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THE THOUGHTFUL MOVE ISSUE

Officials: Avoid 405 at all costs

DAISY NGUYEN
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES Only in Los Angeles could a weekend freeway closure be compared to the end of the world.

Authorities will close Interstate 405 to do road work in July, and they took the step Monday of issuing a dire warning a full month ahead of time because of the potential traffic nightmare it could cause on one of the nation's busiest freeways.

"This doesn't need to be a car-mageddon," county Supervisor Zev Yaroslovsky

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Young Collegians setting the course

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

FOURTH STREET Monday night, in front of an audience of family, friends, faculty and administrators, 15 high school seniors walked across a stage at the Doubletree Hotel to mark the end of a grueling academic career.

"I'm excited," said Bryan Hurtz, a graduating senior. "It's been a long four years."

These and the rest of SMMUSD seniors will get their accolades on June 21, when they leave high school for the wider world beyond. Many of those students will walk having always known they would be going on to get degrees in higher education.

The young men and women at the Doubletree did not.

All 15 students that attended the special ceremony, as well as one that could not be there, represent the first graduating class of the Young Collegians program, a collaboration between Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District and Santa Monica College.

The program takes students having difficulty in their freshman year of high school, usually with a C average, and supports them through a rigorous academic program that exposes them to college-level courses during

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LOOKING COOL: **People try on handmade eyewear on Tuesday afternoon at TOMS Shoes' 'One-for-One' event on Main Street.**

Shoe company debuts eyewear for a cause

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

MAIN STREET TOMS Shoes, a Santa Monica-based company that provides footwear to underprivileged children in foreign countries, announced Tuesday that it will expand both its product line and charity to fight another global health problem — blindness.

The company's founder and Chief Shoe Giver Blake Mycoskie unveiled the newest product, a line of designer eyewear that TOMS will use to further the "one-for-one" model it established with its shoes.

For every pair purchased, a person with vision problems will receive care that they could not afford before.

"In 2007, when we'd sold 10,000 pairs of shoes, we realized that the one-for-one model was working," Mycoskie said. "We also saw that there were many more needs that were not being met."

It didn't hurt that TOMS shoes became popular with the young, hipster set.

Four years and 1 million pairs of shoes later, Mycoskie and his band debuted three styles of designer sunglasses, with the tagline "Every Stripe Tells a Story" for the pattern built into each pair.

The sunglasses, which are made in Italy, sport three hand-painted stripes, two blue sandwiching one white.

The first blue line represents the purchaser that provides a critical eye service to the recipient, depicted in the second blue line. The white line signifies TOMS, which connected the two.

Mycoskie decided to venture into the realm of eyeglasses in 2007 after delivering the company's shoes to a rural village in Nepal. He and his fellow volunteers noticed how many people in the village had vision problems, or were completely blind.

"Vision seemed to be the next most obvious choice," he said.

Mycoskie announced his intention to expand into other kinds of products at the South By Southwest Music Festival in Austin, Texas, but left the direction a mystery.

People questioned the business decision, saying that it was "risky" to change course when the shoes were not only doing well commercially, but providing such a valuable service to the needy.

"I thought the big risk would be to not do something else," Mycoskie said.

Six months ago, after coming up with the design for the glasses, TOMS approached the Berkeley, Calif.-based nonprofit Seva Foundation.

The Seva Foundation combats vision problems in developing countries. In the

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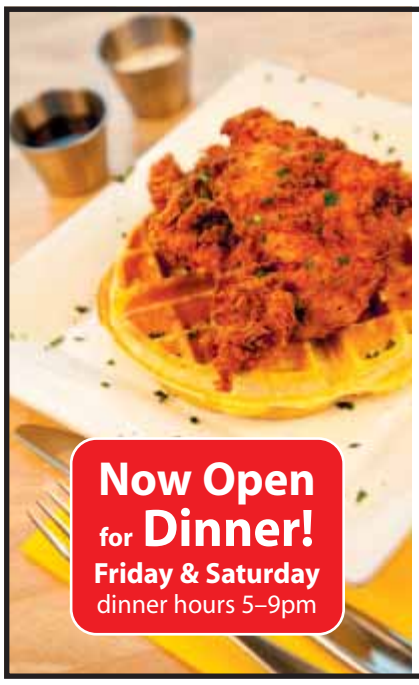


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Wednesday, June 8, 2011

Be prepared
YMCA
1332 Sixth St., 11 a.m. — 12 p.m.
Are you prepared in case of a major natural disaster? If not, attend this seminar on emergency preparedness and learn from the experts. Residents will have the opportunity to speak with someone from the Red Cross to get one-on-one assistance with creating their own emergency plans. Registration in advance is required. Picture ID is required for non-members. Cost: Free. For more information, contact Lidia Magarian, senior program director at the YMCA at (310) 393-2721 Ext. 129 or e-mail: lidiam@ymcasm.org.

Bingo!
Santa Monica Senior Center
1450 Ocean Ave., 1:30 p.m. — 2:30 p.m.
Come play some Bingo. You could win some creative prizes! Cost: Free for those 50 and up. For more information, call (310) 458-8644.

Art in the aquarium
Santa Monica Pier Aquarium
1600 Ocean Front Walk, 7 p.m. — 9 p.m.
Artists are invited to sketch, paint, and take photos of any of the aquarium's more than 100 local species on exhibit, including the new seahorse display. Space is limited. Please RSVP in advance, (310) 393-6149, ext. 106. Cost: $5 suggested donation.

Thursday, June 9, 2011

Music at Samohi
Santa Monica High School's Barnum Hall
601 Pico Blvd., 7 p.m.
The Samohi Band Pops will perform its last concert of the year at Barnum Hall. The program includes show tunes, film scores and music for all tastes. For more information, visit www.samohiband.org.

Zumba time for seniors
Senior Recreation Center
1450 Ocean Ave., 1:30 p.m.
Join the Zumba party with Rita Ashton. Zumba Gold is a safe and effective total body workout. Enjoy this fun exercise class with Latin and international music and simple, easy to follow dance steps. For more information, call (310) 458-8644.

Friday, June 10, 2011

'A Memory of Two Mondays'
Ruskin Group Theatre
3000 Airport Ave., 8 p.m.
The Ruskin Group Theatre presents the opening night of Arthur Miller's "A Memory of Two Mondays." During a time of 25 percent unemployment, Arthur Miller's play conjures the dreams of a young man yearning for a college education and a life beyond the hopelessness of the Great Depression. This play will run through July 25. For more information, visit ruskingrouptheatre.com.

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Samohi's orchestra takes top honors

Santa Monica High School's orchestra program proved once again why it is considered one of the nation's best, with the Samohi Philharmonic Orchestra taking first place and a gold rating in the full orchestra category at the San Francisco Bay Area Heritage Music Festival on May 31.

The program includes six different orchestras, including two symphonies, with more than 400 students, said Rebecca Kennerly with the Santa Monica High School Orchestra Parents Association.

The Philharmonic's scores were also the highest of all the instrumental groups in the festival, which gave them another first place honor as the best instrumental group. Additionally, the orchestra received an Adjudicator Award, given to orchestras that score above a 92 in the festival.

Last spring, Samohi's two highest ensembles, the Symphony and Chamber orchestras, swept top awards at the All-Southern California Heritage Festival in Anaheim.

On Saturday, June 11, at 6 p.m., the Samohi orchestras' award-winning student musicians will perform at their annual Senior Gala. The concert is open to the public and takes place at Barnum Hall. Tickets are available at the door; $10 general admission, $5 for seniors and students.

For more information go to www.samohiorchestras.org.

KEVIN HERRERA

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Pacific Park celebrates Special Olympics

Pacific Park on the Santa Monica Pier is honoring Special Olympics athletes, emergency response members and volunteers this Thursday by giving them free tickets for unlimited rides throughout the amusement park.

In addition, the world-famous Ferris wheel will feature the colors of the Special Olympics daily at sunset throughout the games, being held June 11 and 12 at Cal State Long Beach, said Cameron Andrews, spokesman for the park.

