19, of Phoenix, said she thinks it is disgusting the pier is ranked the fifth most polluted beach in the state, but would still have come had she known that beforehand.

"When your coming from 150 degree weather," she said, "any beach is good."

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Heal the Bay's Beach Bummers 2009-10

1) Avalon Harbor Beach on Catalina Island (LOS ANGELES COUNTY)
2) Cabrillo Beach harborside (LOS ANGELES COUNTY)
3) Pismo Beach Pier (SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY)
4) Colorado Lagoon (LOS ANGELES COUNTY)
5) Santa Monica Municipal Pier (LOS ANGELES COUNTY)
6) City of Long Beach at LA River outlet (LOS ANGELES COUNTY)
7) Poche Beach (ORANGE COUNTY)
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one of the team's ace pitchers, backed up his bravado by going two-for-three with a single, double and three runs batted in.

"From the beginning, we came out ready to hit," Carrillo said. "We were ready to play."

Quinn Barbini started on the mound for New Roads and went three innings, giving up two hits, a run and three strike outs.

When the game appeared to be out of reach, New Roads Head Coach Sean Brookes pulled most of the starters to give some of his bench players some crucial playoff experience.

"It was nice to get guys in who don't see a lot of innings," Brookes said.

SAMOHI SOFTBALL TRAVELS TO POMONA

Santa Monica High School's softball team will travel to Pomona Catholic for their CIF-SS Division 4 quarter final game today. The game begins at 3:15 p.m. at Palomares Park.

Samohi is coming off a clutch 3-1 win over Garden Grove in the second round on Tuesday. The Vikings are currently the No. 2 seed in the playoffs and are ranked second in the latest Cal Hi Sports statewide poll.

The No. 1 team in Division 4, La Quinta, lost in the second round to Buena, 11-4. That leaves the Vikings as the highest seed left in their division.

PACIFICA CHRISTIAN PILES IT ON

Pacifica Christian continued its offensive onslaught Tuesday with a 14-2 victory over Temecula Prep in the second round of the CIF-SS Division 7 baseball playoffs.

The offensive outpouring followed an improbable 32-3 first-round victory over Weaver. The Seawolves have outscored playoff opponents, 46-5.



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HITTING THE DECK: **Santa Monica's Kaile Nakao slides into third base against Garden Grove during a 3-1 victory on Tuesday.**

"The guys are just hitting their stride right now," Pacifica Head Coach Julian Chavez said. "They are comfortable at the plate, just having fun."

Pacifica's Keenan Pierandozzi-Howes started on the mound. He went the distance giving up two earned runs and striking out 15.

"His split finger is working really nice right now," Chavez said. "It was his best performance of the year."

Zach McMillan led the Seawolves at the plate going three-for-four with a double, triple and a home run that Chavez said traveled at least 380 feet. He also had five runs batted in.

The win sets up a matchup up with fellow Santa Monica-based New Roads in the quarter finals on Friday.

XRDS BASEBALL ADVANCES

Crossroads' baseball team defeated Rio Hondo Prep, 5-4, in the second round of the CIF-SS Division 6 on Tuesday.

The Roadrunners advanced to host Grace Brethren in the quarter finals on Friday.

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BUDGET
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spending cuts and relies on $3 million in reserve funds to help close the gap.

Overall, projected general fund spending in the next fiscal year, which begins July 1, is expected to increase 1 percent from this year to $255.1 million. The overall budget for 2010-11 is projected to be $553.6 million.

City Manager Rod Gould on Wednesday called the $13.2 million deficit "significant but not crippling" and said the city will be able to avert large cuts in part because of an $8.2 million rainy day fund officials established before the recession.

"The city foresaw the slumping economy and knew that they were going to need a little bridge money to avoid making deep cuts into services when things got tough," he said.

In coming up with $8.1 million in spending cuts, Gould said he asked department heads to prepare budget scenarios taking into account possible spending reductions of 3, 5 and 7 percent.

City Hall's proposal, he said, embodies the priorities the council laid out in December 2009 when members asked for a budget that spares programs aimed at the most vulnerable members of the community from large cuts while putting Santa Monica on strong fiscal footing.

Gould said most of the proposed cuts will be invisible to the public.

"Most of them cut into services and supplies and the way we fund our activities," Gould said. "It'll make it harder for us on the inside of the organization to do our jobs," but "service reductions are really around the edges" in the proposal.

City Hall grants to non-profit organizations

"THE CITY FORESAW THE SLUMPING ECONOMY AND KNEW THAT THEY WERE GOING TO NEED A LITTLE BRIDGE MONEY TO AVOID MAKING DEEP CUTS INTO SERVICES WHEN THINGS GOT TOUGH,"

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distributed through the Community and Cultural Services Department will be reduced 1.5 percent under the plan, Gould said.

