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THE ODD WEATHER ISSUE

Landmarked tree's fate sealed

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

NOMA A landmarked eucalyptus tree in a private yard on 24th Street will come down by Saturday after an 11th-hour inspection yielded no certainty that the giant tree was not a threat to the public.

Santa Monica Community Forester Walt Warriner and four independent arborists reported to the tree at 8 a.m. Tuesday for a final analysis of its condition.

It was a big moment. The tree is approximately 100 years old and 100 feet tall, making it the largest known specimen of its type in the country.

Faith and Harry Rumack, the tree's owners, got it officially landmarked with City Hall in order to protect it from any outside harm.

In the landmark application, they point to the fact that the tree is known far and wide, and is highlighted in two books, "Trees of Santa Monica" and "Exceptional Trees of Los Angeles."

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SALUTE: **Santa Monica firefighters and officers salute together in front of Fire Station No.1 on Seventh Street Tuesday morning in remembrance of those who lost their lives during the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and Shanksville, Pa.**

Fewer 9/11 families on hand for 11th anniversary

JENNIFER PELTZ
Associated Press

NEW YORK Americans marked the 11th anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks Tuesday in familiar but subdued ceremonies that put grieving families ahead of politicians and suggested it's time to move on after a decade of remembrance.

As in past years, thousands gathered at the World Trade Center site in New York, the Pentagon and Shanksville, Pa., to read the names of nearly 3,000 victims killed in the worst terror attack in U.S. history.

But many felt that last year's 10th anniversary was an emotional turning point

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A pence for your thoughts

Welsh officer trades insights with SMPD

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY Santa Monica tends to attract a bevy of international tourists each summer, but it's safe to say that most try to avoid the Public Safety Facility, a relatively new structure that houses the city's police and fire departments, as well as the jail.

Not Suzanne Birch.

Birch is a community support officer with the South Wales Police force, one of several police agencies that cover the small country on the southwest end of the island of Great Britain.

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Two-year colleges alter registration policy

ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES California's community colleges are reorienting their registration system to give priority to students who are focused on earning a degree or transferring to a four-year college.

The Los Angeles Times reported Tuesday that the governing board of the 112-college system on Monday voted in favor of the plan, which will go into effect in 2014.

Under the system, students in good academic standing who have not exceeded 100 units will be given priority to register for classes.

The policy comes as colleges are cutting class offerings due to budget reductions and students are finding it hard to get courses they need to complete their associates' degrees and either start their careers to transfer to earn a bachelor's degree.

It marks a shift in the orientation of community colleges, which have historically been places where failing students could repeat courses or community residents

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Wednesday, Sept. 12, 2012

What the frack?
Palisades Park
Ocean Avenue and Santa Monica Boulevard,
3 p.m. — 7 p.m.
Activists will be holding a Frackfree America National Rally Day denouncing fracking, a controversial drilling practice to extract natural gas. It's the only West Coast rally.

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Sonoma Wine Garden
395 Santa Monica Place,
7 p.m. — 9 p.m.
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For more information, call (310) 260-8333.

Think green
Virginia Avenue Park
2200 Virginia Ave.,
7:30 p.m. — 9 p.m.
Environmental nonprofit Sustainable Works is holding one of its popular Green Living Workshops to help residents learn about issues related to energy, waste and food. The workshop will be held at the Thelma Terry Building. Cost: free. For more information, visit www.sustainableworks.org.

Thursday, Sept. 13, 2012

Relax the mind
Santa Monica Senior Center
1450 Ocean Ave., 1 p.m.
This weekly free class helps seniors achieve health and well being through guided meditation. Rebecca Underwood leads the group.
For more information, call (310) 458-8644.

Excel made easy
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd.,
3 p.m. — 5 p.m.
This two-part class provides an introduction to formatting cells and manipulating data to create simple spreadsheets. Seating is first come, first served. For more information, call (310) 434-2608.

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Samohi not backing down against Mater Dei

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

SANTA ANA It may technically be just another game on the schedule, but Mater Dei is not just any football team.

The national powerhouse didn't build its reputation over night, it's something that championships and wave after wave of elite players have developed over the decades.

Santa Monica's recent rise to prominence doesn't make them a powerhouse just yet, but Thursday's matchup at Santa Ana Stadium against the Monarchs may help them along that path.

"You already know about the legacy behind it," Samohi head coach Travis Clark said of Mater Dei. "But, I will say that their weakness is that they are human beings, and kids at that. It's also our weakness, so the same goes."

It's that perceived weakness that Clark hopes to tap into as his Vikings prepare for the biggest stage they've performed on during his four years as head coach.

"Obviously it's going to be one of our toughest games of the season," Clark said. "But we're not looking at it any differently than anybody else."

Though excited, Clark and Co. have something that even gives longtime Mater Dei head coach Bruce Rollinson reason for pause — an explosive offense.

Led by USC-commit Sebastian LaRue and transfer quarterback Ryan Barbarin, the passing game has Rollinson thinking this matchup may not be the mismatch it appears to be.