The official Pacific Park emergency response members' "Thank You" appreciation party will provide each member that presents their badge or acceptable identification with up to four free tickets for unlimited rides throughout Pacific Park. All other guests may purchase an unlimited ride pass for $10, which is a nearly 50 percent savings. Pacific Park will donate the net proceeds to the Special Olympics.

"The Special Olympics Southern California organization and emergency responders represent the core values and commitments that Pacific Park strives for as a company and community participant," said Jeff Klocke, director of marketing and sales at Pacific Park. "It's a unique opportunity for us to work with the multi-talented athletes and the hundreds of volunteers that make up the Special Olympics family."

Throughout this year's Summer Games, Pacific Park will also host a booth to distribute up to 2,000 unlimited ride passes to participating coaches as an official "Thank You" for their time and commitment.

"Our partnership with Pacific Park exceeds all possibilities imagined when we first discussed how our organizations could work together," said Bill Shumard, president and CEO of Special Olympics Southern California. "The creative use of their iconic Ferris wheel to highlight their support of Special Olympics is awesome. Pacific Park 'dreams big' and their support enables individuals with intellectual disabilities to surpass their dreams as athletes at the Summer Games."

Athletes and volunteers travel from all over Southern California to participate in the annual Summer Games, which is the largest Special Olympics Southern California sports competition of the year with more than 1,100 athletes competing in aquatics, athletics (track & field), basketball, bocce, golf, and gymnastics.

An expected 6,000 people will attend the games throughout the weekend. For more information about the Summer Games, visit sosc.org/summergames.

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Photo courtesy Santa Monica Rugby Club

NICE DAY ON THE PITCH: **Members of the Santa Monica Rugby Club pose with members of the 7th Parachute Regiment of the British Army on Saturday for a friendly match.**

CLUB SPORTS

Touring British Army ruggers welcomed

BY SCOTT ALVERSON
Special to the Daily Press

DOWNTOWN Continuing a tradition stretching as far back as 1905, the Santa Monica Rugby Club on Saturday hosted an exhibition match with the 7th Parachute Regiment of the British Army.

The passage of British rugby teams through the area continues this Saturday as the historic Blackheath Football Club will challenge Santa Monica at Daniel Webster Middle School at 2 p.m.

During the late spring and early summer, after the Southern California Rugby Union season and national playoff schedule ends, rugby teams from overseas will often tour the area to test their skills against local teams.

The tradition of rugby tours is an important overall part of the camaraderie associated with rugby culture. A rugby tour provides teams with the opportunity to cross the regional lines along which rugby is normally organized and enjoy competition with distant teams on the rugby pitch. Custom dictates that the host and visiting team should enjoy an after-match social together, a tradition of rugby that applies to any match but is even more significant and meaningful in conjunction with a tour match.

California has long been a destination of touring rugby teams: for example, the New Zealand national team "All-Blacks" made California a destination on their first tour outside Australasia in 1905, playing a pair of matches in the Bay Area.

The 7th Parachute Regiment, comprising part of the Royal Horse Artillery, made their way to Santa Monica as part of an R&R trip following their recent deployment in Afghanistan. Professionally, they serve their country as the only parachute light-gun regiment in the British Army, with the primary role of providing airborne artillery support.

In their first rugby match since departing for Afghanistan last year, the 7th Parachutes showed strong form against Santa Monica, but the Dolphins prevailed by a score of 27 to 14. Brian O'Shea led Santa Monica's effort with four penalty goals, a drop goal, and a conversion.

"I thought we'd be lucky to get nil," O'Shea said.

After the game, the teams adjourned to the Dolphins' usual after-match location, O'Brien's Irish Pub on Main Street, where they enjoyed a spirited social together: songs were sung, speeches and presentations were made, and mutual admiration was expressed, particularly toward the soldier-ruggers of the 7th for their sacrifice and dedication.

The 7th Parachute team continue their tour in San Diego this week, where they will enjoy a week of sightseeing as well as another match against Camp Pendleton's Marine rugby team on June 8. Following the tour, the 7th Parachute Regiment will return to its home base in Colchester, England.

Next up for the Dolphins is Blackheath Football Club, which currently plays at the National Division One level in England and is one of the world's most historic rugby clubs, having been founded in 1858. Hailing from southeast

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Saving the Civic worth it

Editor:

I had to look at the calendar to make sure today was not April 1 when I read the column from Bill Bauer ("Civic Auditorium plan a waste of $46.8 million," My Write, page 4, June 6).

To refer to the Civic Center architect as "a mediocre mid-20th century architect" should have been my jumping off point. Clearly, Mr. Bauer is not on the same planet as most rational people. Welton Becket is a world-renowned mid-century architect. The Capitol Records building is just one of his other outstanding creations.

What would it cost to build a new 3,000-seat venue today, Mr. Bauer?

We could have left the building alone and have it just for the benefit of the bead and cat show (both big draws in my house — not). That option comes with a $3.3 million annual shortfall. Seismic and ADA retrofitting would be required in any case. We would not want to have a kitty get hurt in an earthquake, would we?

I am thrilled to have Nederlander producing shows at the Santa Monica Civic. We used to drive downtown to the [Mark] Taper [Forum], but the traffic has become unbearable. I look forward to walking to shows at the Civic.

Mike Bone
Santa Monica

Handicap parking problems

Editor:

Not long ago, my wife had a broken bone in her foot and was on crutches. She had a temporary [handicap] parking placard, but she usually still had to walk from afar, possibly because of people like this woman using up the spots. L.A. is beginning to issue hefty fines for this selfish practice. Perhaps Santa Monica should do the same.

Justified parking?
With the blue placard in place
And a furtive glance around,
Across Montana she sprinted,
From the prized disabled space
At our local Whole Foods Market.
She must have felt entitled to it,
As she slipped into the shop there:
She WAS a privileged Westsider
And she DID need those beauty supplies.
Why would she care at all
About the unfortunate or aging folks
Who rely on that space
To access their neighborhood market?

Gary Matthews
Santa Monica





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Bracing for the long, strange trip

OVER THE WEEKEND, MY FAMILY WENT to see some live music in an outdoor venue, and no one had a better time than my nearly 3-year-old daughter. Every time one song stopped, she'd plead "'Nother song, Mama? 'Nother song, mama!" as if I had a Bat Phone directly to the band to make an urgent request on her behalf.

It was cute and all, but as I scanned the crowd, unavoidably inhaling the remnants of others' cigarette (people still smoke cigarettes, by the way. Really?) and marijuana smoke, it seemed as if the majority in attendance were kids in their late teens and early- to mid-20s, and it dawned on me that the general innocence of my daughter and specifically her music-listening experience will eventually come to an end. And probably much sooner than I'll like.

At the moment, one of her best and worst attributes is belting out show tunes. Best because who doesn't love a good Broadway medley, and worst because surely there's someone who doesn't, and my daughter sings at a volume that guarantees no one in a 3-mile radius could possibly miss her arias.

I won't lie and say it's not nice to control what music she has access to, and if the least desirable selection on her current iPod playlist are the cries of injustice by a bunch of Depression-era urban orphans, then I'd count us in the lucky column. However, it's still quite unclear at what point she'll realize there's more in iTunes than Disney princess-theme songs and the soundtracks to Julie Andrews' movies, and to bouncing to the rhythm on her parents' laps atop a freshly washed Guatemalan blanket during a (mostly) family friendly music festival, and I'm not really looking forward to it.

I felt like, well, a mom as I looked at the girls in short skirts and dresses, low-cut, tight tops and dirty feet making their way through the crowd clutching cans of beer and few inhibitions. Not that they were doing anything wrong (at least in plain sight), but as I imagined my daughter as one of those girls some day, I finally really understood — to my core — what made my parents stay awake at night when I went out to see live music when I was younger.

I used to go see relatively gentle bands like the Grateful Dead and Blues Traveler, even though I just know my parents imagined the acts were actually much more hard core, probably like Black Sabbath and Slayer. But the reality is that from the perspective of the people who gave you life, they can all seem equally bad and corrupting, no matter if they're singing about Satan or Saint Stephen.