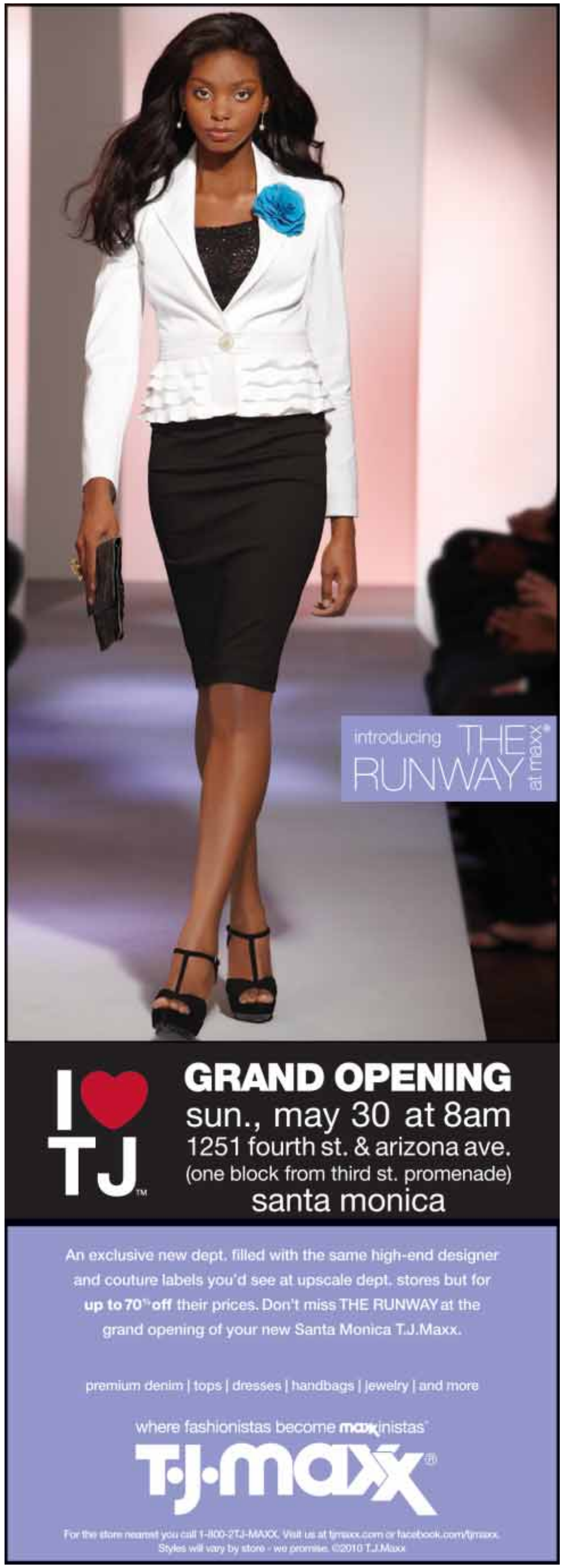
Under the proposal, 17.5 permanent City Hall jobs that are currently vacant would be cut, including eight police department posts. Four vacant temporary jobs and seven Redevelopment Agency positions also would be eliminated.

City Hall plans to erase the remainder of the deficit by raising an additional $1.2 million in fee increases and spending $900,000 in surplus money from this fiscal year. The proposed fee increases would apply to things like ambulance trips, car wreck clean-up and election office services.

The overall budget of $553.6 million is down .2 percent from this fiscal year.

The council will hold a second public hearing on the proposed budget at City Hall tonight.

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helping, is comprised of frail and dependent elderly.

Planning for WISE Connections began in earnest about a year ago, Cheng Braun said. With WISE Connections, the organization will create a virtual community that will provide services such as vetted and discounted vendors, in-home care and transportation to those seniors who would prefer to grow old in the home and community they are currently living in. The program will also provide opportunities for individual and group social events.

"It's an exciting way for people to look at how then can come together in a way to work together that would benefit each person being able to stay in their homes as long as possible and having a certain quality to their lives, having the ability to have social connections and also access to services," she said.

WISE Connections will operate as a network for virtual villages around the city, Cheng Braun said. The first group started in Mar Vista independently, but then decided to join with WISE & Healthy Aging. Other communities that have joined WISE Connections are Santa Monica, Pacific Palisades and Westchester, among others.

In preparation for the official launch of WISE Connections in the fall, WISE & Healthy Aging are currently holding open houses across the city, as well as providing an online survey to gauge the needs and desires of the community. The main issue it is looking at is possible pricing of the program, Cheng Braun said. Membership for villages across the country ranges from $500 to $850 for a single person and $750 to $1350 for a household or couple. But the cost of WISE Connections would most likely fall on the cheaper side of those ranges, so more people would be able to join, she said.