After watching tape of Samohi's first two games of the season — both blowout wins — Rollinson is most impressed by the Vikings' discipline on blocking and alignments.

"It lends itself to being well coached," Rollinson said. "It's nothing fancy ... they just execute it very well."

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Heal the Bay, Nat Geo team for enviro literacy

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

SM BEACH As part of a state-mandated program to promote environmental literacy in California, Heal the Bay and National Geographic on Tuesday unveiled teacher resources that the groups hope will be adopted by school districts statewide.

The Santa Monica-based nonprofit and global education giant are now making environmental literacy guides that cover the topics of fresh water, ocean, energy and climate change available at no cost to all K-8 classrooms throughout California.

Heal the Bay and National Geographic Education announced the result of their partnership during Heal the Bay's eighth annual Coastal Cleanup Education Day, a lead up event to the upcoming Coastal Cleanup Day on Sept. 15.

Approximately 700 elementary students from underserved communities arrived at the Santa Monica Pier Aquarium for environmentally-focused games, lessons and activities. These future environmental stewards — many of whom had never visited the ocean before — explored the coast, got up close and personal with the living species in the aquarium touch tanks and cleaned up the beach, organizers said.

Heal the Bay sponsored the Education and the Environment Initiative (EEI), a state law enacted in 2003 that requires instructional materials for kindergarten through 12th grade to integrate various environmental principles and concepts with traditional

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Daniel Archuleta *daniela@smdp.com*

COOL CLASSROOM: **A Heal the Bay volunteer (right) helps a student from Baldwin Park's Central Elementary School sift through the sand Tuesday for sand crabs during the Santa Monica-based nonprofit's Coastal Cleanup Education Day at Santa Monica Beach.**

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

CITYWIDE

Slow-growth group backs Butler for 50th

The Santa Monica Coalition for a Livable City announced Tuesday its decision to endorse Assemblywoman Betsy Butler in her run for the 50th State Assembly District.

Butler, who served in the 53rd District for four years before redistricting, is running against Mayor Richard Bloom for the seat. Both are Democrats.

SMCLC chose not to support the mayor because of the amount of development that has taken place in Santa Monica while he has sat on the dais, according to an e-mail sent out Tuesday.

"Look at all the traffic clogging development that's come to Santa Monica in the last 12 years since Richard Bloom has been on our City Council," the e-mail reads. "Richard has voted for every commercial development that's come before the council and has been rewarded by sizable developer contributions over the years."

The formal endorsement will take place this weekend at a private home in Santa Monica where Butler, as well as SMCLC-endorsed Ted Winterer and Richard McKinnon, will be introduced. Winterer and McKinnon, both members of the Planning Commission, are running for four open seats on the City Council.

– ASHLEY ARCHIBALD

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Sorry, Republicans

Editor:

Thanks for publishing this drivel ("The Godless Democrats," Your Column Here, Aug. 12). Maybe you could follow up next week with something from the American Nazi Party or the KKK. It must be awfully embarrassing to be a Republican these days.

Barry Jaffe
Venice, Calif.

Don't vote blindly

Editor:

The time to think about your vote is now, not when you step into the voting booth, open the sample ballot and read about the candidates and issues for the first time.

There have been a number of times when a dead person was elected to office. That's how informed the electorate is. They didn't even know the person had died long before election day. It is easier to elect a dead incumbent than it is for a real representative of the people to get elected.

Yes, people are busy. Most of us have too much on our plate to give all the time we'd like to important projects. But please consider this: How many people have put themselves in harm's way to protect our right to vote? How many have died, been tortured, been a POW, suffered grievous injuries, all to protect our right to vote? Don't we owe every one of them due diligence as citizens and voters? You've heard it before — freedom is not free.

Unfortunately, even in our little city by the sea, organizations with very deep pockets have spent millions to deceive the voters of Santa Monica. Everyone complains about the parking and traffic congestion. But who is doing anything about it? Do you think it is a coincidence that larger and larger developments keep going up in Santa Monica and traffic keeps getting worse and worse? There are more large developments in the pipeline right now than in the last 35 years.

There are neighborhood organizations in Santa Monica and there are citizen groups. The trick is to figure out who are the phonies and who are legitimate. There are groups called PACs. They are immune from the donation limits for each candidate. They produce slick brochures and mailers using catch phrases that will appeal to voters.

But who is really paying for those brochures and mailers? The intelligent statement has always been "follow the money." Usually, it is a group of developers who pay for those mailers. Usually, they pick some name for their group that is actually the opposite of what they actually want. Don't be fooled. Do some research. Check with your neighborhood association for a list of web sites that tell the truth about the candidates, their funding sources and who they really are.

Be a responsible voter and take back Santa Monica from the deceivers.

Jeanne Laurie
Santa Monica





Meredith Pro Tem

Meredith C. Carroll — **Send comments to editor@smdp.com**

From swing set to stripper pole

THE TWISTED GRIP DANCE & FITNESS studio in Duncan, British Columbia, unveiled a new class in its lineup last week. Little Spinners, offered on Saturday mornings, will have children as young as 5 learning how to shake and shimmy around a pole — a dance form popularized by scantily clad women looking for dollar bills to be stuffed into their G-strings by sloppy drunk guys in gentlemen's clubs.