That my daughter loves music of all varieties fills my heart with gladness. After all, a singing child has to be a happy child, right? It just seems that people with music in their DNA often tend to seek their independence at an earlier and faster rate as a matter of course. I guess we raise our kids with the hope that they will become their own people capable of operating on free will, but it's not something I necessarily want to think about when I'm still in the throes of enjoying a toddler who so thoroughly revels in a nightly cuddle to the dulcet sounds of Judy Garland.

And now, with daughter No. 2 on the way, it seems like it's inevitable that at least one of my girls will give me the headaches that I gave my parents (or at least my parents can only hope) on the nights they reluctantly trusted me to go out with my friends to see live music.

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Of course the funny thing is that as much as I reveled in the freedom of spending time with my friends while relishing in the jam-band experience, I usually spent most of my time at concerts worrying about finding my car or catching the right train after the show and getting home in time so as to not disturb my family. Looking back, I wish I had actually relaxed a bit more — kind of the like the girls who I spied over the weekend — and enjoyed what my parents were sacrificing their own sanity and better judgment to let me do.

I know what my parents expected of me and how they would have been (and still would be) surprised at how closely I followed what I knew would be their wishes of and for me, despite the image I projected. I only hope my kids will manage to follow a similar path of exploring a passion for music while at the same time keeping their shirts buttoned, literally and figuratively, when they're feeling too old to bounce to the music on my lap anymore.

If not, I imagine I'll do my best to make sure they only ever have access to tickets to see Barney and Friends live in concert. You'd be surprised at how much that fat purple dinosaur can really rock out.

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Happy birthday to Prop. 13

OLDER RESIDENTS AND OTHERS ON FIXED incomes were being forced out of their homes because property taxes were going through the roof. So were tempers, until the governor stepped forward to limit property tax increases to an annual 2 percent.

Sound like California in 1978? Hardly. In 1978, when homeowners were being forced into the street, then Gov. Jerry Brown sat on his hands. No, the paragraph above describes New York last month.

Gov. Andrew Cuomo has reached an agreement with legislative leaders to limit tax increases and provide New York property owners the same security against arbitrary taxation that is enjoyed by Californians under Proposition 13. That the 2 percent limit was selected — the exact same limit as provided by Proposition 13 — is probably no coincidence. Any dispassionate observer will note that Proposition 13 has been extremely successful in providing certainty and security to property owners so that they know what their tax bill will be from year to year and can budget accordingly.

While the New York Times reported on the state's new property tax limitation, ironically it chose this time to editorialize against Proposition 13 as having devastated California education. That a major East Coast paper with a left-of-center editorial policy would perpetuate this "urban myth" is not surprising. We see this all the time in California where editors should know better.

First and foremost, Proposition 13, which turned 33 on June 6, does not dictate how our government spends property tax revenues. It simply set a property tax rate of 1 percent and limits annual increases in assessed value to no more than 2 percent per year.

Proposition 13 did not shift the responsibility for education funding from the local level to the state. Seven years before Proposition 13 passed, the California Supreme Court ruling in Serrano vs. Priest mandated that school funding be equalized for all California students. That meant education funding could not be based upon property tax receipts because wealthy neighborhoods with high property values could spend more per pupil than poor communities.

The funding of our education system based on property tax receipts was found unconstitutional, but we never hear the tax-and-spend lobby discuss this ruling nor its implications. We also never hear them talk about the fact that spending per pupil has actually increased 30 percent, adjusted for inflation, since Proposition 13 passed in 1978.

Another myth promulgated by the tax-and-spend lobby and a cadre of left-wing ideologues is that only those who have owned their homes since 1978 enjoy the benefits of Proposition 13.

Everyone benefits from Proposition 13. The moment California homeowners get the keys to their new home they are protected from potential annual increases in their tax bills of 20 or 30 percent or more, that were common under the old system; in February of 1978, Los Angeles County Assessor Alex Pope announced that many parcels of property would see assessed valuations increase by as much as 100 percent. By setting a reasonable annual limit on tax increases, property owners no longer fear they will lose their homes to the tax collector.

PROPOSITION 13 DID NOT SHIFT THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR EDUCATION FUNDING FROM THE LOCAL LEVEL TO THE STATE. SEVEN YEARS BEFORE PROPOSITION 13 PASSED, THE CALIFORNIA SUPREME COURT RULING IN SERRANO VS. PRIEST MANDATED THAT SCHOOL FUNDING BE EQUALIZED FOR ALL CALIFORNIA STUDENTS.

Renters, too, reap the benefits of Proposition 13. Without it, one can be sure that higher business property taxes on apartment buildings would be passed on to California working families and seniors living on fixed incomes in the form of higher rents.

But what about government? Proposition 13 is an advantage to government planners because it eliminates severe yearly changes in revenue, including when the real estate market crashes and results in huge decreases in property value. The value reserve built into the system lets those in government predict revenues coming in, although, unfortunately, that doesn't prevent many politicians from spending above and beyond that amount.

Proposition 13 remains one of the few advantages of living in California. The people understand — recent polls show Proposition 13 remains wildly popular — and most are not only wishing Proposition 13 a happy birthday, but want to see it enjoy many, many more.

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The Q Line

Happy birthday, St. Monica

St. Monica Catholic Church this past weekend kicked off a year-long celebration of its 125th anniversary.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
Do you have a fond memory of the venerable church?

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Santa Barbara County officials consider fracking for oil source

NOAKI SCHWARTZ
Associated Press

LOS ALAMOS The petroleum industry claims a controversial drilling technique used in the heart of Santa Barbara wine country has been safely used for decades. But critics worry it can contaminate groundwater, cause air pollution and trigger small earthquakes.

The Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors wants to learn more about fracking, or hydraulic fracturing — a method of extracting hard-to-reach gas and oil by pummeling rocks deep underground with high-pressure water, sand and chemicals. It will hold an information hearing on the matter Tuesday.

Many say fracking is a largely unmonitored practice in California, the country's second-largest oil producer. The discovery that fracking has quietly been going on for years in the state has galvanized oil foes and led to proposed legislation that would regulate the practice and make companies disclose the chemicals they use, the amount of water they're pumping and where they are fracking.

This comes as welcome news to Steve Lyons, who doesn't own the mineral rights on his ranch in the little town of Los Alamos and has been trying to get a precise list of chemicals that Denver-based Venoco Inc. has been injecting so he can test his water.

Lyons' 2,500-acre ranch just off a rural two-lane highway unfurls into a lush valley of grape vines and oak trees. Cows stroll past bobbing pump jacks just up the road from strawberry fields.

"Once the water gets contaminated it's not easy to reverse that, and if we don't have water there's no reason to have land," Lyons said. "We just last week tested the water from our wells for chemicals but one of the problems is we don't know what to test for."

The Department of Conservation's Division of Oil, Gas and Geothermal Resources, or DOGGR, which oversees drilling, has said it does not know where and how often fracking occurs in California because budget constraints have prevented it from developing regulations to address the practice. While the agency requires drilling permits and enforces groundwater protections, once those permits are acquired, drillers are allowed to employ techniques such as fracking to get the oil out of the ground without additional reporting.

"I was surprised and actually shocked at their continuous response that since there are no reporting requirements they're not able to answer any of those questions including the amount of water used, impacts on water quality, the chemicals used, as well as where fracking is occurring," said Sen. Fran Pavley, whose questions prompted the agency's admission. "I don't know what the rational is and why it's been ignored."

Legislators have introduced a bill that supporters say would be among the most stringent fracking laws in the country if passed. The bill passed off the Assembly floor last week and is now headed into a state Senate committee. Similar proposals are under consideration elsewhere, including Texas and Montana.

"To protect the public resource and oversee this industry, our state agency should know what's going on in the field," said Bill Allayaud, the California director of government affairs for the Environmental Working Group, which is sponsoring the bill. "They seem to have turned a blind eye toward it."

Industry officials say hydraulic fracturing is one of many techniques used since the 1940s and that concerns are overblown. With the days of easily accessible oil and gas gone, companies are relying on deeper-drilling techniques more often.

News reports of environmental issues in other parts of the country as well as the Academy Award-nominated HBO documentary "Gasland," which shows startling footage of property owners lighting their tap water on fire, have contributed to the hype, they say.