One aspect of WISE Connections that would be different from villages across the country is the possibility of subsidies for low income seniors wishing to join, said Davidson.

> **"FOR YOUNGER SENIORS AND BABY BOOMERS, THEY WANT TO STAY IN THEIR HOMES. THEY'RE NOT NECESSARILY INTERESTED IN RETIREMENT COMMUNITIES LIKE SUN CITY."**
>
> **Robin Davidson,**
> Human Service Administrator

"It's ultimately the decision of the City Council," Davidson said. "But if it happened it would be groundbreaking because 100 other villages across the country haven't been able to offer subsidies. The village model has really only worked for seniors who have cash."

Though the program is still evolving and will continue to evolve even after it officially launches in the fall, Davidson said it has received an overwhelmingly positive reception so far. She attended an open house Sunday and said the people present were excited and realized how the village could make their lives easier.

"As a baby boomer myself," she said, "I'm really looking forward to it."

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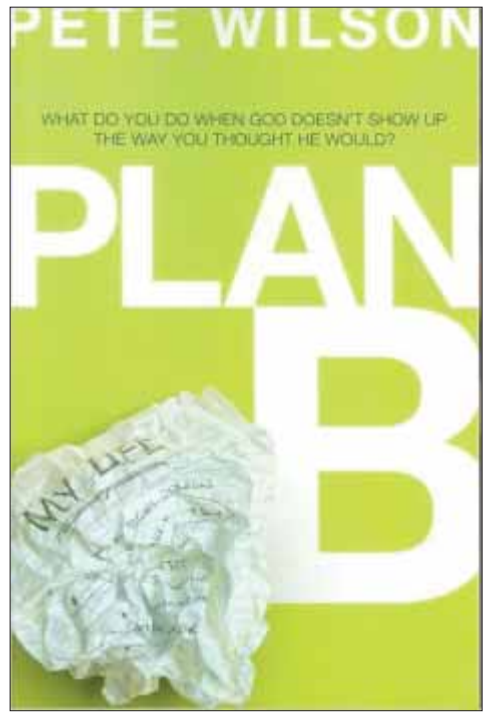


BOOK REVIEW

BY DANE ROBERT SWANSON

'Plan B'

By Pete Wilson • Thomas Nelson



Things aren't going as you planned. You are down.

"Often in life the what, when, and where are not going to turn out the way you want them to turn out. You don't always get to choose those things, but you do get to choose the way"

When this happens we blame God, if we believe. Or if we don't believe, we take this as proof that there is no God since if there was why would this be happening to us?

This book offers a discussion of how to cope with disappointment with life when it doesn't go your way. We all go through periods like that, which is why this book is useful.

Author Pete Wilson who is a pastor at Cross Point Church in Nashville, Tenn. offers this book as hope. We all are going to need a plan B.

"All of us have had dreams, wishes, goals, and expectations that, for a variety of reasons, have not come to fruition." Wilson writes.

Hope is something we all have. Hope that life will turn out the way we dreamed. We prepare and then we hit what Wilson calls a wall. The wall is another way of saying cognitive disorder. A divorce after a marriage which seemed OK, a difficult birth, a lay off at your job, even joblessness, a betrayal; all these can be seen as walls. It is those "Why Me" situations.

Wilson reaches back to the Bible for stories of people who faced Plan B situations. There was Abraham who left his comfort zone to go to an area he did not know. He also had a son in his old age only to be asked to sacrifice him many years later.

There was Job who had everything taken away from him and even had his health endangered. We also mustn't forget Joseph who was a person going some where when he was sold into Egypt, falsely accused of rape and thrown into prison.

We aren't the first to hit the wall nor will we be the last. Sometimes all we need to help us make it through these times when we hit the wall and see no hope is to have a book like this to read and find hope in. Not that things will. Someone has penned a song "I Never Promised You A Rose Garden." This is so true. Life throws us curves. You may find yourself walking around waiting for the next bomb to go off. We even can start doubting our faith.

Wilson offers us six stages of faith we go though as suggested by Hagberg and Guelich. The first one is our awareness of God's reality.

We move on to the second stage which is that of discipleship. At this stage we learn what it means to become part of a group of others who are struggling. We move on to stage three where we become active in working serving others.

Stage four is when a person starts to rethink what they believe. Stage five will find a person acting out their beliefs. Finally if all is well we enter stage six where we find the resources, events and people, even books such as this one.

This book should be on your bookshelf to grab at those times when hope is low and despair is high.