While dance-studio owner Kristy Craig says there's "nothing sexual" about the course, which will reportedly teach moves similar to those taught in pole-dancing classes for adults, sparkly pink-platform stripper heels adorn Twisted Grip's homepage, as does a feature photo of the student of the month wrapped upside down around a pole and wearing bright-pink panties, a black bra and next to nothing else.

"It's pure fitness and strength and fun," Craig told the CBC. "I mean, kids love climbing trees. They will climb anything."

Indeed, kids these days are increasingly proving that they are flexible in lots of ways. Which is why for the first time ever Twisted Grip is offering more than just dance classes in an effort to integrate children into areas of culture that have previously been in the realm of adults and older teens, only.

CRACK PIPES FOR PRETEENS

Take away the crack-cocaine base, and handcrafting crack pipes can be a lovely lesson in glassblowing. Tweens enrolled in the course learn the art of glass-forming by inflating molten glass into a parison with a blow tube. After the pipe is formed and cooled off, they'll learn how crack cocaine is made, marketed and distributed and will practice their glass-pipe-smoking technique (although R-rated salvia will be used in place of anything more illicit). At the end of the semester, each student will take home their very own crack pipe along with a signed pledge not to use it until they take their first trip to Amsterdam in college.

CARJACKING FOR CUTIES

Sure, unless they're 16, they can't drive, but that doesn't mean underage kids need a license to jack a car. Students will be divided into two groups: those who want to clear out the people in the car before they make off with it (extra points for unbuckling a baby from the booster seat) and those who can manage stealing the car while simultaneously keeping the victims at bay while driving away. Really, it's a lesson in multitasking: brandishing a weapon while also striking mortal fear in the driver as you call upon your physical strength to knock them out of the driver's seat. But it's also about knowing the rules of the road, safely running a red light and driving at night without headlights — and without crashing into anything — while being hotly pursued by the police.

SHOPLIFTING FOR SQUIRTS

The prerequisite to Armed Robbery for Adolescents, Shoplifting for Squirts teaches kids that before they can make a big splash, they need to learn how to swim: slipping in and out of a store unnoticed (or how to be neither seen nor heard), evading security cameras and doing the math so that anything they steal adds up to a total that won't equal a felony if caught — in other words, lessons that they'll carry with them for life (either at work or behind bars).

LITTLE SPINNERS, OFFERED ON SATURDAY MORNINGS, WILL HAVE CHILDREN AS YOUNG AS 5 LEARNING HOW TO SHAKE AND SHIMMY AROUND A POLE — A DANCE FORM POPULARIZED BY SCANTILY CLAD WOMEN LOOKING FOR DOLLAR BILLS TO BE STUFFED INTO THEIR G-STRINGS BY SLOPPY DRUNK GUYS IN GENTLEMEN'S CLUBS.

ARMED ROBBERY FOR ADOLESCENTS

Once Shoplifting for Squirts has been completed successfully, kids can move on to the more advanced Armed Robbery for Adolescents. Like in life, the goal is to make away with the most amount of money without actually hurting anyone. Extra credit is awarded to the kids who can cite a minimum of three facts about the U.S. president whose mask they wear as a disguise during the holdup.

REAL TATTOOS FOR TOTS

Fake tattoos are child's play. Kids who want to get real get inked for real. The course guides them on how to create designs that are body-part appropriate (butterflies work on shoulder blades but not in the tramp-stamp area, for instance). They learn how to double-check the spelling of all Chinese characters because there's a fine line between "The Matrix" and "demon bird moth balls," apparently. Little ones who walk away with spoils from the Shoplifting for Squirts and Armed Robbery for Adolescents are also urged to earmark some of their bounty to get the tattoos inked in real life lasered off later in life when they realize just how dumb they look.

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Translating the language of politicians

THOSE IN SOME PROFESSIONS intentionally adopt language that is obscure and impenetrable to the uninitiated, wrote the late S.I. Hayakawa, a semanticist and former U.S. senator from California. He surmised that this is done so that the layman will be confused and perhaps be in awe of the perpetrators' importance. As a lawyer by training, I must concede that the shoe fits many in my profession.

However, there is at least one field where communication is not so much intended to be incomprehensible, but to create a very clear impression in the mind of the listener that what is being said is benevolent and true when, in fact, it is not.

Politicians are masters at using words to describe themselves and their endeavors in ways that make their motives seem beyond reproach. Here are a few of the noble sounding, grandiose terms currently common in "political speak" and their translation into the language of real people.

Shared sacrifice: This term has become popular both in Washington, D.C. and in Sacramento. In a recent letter to the president, Sen. Bernie Sanders, a self-described "democratic socialist," wrote supporting deficit reduction through "shared sacrifice." Reading the letter in its entirety, what the senator was asking for, of course, is a tax increase. So when a politician says "shared sacrifice," it is probably a good time to get a firm grip on your wallet.