"We're a little surprised that there's this sudden interest and focus on a problem that to the best of our knowledge does not exist or has never been shown to exist," said Tupper Hull, spokesman for the Western States Petroleum Association. "We think the record is unequivocal that it's safe."

In comparison to other states such as Pennsylvania, which has had groundwater contamination issues, industry experts say the fracking in California is done at greater depths farther away from the water table and uses less of the water and chemical mixture overall.

The practice involves drilling thousands of feet underground and then injecting a mixture of mostly water, chemical additives and sand at extremely high pressure to cause fractures in underground formations and stimulate the flow of gas or oil. During a three-week drill, a company might frack at most two days, said Rock Zierman, CEO of the California Independent Petroleum Association.

Proponents of the practice say the fracking fluids are mostly water and only 0.5 percent chemicals, but some of those chemicals can be toxic.

While the state does not currently track where and when fracking occurs, experts say they believe it's also been used in Monterey, Kern, Ventura and Los Angeles counties. In Los Angeles' Baldwin Hills, residents blame fracking for a variety of health problems and for causing their homes to shift and crack.

Michael G. Edwards, vice president of corporate relations for Venoco, referred some questions to industry groups and declined to comment on specific questions from The Associated Press on drilling in Santa Barbara.

Edwards said the company had secured all of the required permits and isn't the first to frack in Santa Barbara County, saying the technique has been used at other wells for at least 25 years.

Edwards also said the state requires wells to be encased in steel and cemented into place to protect fresh water, and the wells are almost two miles below the surface and fresh water zones.

In the meantime, residents of Los Alamos, a town of approximately 1,400, say they are waiting for answers on how concerned they should be. Drilling issues have long been part of the consciousness in Santa Barbara, where a massive gusher off the coast in 1969 is credited with helping to spearhead the modern environmental movement.

John Morley, who owns a cafe and art gallery that is considered the town hub, offers visitors a one-page primer on fracking.

"I think the people in town should be concerned," he said. "I'm getting all these mixed messages but there's no clarity."

BRIEFS

LOS ANGELES

State discusses rules on condom use in porn

Representatives of the porn industry and health care advocates are meeting with state workplace safety officials to discuss draft rules on mandating condoms in adult entertainment.

Several adult film performers voiced objection to the state's Division of Occupational Safety & Health draft proposal Tuesday, saying their industry was being unfairly scrutinized. They say the hygienic practices of contenders in bloody TV fighting matches don't face similar regulation.

State workplace safety official Deborah Gold told the meeting that there are already rules governing other forms of entertainment, and the day's meeting was focused on the porn industry.

The draft rules could later go to the state's Occupational Safety & Health Standards Board for public meetings and ultimately become new regulations.

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AZUSA

Feds bust gang that targets blacks

A Latino gang conspired to rid a Southern California city of its black residents through intimidation, threats and violence dating back to the early 1990s to exert its influence and show its loyalty to the Mexican Mafia prison gang, according to a federal racketeering indictment unsealed Tuesday.

More than 50 people were charged as authorities made early morning raids targeting the Varrio Azusa 13 gang. Federal prosecutors said the gang engaged in a host of crimes ranging from drug trafficking to hate crimes that have hobbled Azusa, a city of about 45,000 residents near Los Angeles.

"We hope that this federal case will signal the end of this racist behavior and will help vindicate all of the victims who have suffered over the years," U.S. Attorney André Birotte Jr. said.

AP

DUARTE

SoCal freeway overpass suicide was serial jumper

A man who committed suicide by jumping from a Southern California freeway overpass had made or threatened to make some dozen similar attempts in the past decade.

The San Gabriel Valley Tribune says 41-year-old Francisco Sanchez of Duarte died Friday afternoon after leaping from an Interstate 210 overpass into rush-hour traffic. He was struck by at least one car.

Los Angeles County coroner's Lt. Joe Bale says Sanchez had two broken ankles from a 2003 jump from the same overpass.

Bale says Sanchez made more than 10 previous suicide threats and attempts and repeatedly was held for psychiatric observation.

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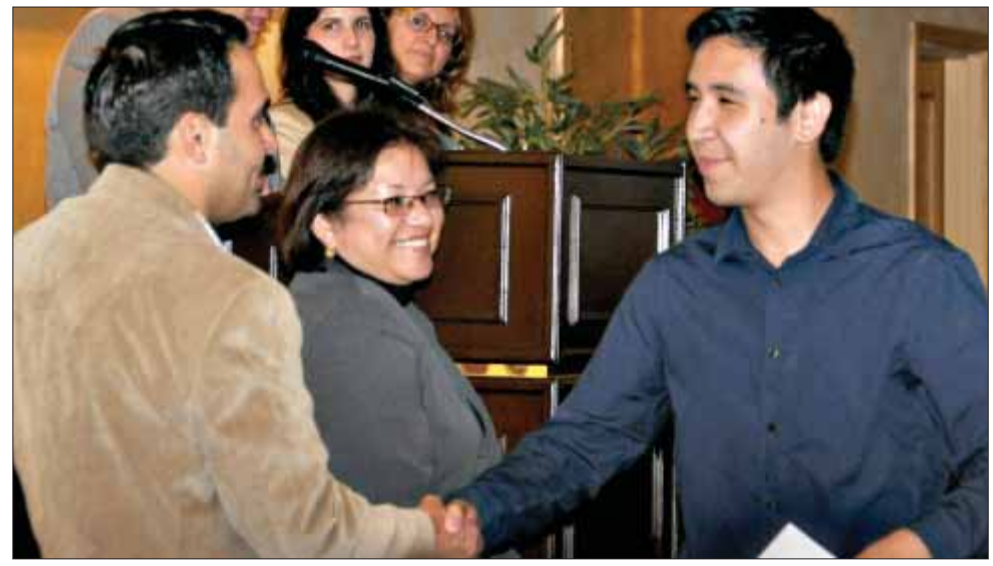



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GOOD WORK: **Student Daniel Franco is awarded a certificate by school board member Oscar de la Torre for completing the Young Collegians program on Monday at the Doubletree Hotel.**

GRADS
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their summer breaks.

Young Collegians get to use the opportunity to rack up college credits, and get a taste of what it means to be on the track to a four-year university education.

If they stick to their guns and really utilize the program, they can earn up to 14 credits, all of which can be transferred to colleges state and nationwide.

Achieving that goal means not only rising to the occasion to complete advanced coursework, but also giving up three summer breaks and balancing sports and summer jobs with up to two classes each summer intersession.

The Young Collegians program was the brain child of former SMMUSD superintendent Dianne Talarico, who died in May after a battle with lung cancer.

Talarico entered the district with the goal of closing the vast achievement gap between low-income students, students of color and their white counterparts, said Dr. Sally Chou, the district's chief academic officer.

"These aren't the kids with high motivation, who knew where they were going and whose parents had the resources behind them to get to college," Chou said.

Instead, they're the kids that needed a little bit of inspiration to achieve all the things that their teachers, and Talarico, knew they were capable of.

"Her dream was to make sure they would have the opportunity to advance in many different ways," Chou said.

Chui Tsang, the superintendent and president of SMC, worked with Talarico to design a program compatible with both organizations that would give students a taste of what it meant to go on to higher education.

That program involved taking one and three-unit courses in the summer at SMC, getting information on how to pay for college and touring campuses of universities like UCLA, USC and SMC.

"We're two very different districts," Tsang said. "It took leaders in both saying that we wanted to do something very special here."

The graduation ceremony on Monday represented the culmination of three years of efforts from the students, instructors, staff and various non-profit foundations that helped support the project.

Seeing the first round of students come to the end of that process was "inconceivable," said Peggy Harris, director of curriculum and instruction at the district.

"For all associated with Young Collegians, this is an amazing dream and a magnificent journey," Harris said.

She encouraged the students to be proud not only of their accomplishments, but of their courage in being the first to take on the program.

"No matter how many Young Collegians come after you, you were the pioneers," she said.

The 16 students that graduated from the first year of Young Collegians will all go on to two- and four-year universities, including SMC, UC Davis, CSU Northridge and even schools as far flung as Five Towns College in New York.

Many of them will be the first in their families to attend college.