We need books we can hold as well as our Kindles. A person can not cuddle up to a screen and get the same enjoyment as a hard cover or a paperback. I may be wrong. But you can let me know at smdp_review@yahoo.com either way.

Stone Temple Pilots grow up

SANDY COHEN
AP Entertainment Writer

SANTA MONICA As he reflects on Stone Temple Pilots' history, frontman Scott Weiland quietly breaks into song: "The long and winding road." His band mates — guitarist Dean DeLeo, bassist Robert DeLeo and drummer Eric Kretz — spontaneously sing backup.

It's an apt description for the journey the quartet has been on from its grunge-rock beginnings to its self-produced, self-titled album, released this week. The band has weathered drugs, breakups, arrests, a changing music business and some 20 years together. They're all grown up now, with families and studios of their own, and they drew on that maturity — and their shared musical history — for the new record and world tour set to follow.

"Every record's different and that's kind of the way we like it," Weiland says. "If you look at it, the greatest recording band and writing band of all time, the Beatles, that was their philosophy, so why not try to aim at that kind of goal?"

Some of the songs on "Stone Temple Pilots" were a decade in the making. Some, like the new single, "Between the Lines," came together during sound checks on STP's recent reunion tour. Others "were just written right after dinner," Kretz says.

The sound is pure "sweet but meaty" STP, says Robert DeLeo. Perhaps the biggest difference from their five previous albums is that the foursome recorded and produced this one themselves. Using their own studios, they had unprecedented flexibility, time and control.

NEW DVD RELEASES

BY RANDY WILLIAMS



Photo courtesy Fox

'Crazy Heart'

(Fox) Jeff Bridges won an Academy Award for Best Actor with his performance as Bad Blake, a broken-down, hard-living country music singer. The overweight, chain-smoking alcoholic's self-destructive behavior has led to several failed marriages and a grown son who he has not seen since he was 4 years old. The 50-something crooner is reduced to playing bowling alleys and small bars while his young former protege Tommy Sweet (Colin Farrell) plays the prime time venues. Blake becomes friendly with a single mother, Jean Craddock (Maggie Gyllenhaal), but when things go wrong in their relationship, in part to his alcoholism, Bad Blake re-examines his life and addictions.

'Invictus'

(Warner Bros) Clint Eastwood directs this drama, based on a true story, that examines one primary question: What does Nelson Mandela do after becoming president of South Africa, a nation still racially and economically divided in the wake of apartheid? Looking for inspiration and hope to build national unity, he finds it in an unlikely place: the rugby field. Morgan Freeman as Mandela asks Francois Pienaar (Matt Damon) as the captain of the primarily white Springbok national team, to do the seemingly impossible and win the World Cup. Both Freeman and Damon received Oscar-nominations. The combo pack includes a DVD and Blu-ray version of the film. Special features: The Eastwood Factor – The acclaimed filmmaker looks back on his career; Mandela Meets Morgan – The actor meets the world leader; Matt Damon Plays Rugby – The process of the actor training for his sporting role, plus interviews with those who lived the real-life saga as well as cast and filmmakers.

'Robin Hood: Men in Tights' Blu-ray

(Fox) On the heels of the new film featuring Russell Crowe, comes this comedy by Mel Brooks on Blu-ray. The comedian scores a bulls-eye with a hilarious reinvention of the Robin Hood fable. The Sherwood Forest spoof stars Cary Elwes in the title role and Richard Lewis, Tracey Ullman, Amy Yasbeck and Roger Rees. Extra materials include commentary by Brooks, an HBO special on the topic and Funny Men in Tights: Three Generations of Comedy.

'The Rolling Stones: Rare and Unseen'

(MVD) From small time musicians to mega rock stars, this story features a collection of rare films and videos of the band, newsreels and photographs from private collections. These include Mick Jagger on the British investigative TV series "World in Action," Keith Richards at the Berlin Film Festival, Bill Wyman on the touring life, even Charlie Watts speaks! Also included are segments covering band members Brian Jones, Mick Taylor and Ron Wood.

'Foyle's War' Set 6

(Acorn Media) The highly acclaimed WWII detective series starring Michael Kitchen is back with three more mysteries: "The Russia House," "Killing Time" and "The Hide." Kitchen is Christopher Foyle, a police investigator in the British coastal community of Hastings who finds that his long-sought retirement is interrupted by cases involving international intrigue, military racism and an accused traitor all too willing to go to the gallows.

'According to Jim' The Complete Second Season

(Lionsgate) Emmy nominee Jim Belushi stars as the abrasive, but lovable father and Courtney Thorne-Smith is his feisty wife. They are the parents of three kids. The four-disc set features all 28 episodes and a behind-the-scenes segment.