Grand bargain: This term has become fashionable in the nation's capital. It has been used to describe efforts by President Obama to reach out to Congress to promote a tax increase. Here in California, Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa has picked up on this addition to the political lexicon by calling for a "grand bargain," whose primary element would be a dismantling of Proposition 13 to allow for — you guessed it — a tax increase.

Investment: In 1993, Bill Clinton called for a major "investment" in America. No doubt guided by his wily consultant, Dick Morris, the words "tax increase" never passed through his lips, but that is exactly what he wanted, a massive tax increase, which Congress approved.

There are a number of other pleasant and/or patriotic sounding terms that, when used by politicians, are actually code for increasing the burden on taxpayers. Among these are "new revenue," "budget solution," "fair share," and a personal favorite from the mouth of President Pro Tem of the California Senate, Darrell Steinberg, "tremendous opportunity to restructure the way we govern." Then, of course, there is the slightly strange "You didn't build that" as a roundabout justification for higher taxes.

FORTUNATELY, MOST TAXPAYERS ARE NOT SO GULLIBLE AS TO BE TAKEN IN BY THE POLITICIANS' HIGH SOUNDING RHETORIC FILLED WITH PLEASANT EUPHEMISMS FOR CONFISCATING MORE OF THEIR HARD-EARNED MONEY.

Fortunately, most taxpayers are not so gullible as to be taken in by the politicians' high-sounding rhetoric filled with pleasant euphemisms for confiscating more of their hard-earned money. As Ronald Reagan observed, the most frightening nine words in the English language are, "I'm from the government and I'm here to help."

Hayakawa had a less humorous and more ominous warning about the misuse of language by the political class. In the introduction to his "Language in Thought and Action," published in 1949, he urged every citizen to adopt a habitually critical attitude toward language, without which, he warned, "…our political liberties remain at the mercy of any eloquent and unscrupulous demagogue." His advice remains good today.

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The Q Line

Seeking suggestions

We're planning our local election candidates forum and couldn't help but wonder what our readers would like to ask those running for office.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
What question do you think would make City Council candidates squirm and why?

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Parents decry proposed crackdown on L.A. charters

CHRISTINA HOAG
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES Dozens of parents with children in charter schools on Tuesday protested a proposal before the Los Angeles Unified School Board to declare a moratorium on new charter schools and tighten oversight of existing ones.

While dozens of parents filled the board room, about 50 others chanted "my child, my choice" and waved placards on the sidewalk outside the meeting.

Under board member Steve Zimmer's proposal, the district would form an independent charter oversight commission to step up monitoring of the district's roughly 200 charters that enroll 110,000 students. It would also put a hold on new charter applications until new policies are hammered out.

Parents and charter advocates said the plan would limit their choices of where to send their children to school.

"This resolution is a step backward," said Corri Ravare, executive director of Families That Can, a charter school parent group. "We just want the best options in our community."

Funding an oversight commission would take away money from classrooms, she added.

Latino community activist Raul Claros said charters were a needed option in gang-plagued areas where traditional schools are not safe. "Some of us choose alternative schools for safety," he said.

Los Angeles Unified, the nation's second largest school system, hosts the highest number of charters in the country. Charters are public schools that are independently operated, although with loose oversight by the local district.

Board members have shown increasing exasperation in recent months with requests by charters to use more classroom space on district campuses, refusal by charters to submit student data, and their low enrollment of students with more severe disabilities.

Over the past year, the district has started more aggressively taking action against charters, closing several for financial irregularities, a cheating scandal and lackluster performance.

The school board is scheduled to discuss Zimmer's proposal at a meeting later this month, but member Marguerite LaMotte said the plan is not intended to eliminate charters.

"My understanding is that this is about basic standards of assessment," she said. "Choice will still be there."

Zimmer said that with the district's charter enrollment the equivalent of California's fourth-largest school system, it is time to examine how charters are complying with state laws and district policies.

"There are very basic regulatory questions here," said Zimmer. "Do we play on the same basic playing field or is it radically deregulated? It warrants a second look."

Jed Wallace, president of the California Charter Schools Association, said a moratorium would violate the state Charter Schools Act and noted that 10,000 students are on charter waiting lists in Los Angeles Unified.

"It is blatantly illegal," Zimmer said.

A previous attempt in Los Angeles Unified to declare a charter moratorium in 2006 failed, as did a statewide Assembly bill last year.

STATE BRIEFS

LOS ANGELES

LAUSD, administrators agree on evaluations

The Los Angeles Unified School District has reached an agreement with the district's administrators on a new job performance evaluation system that will include multiple measures of student achievement.

Superintendent John Deasy told the school board Tuesday that the new system will include rankings of student progress, including attendance, suspensions, English-learner reclassification and college-prep course pass rates.

Deasy called the agreement a remarkable breakthrough.

The deal still needs to be ratified by the membership of Associated Administrators of Los Angeles, the bargaining unit for principals and other administrators, as well as the school board.

Meanwhile, the board on Tuesday postponed consideration of a proposal to hammer out a new teacher evaluation system in collective bargaining with the teachers union, which opposes using standardizes test scores to measure classroom performance.