That's the case with Hurtz, who plans to sign up for fall semester at SMC to study business.

"It's an amazing experience I gained from this," he said. "I'll be the first one to go beyond high school."

Likely, he won't be the last. Hurtz' younger brother is one of the up and coming students in the Young Collegians program, along with nearly 100 other students that will be enrolled in the coming school year.

After the first year, where only 23 signed up and 16 made it through, Young Collegians developed a name for itself, said Rosa Serratore, the coordinator of secondary curriculum at SMMUSD.

"The word is out now," Serratore said. "When we have a parent meeting, 100 families get invited because each of the counselors get to recommend a certain number of kids. There's potential here."

The potential that Talarico saw in a program that catered to only 16 children three years ago now sees classes of 35 each.

Even though she is gone, Talarico will get a chance to touch the lives of future collegians as much as she influenced the first.

Donations will be welcomed for a memorial scholarship dedicated to graduates of the Young Collegians program in her honor.

"It's her legacy," Chou said.

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last 30 years, it has served nearly 3 million people in Asia, Africa and Latin America.

It was a natural partnership, said Seva's Executive Director Jack Blanks. The organizations worked together for six months to ensure that the financials on the one-for-one model would work out before taking the plunge.

It was really TOMS that put its neck out, Blanks said.

"They made the leap," he said. "They said they were going to commit a certain dollar amount, which is what we think will come out of the launch."

As a result of that advance, Seva will be able to begin providing free eye care services at the same time as TOMS eyewear hits the market, rather than waiting for the money to come in as the glasses sell.

Sales will fund three categories of care: medical treatment, prescription glasses and surgical intervention.

According to the company, 284 million people suffer from visual impairments. Of that, nearly 80 percent can be treated in some way.

The money coming in from TOMS eyewear will be spread across treatments as simple as eyedrops, to cataract surgery. All of it will be completely free of charge, Blanks said.

Seva already has plans to expand its services in Tibet, Cambodia and Nepal as a result of its partnership with TOMS, Blanks said.

TOMS' new role shows just how far the company has come since Mycoskie and his friends were making shoes in his Santa Monica apartment, not far from the site of the announcement.

"TOMS is not just a shoe company or an eyewear company, but a one-for-one company," Mycoskie said. "This addresses another need, but it will not be the last one."

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RUGBY
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London, they have the distinction of being the oldest "open" rugby club in the world (open in this context meaning that membership was open to all, as opposed to being restricted to alumni of a particular school or employees of a certain organization, which was a requirement for membership in many other early rugby clubs).

International rugby as it is known today certainly owes a great deal to Blackheath: club members helped to organize the first international rugby match in 1871 between England and Scotland, in which England was captained by a Blackheath player in addition to having three more in its squad. Blackheath also hosted the first international match between England and Wales in 1881 on its home ground.

The fictional world of Sherlock Holmes even includes a reference to Blackheath Football Club. Holmes sidekick Dr. Watson is described as having played rugby for Blackheath in "The Adventure of the Sussex Vampire."

Previously, Blackheath visited Santa Monica Rugby Club in June, 1986. Robert Hacker, who currently serves as a club administrator and coach, was also a longtime player for SMRC and part of the squad that faced Blackheath on that occasion.

"The game was played on the polo fields at Will Rogers State Park in the Palisades," Hacker said. "All of our initial reactions to seeing the field on game day was, 'Why can't we play here?!' [The field had] beautifully manicured, soft grass in a spectacular setting … a proper venue for hosting any touring side, but especially for Blackheath."

He also noted that one of the Blackheath players, Stuart Reeve, ended up staying in Santa Monica and playing for the Dolphins for a few years.

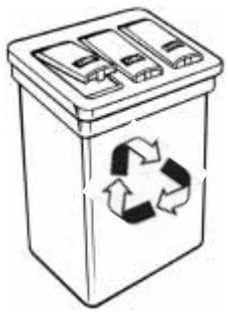
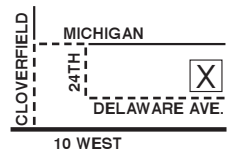
Santa Monica Rugby Club has been an active part of the Santa Monica community since its founding in 1972. Players of all ages and experience are welcomed to SMRC: in addition to fielding three levels of men's teams and a women's team, the club runs youth teams for boys and girls age 7 and up. In the club's recent history, the men's team was Division 1 National Champions in 2005 and 2006, and the boys' under-12 team repeated as Southern California Rugby Union champions in 2011.

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said at a news conference. "The best alternative route is to totally avoid the 405 area, completely avoid it, don't come anywhere near it, don't even think about coming to it. Stay the heck out of here."

Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa inadvertently made a point about the congestion, showing up a half-hour late because, you guessed it, there was heavy traffic on the freeway.

"If you think it's bad now, let me just make something absolutely clear: On July 16th and 17th, it will be an absolute nightmare," Villaraigosa said in a parking lot overlooking the freeway, where morning traffic sounded like a rushing river.

The mayor and other officials urged drivers to avoid the freeway during the work or do the unthinkable — spend a summer weekend at home.

A 10-mile stretch of the freeway linking the San Fernando Valley and the Westside will be closed for 53 hours for demolition of half of the Mulholland Bridge in Sepulveda Pass.

The work is part of a $1 billion project to add carpool lanes and make other improvements.

On a typical July weekend, about 500,000 vehicles use that section of freeway to get to major destinations such as the airport, Santa Monica's beaches and interchanges to other major highways.

Jessica Ayres, who commutes on the freeway to get to her job at a hotel, plans to stay close to home in Playa del Rey that weekend.

"I'm going to walk to the grocery store, go get stuff, have a bonfire by the beach and not use my car," Ayres said. "You don't have to go on the 405 to have a good weekend."

In past months, authorities have partially closed the freeway to reconstruct two other bridges on the corridor. They said a full shutdown was necessary to replace the 50-year-old Mulholland Bridge, and a weekend closure was necessary to minimize impact to traffic on a workday.

Officials are trying to get the word out well in advance of the shutdown, starting with electronic warning signs throughout California freeways and updates on social networking websites.

Subway rides will be free on that weekend, additional buses will be provided on certain lines, and traffic engineers will be standing by to monitor the ripple effect on roads and to manage key intersections.

The Getty Center and Skirball Cultural Center, two popular institutions along the pass that attract thousands of visitors on weekends, will close. Airport officials were coordinating with airlines and car rental companies so they can help the roughly 170,000 passengers expected to pass through LAX plan their ground transportation.

Officials said they expect that not everybody will heed the warning.

Yaroslovsky said he knows that some determined drivers will find a way to get around heavy traffic, as they did when the magnitude-6.7 Northridge earthquake in 1994 shut down a well-traveled portion of Interstate 10 in the mid-city area for 66 days.

"Angelenos know how to drive and navigate traffic jams and how to avoid them," he said.

Advanced word on dire road conditions, though, was shown to work during the 1984 summer Olympics and a 1987 visit by Pope John Paul II. The city braced for the worst, but traffic flowed freely because many people stayed off the freeways.

Villaraigosa suggested that residents could spend the mid-July weekend barbecuing in their backyard.

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Stocks fall again as Bernanke offers no stimulus for now

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NEW YORK Stock indexes closed lower Tuesday, giving up earlier gains, after Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke said the economic recovery remains uneven. Bernanke offered no new steps to stimulate growth.

The Dow Jones industrial average had been up as many as 89 points but turned lower in the late afternoon as Bernanke's speech started. The Dow's loss of 19 was the fifth straight decline for the index, the longest string of losses since August.

Bernanke said the U.S. economy had not grown as quickly as had been expected so far this year. He said growth has been held back by disruptions of industrial supplies from Japan following the tsunami and nuclear disaster there and higher gas prices.

Bernanke expects the economy to pick up in the second half of the year, but he acknowledged that the pace of the growth remains "frustratingly slow from the perspective of millions of unemployed and underemployed workers."