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SURF REPORT

Surf Conditions **Water Temp:** 61°

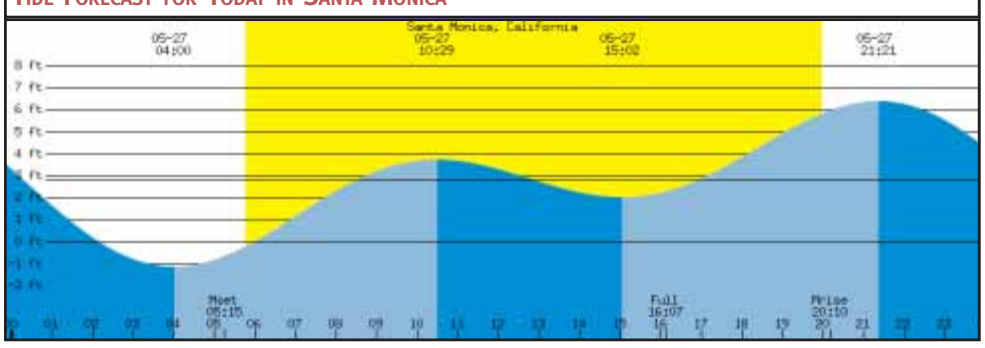
Swell Forecast

Looking like a chest high day for south facing breaks as the Easter Island swell comes ashore. Standout south facing breaks may see some head high set waves at times, but chest high should be the norm.

Long Range Synopsis

Similar for the SW (chest high or so), and wind swell will likely be on the rise, at least waist high early, and chest+ by nightfall.

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 **May 19, 2010**

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QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 0
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 4
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 33 / 17
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 12 / 4

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

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

LEGEND

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

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NBA

Lakers work on defense after pair of road losses

GREG BEACHAM
AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES The Lakers' swagger has been reduced to a stagger by consecutive losses in the Western Conference finals.

Los Angeles now realizes it can't defend its NBA title if it can't defend the aggressive, inventive Suns. Phoenix has scored 113 points per game in the series, which is even heading into the pivotal Game 5 on Thursday night.

The Lakers' fans got caught looking ahead to Boston after Los Angeles won the first two games with stellar offense that disguised two bad defensive games. Kobe Bryant and his teammates still haven't figured out how to guard the Suns, but Phoenix concocted a zone defense that has thrown the Lakers for a loop.

At least the Lakers are back at home, where they haven't lost in seven playoff games this spring.

NFL

Super Bowl heads to chilly NY

JAIME ARON
AP Sports Writer

IRVING, Texas Steam coming from the quarterback's mouth. The Statue of Liberty in the distance. NFL championship at stake.

Live from new Meadowlands Stadium, it's Super Bowl 2014.

NFL owners voted Tuesday for a title game that could be like no other. While there have been sub-40s temperatures for an outdoor Super Bowl, and it's snowed outside a domed stadium on game day, never has the league chosen to hold its marquee event in a place where players and fans could be freezing at kickoff.

They decided it was worth the risk to bring the Super Bowl to the New York area, and to the new $1.6 billion stadium that this season will become home to the New York Jets and Giants.

"We promise the greatest game in the greatest venue in the greatest city," Giants co-owner Steve Tisch said. "Now we've got to deliver."

The NFL has required an average temperature of 50 degrees or a dome for a team to even bid on hosting the Super Bowl, but the league bent the rule to let New York bid.

"Everyone knows it's risky," said Miami Dolphins owner Stephen Ross, one of two Florida teams whose bids were rejected.

"We'll all pray that it doesn't snow that day," Arizona Cardinals president Michael Bidwill said.

The coldest kickoff temperature in Super Bowl history was 39 degrees, and that would be considered a warm February day in East Rutherford, N.J. Average February temperatures there are 24 to 40 degrees, with several inches of rain, according to the bid documents.

Remember, the game kicks off after the sun goes down in the Eastern time zone, so temperatures would be dropping throughout the night.

So, why take the chance?

"I do believe that New York is a unique market and the membership recognized that," said NFL commissioner Roger Goodell, whose offices are in Manhattan. "I think it will turn out to be a great event."

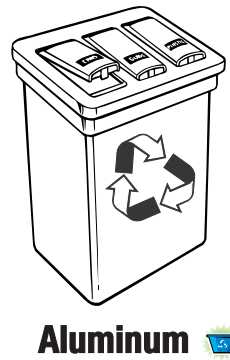
Being just outside the Big Apple means lots of glitz and spectacle, Buildup will include everything from a float in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade to parties at internationally renowned destinations. There will be game-day shots of the Manhattan skyline in the distance, and thousands watching on the jumbo-screen TVs in Times Square.