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MORENO VALLEY

Experts say fake bomb used in bank robbery

Bomb squad experts concluded Tuesday that the suspicious box an armed bank robber left at a Moreno Valley bank was a fake bomb.

The robbery occurred shortly after 8:30 a.m. at a Chase branch in Moreno Valley when two bank employees were arriving to work. The man, who wore a military-type mask with cargo pants and black boots, forced the employees inside the bank and demanded cash, said Deputy Albert Martinez of the Riverside County Sheriff's Department.

The man stole an undisclosed sum of money and fled after taking an employee's vehicle that was later found two blocks away, Martinez said.

The suspect left behind an object on a coffee table that resembled an explosive device, but it was determined that it was not an explosive, Cpl. Angel Ramos said.

No arrests have been made and no injuries have been reported.

Last week, two men abducted the manager of an East Los Angeles bank and strapped what turned out to be a fake bomb to her in a scheme to rob a Bank of America branch.

Martinez said it's not known if the two robberies are connected.

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for public mourning of the attacks. For the first time, elected officials weren't speaking at the ceremony, which often allowed them a solemn turn in the spotlight, but raised questions about the public and private Sept. 11. Fewer families attended the ceremonies this year, and some cities canceled their remembrances altogether.

"I feel much more relaxed" this year, said Jane Pollicino, who came to ground zero Tuesday morning to mourn her husband, who was killed at the trade center. "After the ninth anniversary, that next day, you started building up to the 10th year. This feels a lot different, in that regard. It's another anniversary that we can commemorate in a calmer way, without that 10-year pressure."

As bagpipes played at the year-old Sept. 11 memorial in New York, family clutching balloons, flowers and photos of their loved ones bowed their heads in silence at 8:46 a.m., the moment that the first hijacked jetliner crashed into the trade center's north tower. Bells tolled to mark the moments that planes crashed into the second tower, the Pentagon and a Pennsylvania field, and the moments that each tower collapsed.

President Barack Obama and first lady Michelle Obama observed the moment in a ceremony on the White House's south lawn, and then laid a white floral wreath at the Pentagon, above a concrete slab that said "Sept. 11, 2001 — 937 am." He later recalled the horror of the attacks, declaring, "Our country is safer and our people are resilient."

Victims' families in New York tearfully read the names of the attack victims, often looking up to the sky to talk to their lost loved ones."Rick, can you hear your name as the roll is called again? On this sacred ground where your dust settled?" said Richard Blood, whose son, Richard Middleton Blood, Jr., died in the trade center's south tower. "If only those who hear your name could know what a loving son and beautiful person you grew to be. I love you, son, and miss you terribly."

Thousands had attended the ceremony in New York in previous years, including last year's milestone 10th anniversary. A crowd of fewer than 200 swelled to about 1,000 by late Tuesday morning, as family members laid roses and made paper rubbings of their loved ones' names etched onto the Sept. 11 memorial. A few hundred attended ceremonies at the Pentagon and in Pennsylvania.

Commuters rushed out of the subway and fewer police barricades were in place than in past years in the lower Manhattan neighborhood surrounding ground zero. More than 4 million people in the past year have visited the memorial, which became more of a public space than a closed-off construction site.

Families had a mixed reaction to the changing ceremony, which kept politicians away from the microphone in New York for the first time. Charles G. Wolf, whose wife, Katherine, was killed at the trade center, said: "We've gone past that deep, collective public grief." But Pollicino said it's important that politicians still attend the ceremony.

"There's something missing if they're not here at all," she said. "Now, all of a sudden, it's 'for the families.' This happened to our country — it didn't happen only to me."

And Joe Torres, who put in 16-hour days in ground zero's "pit" cleaning up tons of debris in the days after the attacks said another year has changed nothing for him.

"The 11th year, for me, it's the same as if it happened yesterday," said Torres, whose sister-in-law was killed in the attacks. "It could be 50 years from now, and to me, it'll be just as important as year one, or year five or year ten."

Like 2001, this Sept. 11 was on a Tuesday, for the second time since the attacks. The early fall weather was much like the morning on 2001.

Mayor Michael Bloomberg, the governors of New York and new Jersey and former Mayor Rudy Giuliani all attended New York's ceremony. Biden spoke to hundreds at the Flight 93 Memorial in Pennsylvania, saying the ceremonies were a reminder that the country hasn't forgotten them.

The Obamas planned later to visit wounded soldiers at Walter Reed Army Medical Center. The U.S. terror attacks were followed by wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, where the U.S. military death toll years ago surpassed the 9/11 victim count. At least 1,987 U.S. troops have died in Afghanistan and 4,475 in Iraq, according to the Pentagon.

Allied military forces marked the anniversary at a short ceremony at NATO's headquarters in Kabul, Afghanistan with a tribute to more than 3,000 foreign troops killed in the decade-long war.

"Eleven years on from that day there should be no doubt that our dedication to this commitment, that commitment that was seared into our souls that day so long ago, remains strong and unshaken," said Marine Gen. John Allen, the top commander of U.S. and coalition troops.