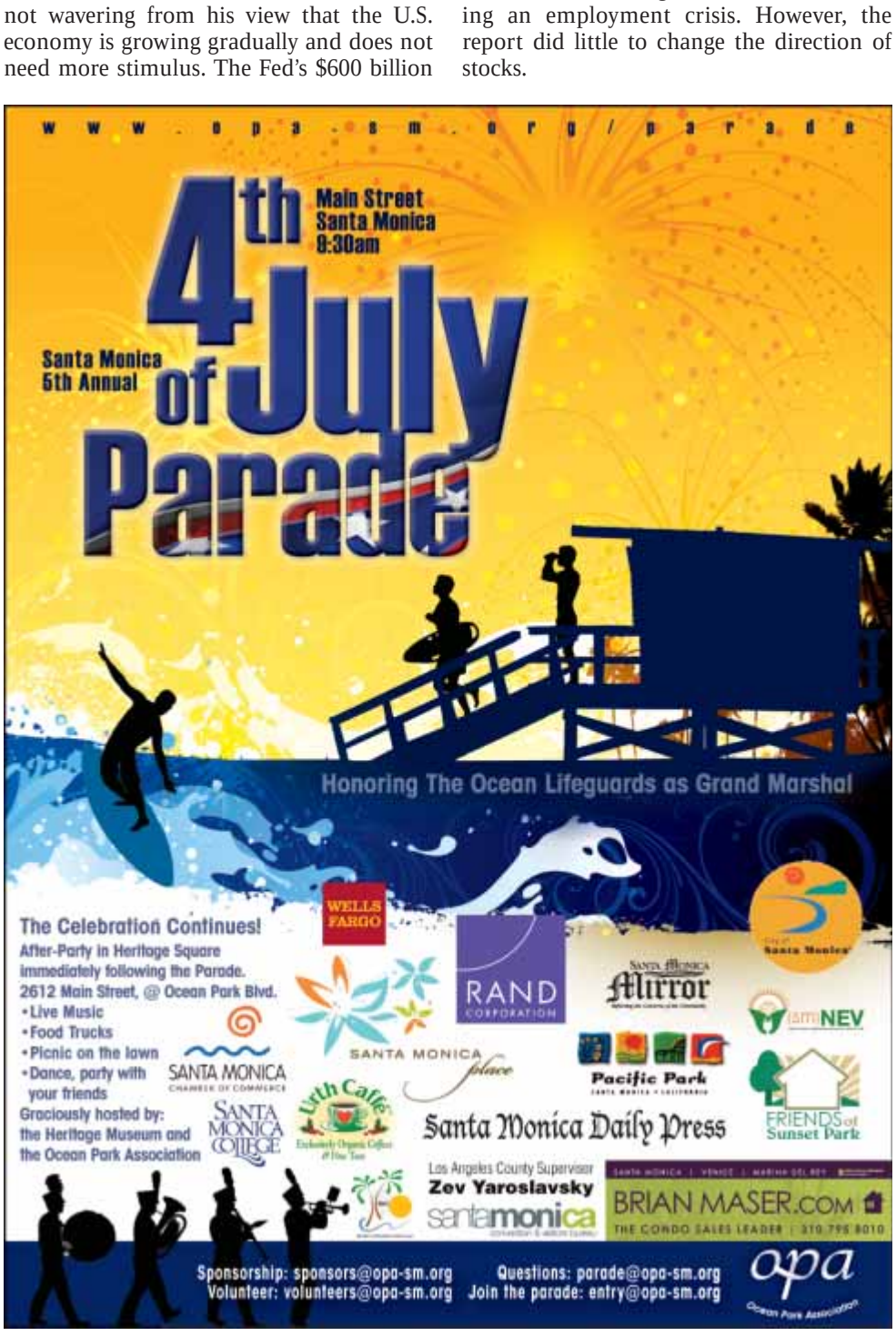
Some investors had been hoping Bernanke would announce additional measures to support the economy. Major indexes fell after it became clear that Bernanke was not wavering from his view that the U.S. economy is growing gradually and does not need more stimulus. The Fed's $600 billion bond-buying program, which is aimed at keeping interest rates low, is ending at the end of June.

"People are getting skittish," said Brian Wenzinger, a portfolio manager at Aronson Johnson Ortiz in Philadelphia. "Housing is getting worse, and they're rethinking a possible double-dip recession." But, Wenzinger added, the relatively small drop in the stock market was a positive sign following several days of steep losses.

The Dow Jones industrial average lost 19.15 points, or 0.2 percent, to close at 12,070.81. The Standard and Poor's 500 dipped 1.23, or 0.1 percent, to 1,284.94. The Nasdaq composite shed 1, or less than 0.1 percent, to 2,701.56.

Stocks have swooned since late April because of concerns that the U.S. economy is stalling from a combination of high gas prices, weaker than expected hiring and a slowdown in manufacturing. The Dow has fallen nearly 500 points over the last five days. The S&P remained below the psychologically important level of 1,300 for the second straight day and closed at its lowest level in two and a half months.

The Labor Department reported that businesses had fewer job openings in April. The government said that employers posted 3 million ads for jobs in April, down from 3.1 million in March. The figure added to the stack of other signs that the U.S. is having an employment crisis. However, the report did little to change the direction of stocks.



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City of Santa Monica

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA CITY COUNCIL

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WHEN: Tuesday, June 14, 2011
6:30 P.M.

WHERE: Santa Monica City Hall, Council Chambers, Room #213
1685 Main Street
Santa Monica, California

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The City Council will conduct a public hearing regarding the proposed adoption of a resolution which would automatically adjust the Affordable Housing Unit Development Cost that developers of multi-family projects may pay to the City pursuant to Section 9.56.070(c) of the City's Affordable Housing Production Program. The existing Affordable Housing Unit Development Cost of $281,100 would be increased by $5,903. Effective August 15, 2011, the adjusted Affordable Housing Unit Development Cost would be $287,033.

The adjustments to the Affordable Housing Base Unit Fee reflect changes in land and construction costs based on a methodology adopted by the City Council on June 13, 2006. An explanation of this methodology and the resulting adjustment to the fee are set forth in a letter prepared for the City by HR&A Advisors, Inc. (HR&A). A copy of this letter is now available at the City Clerk's Office in Room 102 of City Hall, 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California or the Housing Division Office at 1901 Main Street, Suite B, Santa Monica, California. This information is also available on the City's web site (Housing and Redevelopment section).

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Surf Conditions **Water Temp:** 61°

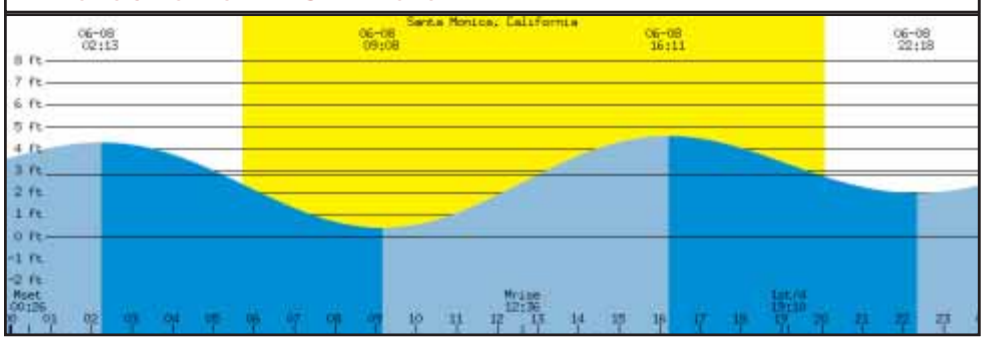
Swell Forecast

Chest+ at most south facing breaks with head pluses at standouts, and no significant wind swell.

Long Range Synopsis

Should see a slight decline in SW swell, more along the lines of chest max.

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 31, 2011**

HEAL THE BAY - 1444 9th Street, Santa Monica, CA 90401 - www.healthebay.org - brc@healthebay.org - 800 HEAL BAY

QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 1
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 5
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 28 / 8
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 0 / 0

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

Heal the Bay reminds you not to swim or surf within 100 yards of any flowing storm drain or for 3 days after a rainstorm. After a rain, indicator bacteria counts at beaches throughout California usually far exceed health criteria in the state's Beach Closure and Health Warning Protocol.