The flip side is that security will become a bigger issue, perhaps among the most expensive pieces of the budget. An expected economic impact of $550 million would help offset some of the cost.

Planners are already making the most of the weather. They're plotting to give out hand warmers and heated seat cushions — and will be selling plenty more NFL-branded merchandise to help fight off the elements. They'll also have hundreds of folks ready to shovel away snow, and anything else necessary to make the experience more than bearable.

The team owners were asked where they would sit — indoors or out?

"Probably both," Jets owner Woody Johnson said.

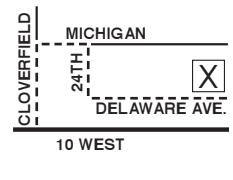


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MOVIE TIMES

Aero Theatre
1328 Montana Ave.
(323) 466-FILM

Chevy Chase Double Feature Vacation (aka National Lampoon's Vacation) (NR) 1 hr 38min
Fletch (NR) 1hr 38min
7:30 p.m.

Call theater for more information.

AMC Loews Broadway 4
1441 Third Street Promenade

Babies (PG) 1hr 19min
1:05pm, 3:15pm, 5:20pm, 7:30pm, 9:40pm

The Back-up Plan (PG-13) 1hr 38min
2:00pm, 7:05pm

Iron Man 2 Digital Presentation (PG-13) 2hr 5min
12:30pm, 3:30pm, 6:30pm, 9:30pm

Kick-Ass (R) 1hr 57min
1:30pm, 4:15pm, 7:00pm, 9:45pm

A Nightmare on Elm Street (2010) (R) 1hr 37min
4:35pm, 9:35pm

AMC 7 Santa Monica
1310 Third St.
(310) 289-4262

Date Night (PG-13) 1hr 28min
11:45am, 2:30pm, 5:00pm

Iron Man 2 (PG-13) 2hrs 5min
11:20am, 2:15pm, 5:10pm, 8:15pm

Iron Man 2 Digital Presentation (PG-13) 2hrs 5min
1:15pm, 4:20pm, 7:15pm, 10:20pm

Just Wright (PG) 1hr 51min
11:35am, 2:20pm, 5:05pm, 7:40pm, 10:10pm

MacGruber (R) 1hr 28min
11:30am, 1:50pm, 4:30pm, 7:00pm, 9:30pm

Prince of Persia: The Sands of Time (PG-13) 1hr 55min
12:01am

Shrek Forever After 3D (RealD 3D, Digital Presentation) (PG) 1hr 33min
11:15am, 12:15pm, 1:45pm, 2:45pm, 4:15pm, 5:15pm, 6:45pm, 7:45pm, 9:15pm, 10:15pm

Laemmle's Monica Fourplex
1332 Second St.
(310) 394-9741

City Island (PG-13) 1hr 55min
1:50pm, 4:20pm, 7:20pm, 9:50pm

Exit Through The Gift Shop (R) 1hr 43min
1:00pm, 3:10pm, 5:20pm, 7:40pm, 10:00pm

Looking for Eric (NR) 2hrs 12min
1:10pm, 4:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:55pm

Princess Kaiulani (PG) 1hr 52min
1:40pm, 4:10pm, 7:10pm, 9:45pm

Mann's Criterion Theatre
1313 Third St.
(310) 395-1599

Letters to Juliet (PG) 1hr 45min
11:40am, 2:10pm, 4:40pm, 7:10pm, 9:40pm

Robin Hood (PG-13) 2hrs 20min
12:10pm, 3:20pm, 6:40pm, 9:50pm, 11:15pm

Sex and the City 2 (R) 2hrs 27min
10:45am, 11:30am, 12:30pm, 2:00pm, 2:45pm, 3:45pm, 5:15pm, 6:00pm, 7:00pm, 8:30pm, 9:15pm, 10:15pm, 11:45pm, 12:30am

Shrek Forever After 3D (RealD 3D, Digital Presentation) (PG) 1hr 33min
11:00am, 1:30pm, 4:05pm, 6:30pm, 9:00pm

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

Whatever you like, Sagittarius

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ You swing into a different mind-set. Be ready for everything that could possibly present itself with today's Full Moon. Communication will flourish. You also might not believe everything that goes on. Tonight: Hop onto the roller coaster of life.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ You could be overwhelmed with the swings in a dealing. Let go of a money matter for now. Right now, the Full Moon seems to be demanding more and more involvement. Tonight: Don't forget your budget.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Others run the show. The extremes you see might only be the beginning. Someone could blow into your life today and have a great impact, no matter how long this person is around. Tonight: Where the action is.