There was little politics on an election-year anniversary, with Obama and Republican challenger Mitt Romney pulling negative ads and avoiding campaign rallies. Romney shook hands with firefighters in Chicago and was addressing National Guard members in Nevada. Most ceremonies focused on grief and memory, but there was still a touch of politics from the podium.

"We would like to thank President Obama and (Navy) Seal Team 6 for what they did for this country," said Angella Whyte, referring to the U.S.-led raid that killed al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden last year.

Other ceremonies were held across the country — from New York's Long Island, where hundreds wrote messages to their loved ones on a memorial, to Boston, where more than 200 people with ties to Massachusetts were remembered. But some cities scaled back — Middletown, N.J., which lost 37 residents, held a small, silent ceremony instead of previous events with speeches and music. The New York City suburb of Glen Rock, N.J., where 11 people were killed, did not hold a memorial this year for the first time.

"It was appropriate for this year — not that the losses will ever be forgotten," said Brad Jordan, chairman of a Glen Rock community group that helps victims' families. "But we felt it was right to shift the balance a bit from the observance of loss to a commemoration of how the community came together to heal."

The memorial foundation announced this summer that politicians wouldn't be included this year, to separate politics from the ceremony. But others said keeping elected officials off the rostrum smacked of ... politics. And several said they were unwilling to let go.

"Coming here, it's like ripping off a Band-Aid," said Yasmin Leon, whose sister was killed at the trade center. "You rip it off and the wound is opened again. But you keep coming back anyway."

And at ground zero, family members reading their loved ones' names said the passage of time did not change their grief.

"Mark, they say time heals all wounds. It's not true, Mark," said Joanne Hindy, whose nephew died in the north tower. "There's a void in all our lives because this that will never ever be filled or healed."

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ON ITS WAY DOWN: **This landmarked tree has been ordered cut down by city officials.**

TREE

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Opinions on its condition prior to Tuesday morning had varied.

Warriner and Lisa Smith, an arborist hired by City Hall, determined that the tree was falling apart at the seams from a nasty decay fungus that had infected its upper section.

They pointed to the fungus as the agent that caused three heavy limbs — one weighing in at 2,000 pounds — to fall from the tree. The third struck a neighbor's car, damaging it.

Arborists Carl Mellinger, Bob Hansen and Bob Wallace felt that the tree was sound overall, and that consistent and careful pruning of the weak branches would be enough to preserve it in place.

After the inspection, Warriner felt more confident than before that the tree would have to come down.

"Once I got into the tree, I was more concerned that the decay had spread further than anticipated," Warriner said. "There were other wounds that were entry points for decay fungi. The science points to the fact that the potential is there. There are significant limbs that, if they were to fail, would cause serious damage."

There is a risk, agreed Hansen.

"As far as most of us are concerned, a proper pruning would certainly improve it, but there's no one that can say there won't be more failures in the future because no one can control that," he said.

The placement of the tree, which sits right on the property line between the Rumacks and their neighbors, also presents a problem.

If a limb fell, it has a lot of things to hit, Hansen said.

"There's a target of people, cars, a couple of houses … it's a big tree, a serious situation," Hansen said.

Issues with the tree first came to light in July when the three branches fell within two weeks.

The first could be explained by typical problems encountered in the summer when dry weather weakens branches by sucking the water out of them, Warriner said.

Two more, however, showed signs of decay.

Code compliance issued an order dated Aug. 22 demanding that the Rumacks remove the tree by Sept. 15 or face up to $25,000 a day in fines.

Although the family hoped to save the tree by bringing in outside arborists, City Hall would not be swayed.

That doesn't mean anyone is happy about the situation, Warriner said.

"I personally am heartbroken about having to do this," Warriner said. "I don't like doing it and people can say what they want but public safety is important. I don't like taking out this tree."

The family is making plans about how best to memorialize the tree, said Asher Rumack, Harry and Faith's son.

They've discussed making a table as well as other crafts and small furniture from the wood and having prints made out of photos of the tree. A large wall in their home might be used to display photographs mounted on thin slabs of the trunk.

In addition, the family is considering leaving a 10 to 20-foot stump in their front yard as a memorial.

"There's some solace in knowing we can be reminded of the tree around our house even if we couldn't save its life," he said.

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HANDS MAN: **Samohi wide receiver Jason King makes a catch against Palisades last week.**

SAMOHI
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In particular, it's LaRue and his standing as one of the elite play-makers on the West Coach that has the old coach game planning away.

After watching last week's 53-12 win over Palisades, Rollinson noted that the Vikings are capable of running the ball, too. Voters noticed as well, ranking Samohi No. 5 in the latest CIF-Southern Section Western Division poll. Mater Dei is ranked No. 9 in the elite Pac-5.

Running back Will Taylor led Samohi last week at Pali with over 100 yards and three touchdowns as Samohi ran for six scores on the ground — a stark departure from the first game against Redondo Union when LaRue and newcomer Jason King combined for a trio of receiving touchdowns.

With two distinctly different games to go on, Rollinson said that his Monarchs "have to be prepared."

Though 2-0 on the season, Mater Dei is coming off a decidedly un-Monarch-like season. To the surprise of high school insiders, Mater Dei went 4-6, missing the playoffs for the first time in years.