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Seguit Creek mouth.	F	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Las Alisos 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.	D	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	A+
Paradise Cove Pier at Rommer Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	F	F
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A	ns
Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach.	F	D
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	C	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	D	F
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	ns
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	F	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	F	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	A+
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	D
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A	ns
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	A	A+
Tuna Canyon.	A+	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	F	F
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	F
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	B	A+
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.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A+	F
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A+	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.	A	F
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	B	F
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A+	ns
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A+	F
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+	C
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A	ns
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St..	A	ns
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower.	A	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	A	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	A+	D
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.	A+	F
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

Bryant stays mum on new coach

BETH HARRIS
AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES Kobe Bryant had plenty to say about how he wants to help end homelessness among youth in Los Angeles. The NBA superstar had nothing to say about new Lakers coach Mike Brown.

Bryant and his wife, Vanessa, appeared together at a non-profit in Hollywood on Tuesday to announce the formation of their new foundation focused on improving the lives of youth and families in need.

Bryant has remained publicly mum since Brown was hired last week over his choice of Brian Shaw, a longtime Lakers assistant under recently retired coach Phil Jackson.

In his first public appearance since then, Bryant refused to answer questions about Brown.

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MOVIE TIMES

Aero Theatre
1328 Montana Ave.
(310) 260-1528

Good Food Festival Film Series: Celebrating 30 years of the Santa Monica Farmers' Market
Big River (NR) 27min
The Greenhorns (NR) 50min
7:30pm
Discussion following the films with guest panelists.

AMC Loews Broadway 4
1441 Third Street Promenade
(888) 262-4386

Hangover Part II (R) 1hr 42min
2:15pm, 5:00pm, 7:45pm, 10:30pm

Fast Five (PG-13) 2hrs 10min
1:05pm, 4:15pm, 7:20pm, 10:25pm

X-Men: First Class (PG-13) 2hrs 11min
12:30pm, 3:45pm, 7:00pm, 10:00pm

Bridesmaids (R) 2hrs 05min
12:50pm, 3:50pm, 6:50pm, 9:50pm

AMC 7 Santa Monica
1310 Third St.
(310) 451-9440

Hangover Part II (R) 1hr 42min
10:50am, 12:15pm, 1:35pm, 4:20pm, 5:40pm, 7:00pm, 9:45pm

Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides (PG-13) 2hrs 17min
11:30am, 2:45pm, 6:00pm, 9:15pm

X-Men: First Class (PG-13) 2hrs 11min
10:30am, 1:40pm, 2:40pm, 4:50pm, 8:00pm, 8:30pm, 11:05pm

Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides in Disney Digital 3D (PG-13) 2hrs 17min
1:10pm, 4:15pm, 7:30pm, 10:45pm

Bridesmaids (R) 2hrs 05min
11:15am, 2:15pm, 5:15pm, 8:15pm, 11:10pm

Kung Fu Panda 2 3D (PG-13) 1hr 31min
10:45am, 1:15pm, 3:40pm, 6:15pm, 8:45pm

Laemmle's Monica Fourplex
1332 Second St.
(310) 478-3836

Double Hour (La doppia ora) (NR) 1hr 45min
1:50pm, 4:40pm, 7:20pm, 9:50pm

Incendies (R) 2hrs 10min
1:10pm, 4:10pm, 7:10pm, 10:10pm

Midnight in Paris (PG-13) 1hr 28min
1:00pm, 2:00pm, 3:20pm, 4:30pm, 5:40pm, 7:00pm, 8:00pm, 9:30pm, 10:15pm

AMC Criterion 6
1313 Third St.
(310) 395-1599

Thor (PG-13) 1hr 54min
11:15am, 5:00pm, 10:40pm

Kung Fu Panda 2 (PG) 1hr 31min
11:45am, 2:15pm, 4:40pm, 7:15pm, 9:45pm

Hangover Part II (R) 1hr 42min
12:45pm, 3:30pm, 6:15pm, 9:00pm

Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides (PG-13) 2hrs 17min
12:25pm, 3:40pm, 7:00pm, 10:15pm

Empire of Silver (Baiyin diguo) (NR) 1hr 52min
11:05am, 1:55pm, 4:45pm, 7:30pm, 10:20pm

Thor 3D (PG-13) 1hr 54min
2:05pm, 7:50pm

Cave of Forgotten Dreams 3D (G) 1hr 30min
11:30am, 2:00pm, 4:15pm, 6:45pm, 9:15pm

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

Vanish tonight, Libra

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ What happens today could be more significant than you might want to realize. Your ability to handle a boss or authority figure comes into play. Pull out of confusion and arguments. They are the fastest ways to waste time. Tonight: Go with a surprise.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Your creativity seems to come up each time there is an issue, and in between, too! Sometimes you are misunderstood. Rein in different interests, and proceed with one issue at a time. Trust yourself. You will know when to act. Tonight: Know that you are lucky.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ If you can, work from home. You are overwhelmed by everything that is occurring. Think in terms of new possibilities if you feel hemmed in. Be willing to break past a self-imposed but possibly about-to-be-identified restriction. Tonight: Don't be overly concerned with anything.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Your ability to accomplish a lot could be marred by a misunderstanding. Unfortunately, you might need to redo some work. Once more, a boss or parent proves to be unpredictable. Strap on your seat belt. Tonight: Catch up with a pal.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ Keep your foot on the brake when dealing with finances. You might not be ready for a commitment of this nature. Pressure builds because of several misunderstandings within a group of people. Tonight: Your treat.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You certainly might feel empowered, no matter what you do or which way you proceed. You could be thrown a little off by someone's behavior. A partner doesn't act in the way you anticipated or might like. Tonight: As you like.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ Be careful when dealing with family. The confusion that surrounds you forces more questions. Don't take others' inquiries personally. The unexpected appears to run through your personal ties. A partner is lucky for you financially. Tonight: Vanish while you can.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ Stay on top of activities. Friendship plays a big role in creating more of what you want. Others favor you in general and are willing to give a project that extra push. Deal with key people directly. Tonight: Extend a special invitation.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Pressure builds with a boss or higher-up. Understanding comes through confusion. Try not to be as reactive or challenging. Just let the dust settle. Then you will know what action to take. Tonight: A midweek break. Be naughty and nice.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ Detach, and you will succeed. If you become reactive to the present confusion, you will tumble into the same mire that everyone else does. You find that a family member might say something that triggers your imagination. Let your mind wander from the here and now briefly. Tonight: Movie night.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ You demonstrate the ability to relate deeply to a particular friend. Understand what this person expects. Don't get plugged into a situation and become reactive. Detach. Then decide what to do. The result will be far better. Tonight: Invite a friend to join you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Others come forward with lots of information. The confusion that surrounds you could change if you can stay calm, cool and collected. Let others play out, not you. Try to tame a drifting mind. Tonight: Hang out.

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 sense an unusual amount of conflict surrounding you. If you listen, you might find a common theme or thread. Perhaps you are giving off mixed signals. Are you suppressing your feelings? If you are single, you meet people with ease, though it could be difficult this year to form a long-term bond. Don't worry; you will have one very soon. If you are attached, the two of you need lots of downtime together to deepen the bond and each other's understanding of one another. The relationship will benefit. VIRGO can be touchy.