CANCER (June 21- July 22)
★★★★ Your ability to move in new ways allows greater flexibility. Your work and your image might be up for some changes, whether you have a clue or not. Greet the unexpected positively. Let go of comfort. Tonight: Step up to the plate.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Your get-up-and-go is only added to by the seemingly surprising turn of events. Remain mellow, and understand that there are many options. You want to be able to choose rather than be in a reactive place. Tonight: Let the fun begin.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ You might be juggling more than you can handle, though you might not realize it yet. A partner could become quite weary and difficult. Expect the unexpected with this person, and you will be OK. Let go of images. Tonight: Be open to a conversation.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ If you maintain a sense of humor and detach slightly, you might see humor in some of the intensity that surrounds the day. From previously closemouthed people, you witness unexpected actions and a need to communicate on a deep level. You see the complete gamut of wildness! Tonight: Be an observer and be aware.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Taking risks is right up your alley. How much you invest in these risks is your call. A cycle of wildness is beginning in your daily life. You might love it, and you might hate it -- both at once! Tonight: Keep damages and costs down.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ The Full Moon in your sign pushes you out onto the stage of life. An upset could occur with everything that goes on. Though you might have triggered some of the activity, brainstorm and allow greater creative interchange. Tonight: Whatever you want (but remember, there is a tomorrow).

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ Your ability to flex will be tested to the max. Though you might not like everything that you hear, you are prepared to deal with it. Don't take someone's comment personally. You might be more sensitive than usual. Tonight: Vanish.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ You might want to rethink a decision involving a goal and/or a specific friendship. Though you might think one way, by the end of the day, you will need to regroup. Quite possibly, many of your thoughts prove to be invalid. Tonight: Prepare to be somewhat startled.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ Rethink a decision on another basis. You wonder whether it is possible to see a money situation differently. In the near future, an unanticipated change in the status quo could impact you. Tonight: Out and about.

Happy birthday

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

You might have a tendency to indulge in black-and-white thinking. You will need to see how both black and white might be true in order to resolve issues. You will see a similarity in the base issue. Your popularity evolves to a new level this year. Be ready to make decisions quickly; opportunities drop in out of the blue. If you are single, take heed of the advice just given. Learn to not make more out of a bond than exists. If you are attached, the two of you will find that communication sizzles. Learn to work with new ideas. SAGITTARIUS can be challenging.

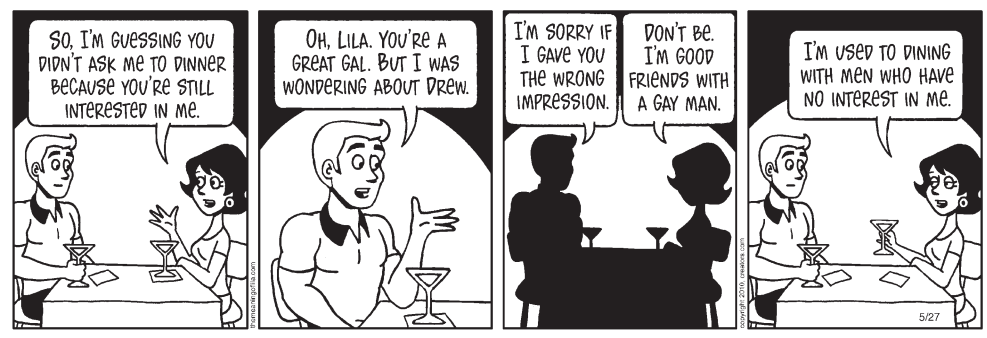
Girls and Sports

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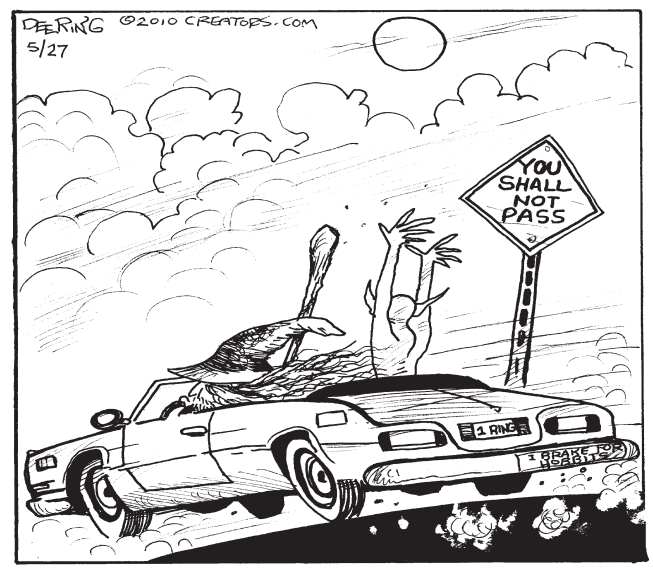
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Sudoku