Hoping to buck that trend is senior Mater Dei quarterback Ryan McMahon, who struggled at times last season.

Rollinson likes the progression McMahon has made over the summer and has confidence in his 6-foot-2 signal caller's ability to run what is traditionally a pro-style offense.

The Monarchs have started the season with momentum, even ending a three-year drought against Carson last week during a 48-13 rout.

Clark watched film from the game and didn't see a blowout, per se. He saw a Carson team move the ball effectively between the 20-yard lines, but falter in the red zone time and again.

He doesn't want to make that same mistake. Instead, he knows that his offense will have to score early to keep pace. Clark was his sly self when talking game planning, but admitted that it's going to take big plays to pull off the upset.

"We're not afraid," Clark said. "We're just excited."

The game begins Thursday at 7 p.m. at Santa Ana College.

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COLLEGES
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could easily take courses for personal enrichment.

"Now that colleges have had to cut back on the courses they can offer, those students were taking up seats in classrooms and crowding out newer students focused on job training, degree attainment or transfer," said Chancellor Jack Scott.

Implementation of the new policy will be delayed a year to allow students approaching the 100-unit cap to plan out their remaining course schedule and to give students on academic probation time to boost their grades.

The new policy was recommended earlier this year by the Student Success Task Force, which sought ways to make community colleges more effective.

Some opponents have said the new policy will put low-income students at a disadvantage because they are more unfamiliar with the college system.

But officials say community colleges can no longer afford to be all things to all people.

"This will place priority on students who are motivated and showing good progress above those who in some cases quite frankly are meandering through the system," Scott Himelstein, president of the community colleges board, told the Times.

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HEAL THE BAY
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academic standards. The California Environmental Protection Agency (Cal/EPA) now manages the program.

Heal the Bay contracted with National Geographic Education to create teacher guides and videos that provide third- to eighth-grade educators with background knowledge and curriculum on topics from feedback loops in global cycling systems and ocean currents to alternative energy solutions and sustainable fisheries.

"These extraordinary professional development guides fill a large void in California's Environmental Education Initiative," said Mark Gold, former president of Heal the Bay and the guiding force behind their creation. "Thanks to this unusual public-private partnership, there are now visually compelling, teacher-friendly, comprehensive guides on oceans, water, energy and climate change."

The guides have been tested in classrooms in California and Washington, D.C., and were used as the basis for a successful pilot EEI professional development project with teachers in the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District and middle schools in the Venice family of the Los Angeles Unified School District. The pilot program was funded by Annenberg Learner, Heal the Bay and National Geographic and with the help of Google and USC Sea Grant education professionals.

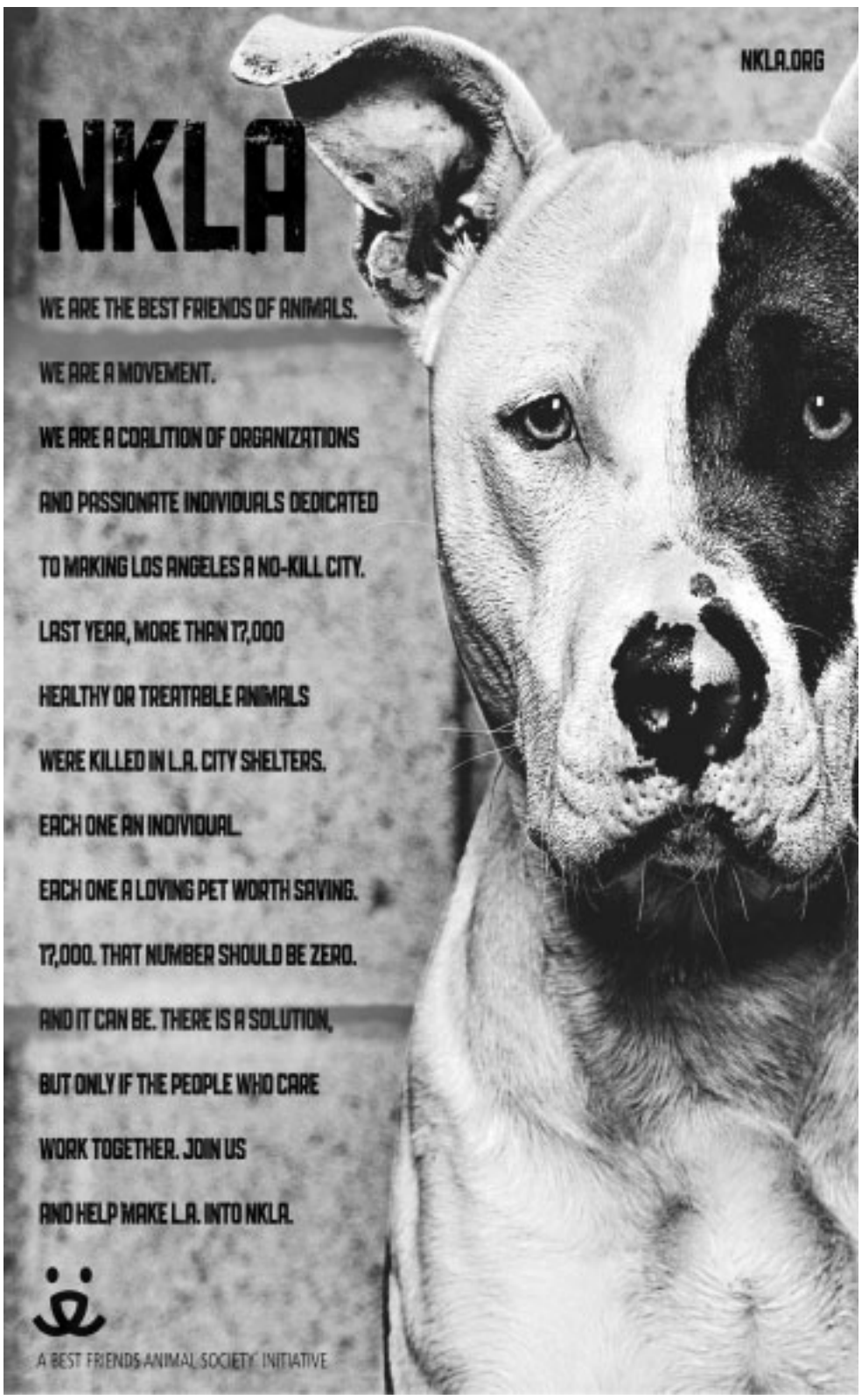
As part of the One Ocean Program, Santa Monica-Malibu teachers worked collaboratively to develop environmentally focused lesson plans. They used the EEI curriculum, Google Earth, Annenberg Learner, National Geographic and other electronic resources to create a variety of hands-on learning experiences for students. Heal the Bay will continue to partner with SMMUSD in the 2012-2013 school year to support EEI implementation in the district.