MYSTERY PHOTO

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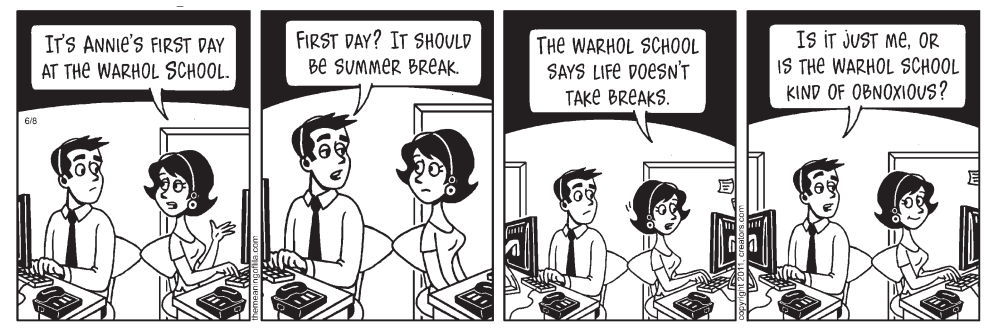
Dogs of C-Kennel

By Mick and Mason Mastroianni



The Meaning of Lila

By John Forgetta & L.A. Rose



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By Jim Davis



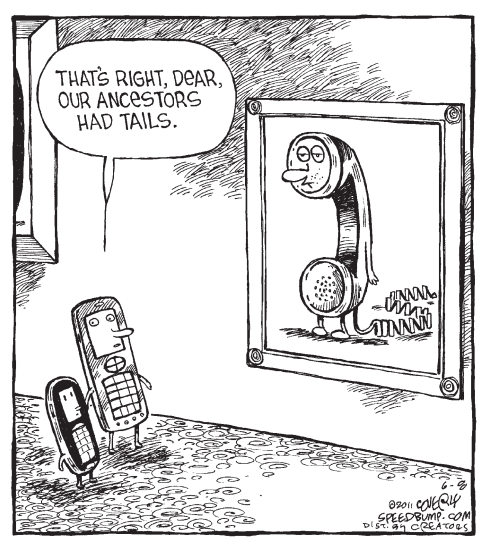
Strange Brew

By John Deering



Speed Bump

By Dave Coverly



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

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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Lockup
5 Finally
11 Arm bone
12 Black Sea peninsula
13 Blue hue
14 Monkey (with)
15 Early hour
16 Back-gammon need
17 Gall
19 "— your loss!"
22 Trifling
24 Hawaiian singer
26 Stepped down
27 Meaty dish
28 Sun blocker
30 First American in orbit
31 Shoe hue
32 Starry hunter
34 Earth orbiter
35 Binary base
38 Square dance move
41 Watch part
42 Hooded jacket
43 Days gone by
44 Scooters' kin
45 Cuts off

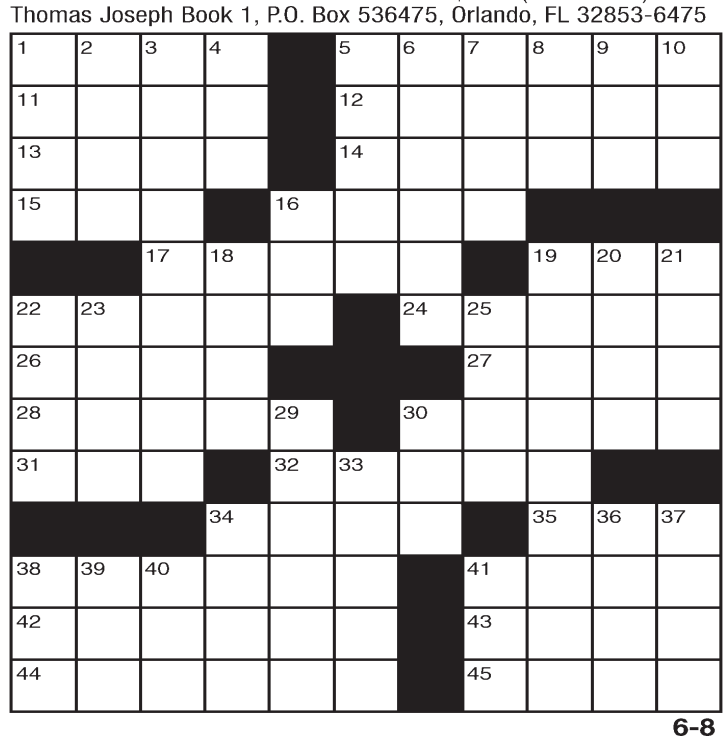
DOWN

1 Jupiter's wife
2 Country singer Jackson
3 Patent candidate
4 Place down
5 When Ophelia drowns
6 Followed the path of
7 Bar fruit
8 Band blaster
9 Take in
10 Seaman
16 Parched
18 Question from Caesar
19 Purpose
20 Sub-sequently
21 Planted
22 Concord
23 First name in jazz
25 European capital
29 Gizmo
30 Bar staple
33 Corner pieces
34 Deep mud
36 Hospital section
37 Flamenco cries
38 Block up
39 Lennon's wife
40 Soak up
41 Color

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Yesterday's answer

NEW CROSSWORD BOOK! Send $4.75 (check/m.o.) to Thomas Joseph Book 1, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475



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• Insert the given numbers in the empty squares so when they are calculated in threes from left to right and top to bottom they satisfy the demands in the shaded boxes both horizontally and vertically.

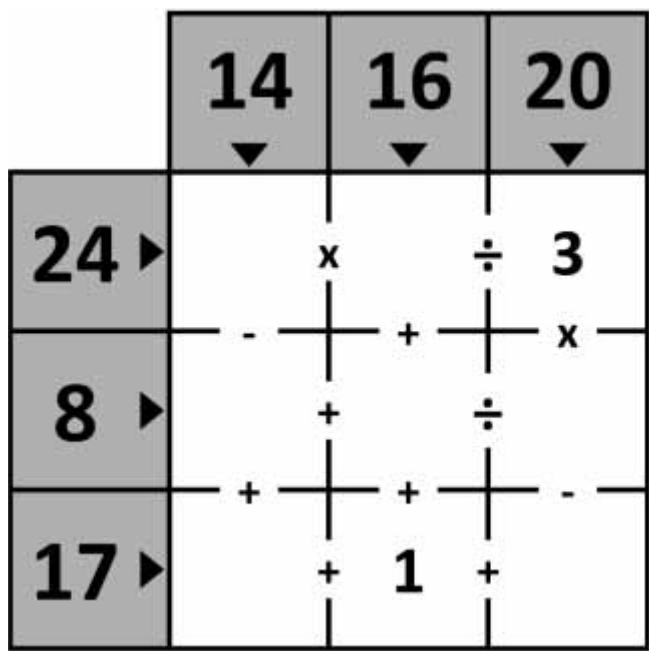
• Each empty square dictates the math operation that must be performed to meet the demands.

• Remember to multiply or divide before you add or subtract.

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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:

6, 7, 7, 9, 9, 9, 12



DAILY LOTTERY

MEGA MILLIONS: 20 23 41 49 53 Meganumber: 31 Jackpot: $24M

SUPER LOTTO PLUS: 20 28 33 41 43 Meganumber: 24 Jackpot: $28M

Fantasy 5: 5 11 24 27 32

DAILY 3 MIDDAY: 4 6 8 EVENING: 9 8 5

DAILY DERBY: 1st: 06 Whirl Win 2nd: 03 Hot Shot 3rd: 11 Money Bags RACE TIME: 1:46.35

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ "Wrong" Impressions: (1) The Sergeants Benevolent Association, fighting back in April against corruption charges (that its NYPD officers often "fix" traffic tickets for celebrities, high officials and selected "friends") claimed in a recorded message reported in The New York Times that such fixes are merely "courtesy," not corruption. (2) A 20-year-old Jersey City, N.J., gym member claimed "criminal sexual contact" in March, acknowledging that while she had given a male club therapist permission to massage her breasts and buttocks, she had been under the impression that he is gay. When another gym member told her that the therapist has a girlfriend, she called the police.

■ Quite a Disease, That Lyme: (1) Marilyn Michose, 46, was referred for medical evaluation in May after she was spotted roaming the lobby of the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York City wearing neon pink panties on top of her street clothes, with a .25-caliber Beretta visible in her jacket pocket, and speaking gibberish. According to Michose's mother, Marilyn had overmedicated for her Lyme disease. (2) A restraining order, to keep away from Sarah Palin and her family, was extended in May against Shawn Christy, 19, of McAdoo, Pa., by a magistrate in Anchorage, Alaska. Christy has admitted to traveling to Alaska to meet Palin, to making numerous telephone calls to her, and to once threatening to sexually assault her. According to a 2009 psychiatric evaluation ordered by the Secret Service, Christy appeared to suffer from "latent onset" Lyme disease.

■ Erie County (N.Y.) jail officials suspended guards Lawrence Mule, a 26-year veteran, and James Conlin, a 29-year veteran, after they scuffled at the County Correctional Facility on April 21, reportedly over a bag of chips. An inmate had to break up the fight.

WORD UP!

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