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 ★★★

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

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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

7	8	3	5	4	1	6	2	9
5	4	2	3	9	6	8	1	7
9	6	1	7	8	2	5	4	3
8	3	9	6	2	4	7	5	1
4	1	5	9	7	3	2	6	8
6	2	7	1	5	8	3	9	4
1	9	8	2	3	5	4	7	6
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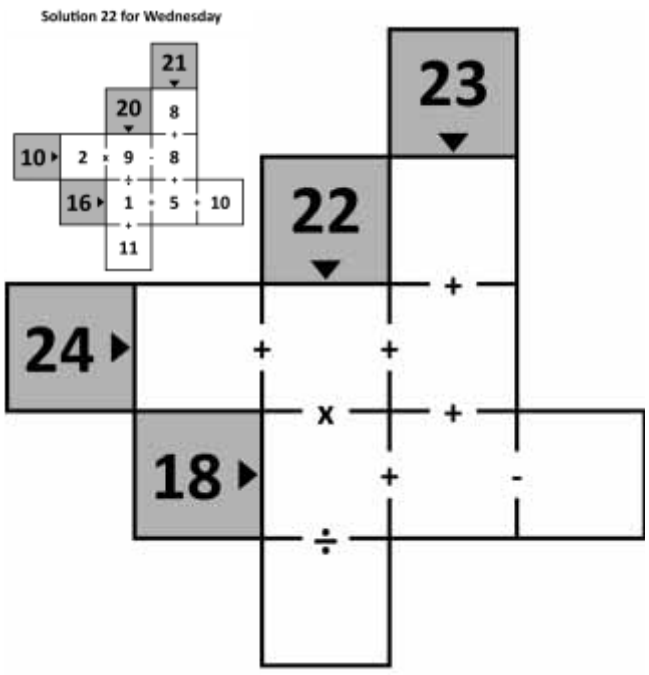
- Fill the grid with the set of given numbers (1 to 12) to satisfy the Equa demands (7 to 24) in the shaded boxes. The Equa demands represent the sum of the digits that you will insert into the empty squares.
- Each horizontal row has one Equa demand to satisfy; each vertical column also has one demand to satisfy. Each empty square in the grid dictates the math operation (addition +, subtraction -, multiplication X, and division ÷) that must be performed to meet the demands.
- You must follow the given math operations for each square and you must make sure all the numbers satisfy the demands in the shaded boxes when connected in adjacent threes and calculated together from left to right, and top to bottom.
- The numbers you insert into the grid must satisfy the Equa demands both horizontally and vertically.

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Fill in the empty fields with the given numbers so when calculated together they satisfy all Equas in the gray boxes:

2, 4, 7, 7, 8, 9, 9, 11

Solution 22 for Wednesday





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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Pinnacle
5 Petty quarrels
10 Refuges
12 Apartment sign
13 Beginning
14 Acid type
15 Undoing word
16 Sinatra's group
18 Yellowstone sight
20 Spot
21 Agreement
23 Cut off
24 Paper pack
26 Reddish brown
28 Skin art, for short
29 Ship pole
31 Exalted verse
32 Records of history
36 Parallels
39 Go bad
40 Body of law
41 Last letter
43 Even a little
44 Fancy home
45 The tube, to Brits
46 Moist

DOWN

1 By the way
2 Camp craft
3 Fog enshrouded
4 Before, to Byron
5 ERA, for one
6 Pageantry
7 Fake names
8 Cheap
9 Excited
11 Flows
17 Compass tracing
19 Relaxing retreat
22 Window over a door
24 Glow
25 Unending
27 Coffee dispenser
28 Alley howler
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ According to an April lawsuit filed by an employee of the five-star Ritz-Carlton resort in Naples, Fla., the hotel complied with a February request by a wealthy British traveler that, during their stay, his family not be served by "people of colour" or anyone who spoke with a "foreign accent." The hotel has apologized to the employee, but denied that it had complied with the traveler's request. (Lawyers for the employee told the Associated Press that nine witnesses and a copy of a computer entry prove their claim.)

■ Good News/Bad News: Based on April federal indictments of organized crime members in New York and New Jersey, it appears that any "glass ceiling" to management in the exclusively male Gambino family has been cracked in that at least one woman, Suzanne Porcelli, 43, was indicted among the 14 family members and associates. However, the Gambino "farm system" is apparently weak, in that with the imprisonment of John Gotti and other experienced capos, the organization appears headed in historically unfamiliar directions, most notably in child prostitution. Until now, even the most vicious of Mafiosi historically, heroically, protected women and children from the families' "business."

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