"While the guides are written for upper elementary to middle school teachers, they are so accessible that I feel I could recommend them to all elementary to high school teachers, and everyone would get something out of them," said Heal the Bay Education Director Tara Treiber. "We're really so thrilled to be able to offer such an amazing resource to educators everywhere."

The guides were made possible via funding from the David and Lucile Packard Foundation, Southern California Edison, Clean Harbors Environmental Services and Annenberg Learner, and present a unique investment in teachers' ability and confidence in teaching environmental education, officials with Heal the Bay said.

The guides are available as PDF documents on the National Geographic website (natgeoed.org/eei).

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COPS
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She spent four days in early September immersed in the Santa Monica Police Department, the first cross-cultural exchange of its kind for local police.

In foreign exchange student fashion, Birch came to learn how SMPD tackles community policing as an agency that makes use of non-sworn officers like herself.

Birch traveled on a grant won from her department for the trip. She spent the better part of six months seeking out an American police agency that she felt she could learn from to improve her performance back home before landing on the SMPD.

"It's very similar to South Wales," she said.

Community support officers like Birch are like the Swiss army knives of the force. They're civilians rather than sworn officers, but they tackle a wide variety of duties, including community presentations, responding to barking dogs and neighbor disputes, and assisting with investigations.

In fact, her position is similar to a cross between what the Santa Monica Police Department calls neighborhood resource officers and community service officers with a liberal dose of crime prevention thrown in.

Over the course of the week, Birch shadowed members of the police department, often arriving early in the morning and leaving after the close of business hours. It left no time for sight-seeing, or even restaurants — Birch was hard-pressed to identify a memorable meal during her time in Santa Monica.

Weather was another story.

"We've been having an abysmal summer," Birch said of her home in Wales. "No sunshine. I would love to work in this kind of climate."

Lauralee Asch, lead crime prevention coordinator with the SMPD, arranged the schedule with a variety of officers and civilian employees to give Birch a cross section of local police activities and a window into what both women refer to as "quality of life issues."

Although the department had no precedent for taking on international observers, officers made it happen, Asch said.

"It's the fact that she's a police person and so interested in what we're doing," Asch said. "We're always open to sharing ideas. I think it's always good — they're doing things that are interesting to us that she could share."

Crossing international lines can be a positive thing for almost any discipline, and policing is no exception.

Tola Munro, a detective constable with the Gwent Police — also in Wales — participated in a 101-day research trip through a Police Research Fellowship offered by the US-UK Fulbright Commission.

Munro traveled to Washington, D.C., and lived in Montgomery County, Md. where he observed the local police department's investigations of domestic violence.

"I was struck by the similarities in how they investigate crime, protect vulnerable people and patrol as my own force," Munro said.

Cross-cultural exchanges increase understanding and they reduce misunderstanding, Munro said.

"I think that anything which broadens our understanding of policing helps," he said. "It helps get our eyes up from what seems intractable in terms of community issues, and helps us see things from a fresh perspective. There's frequently nothing new under the sun."

Birch also noted many similarities between her own work and that of neighborhood resource officers that take care of neighborhood needs in Santa Monica.

On a bright, hot Thursday, Birch and Neighborhood Resource Officer Art Williams coasted through the streets of Santa Monica.

Williams stopped at a street corner east of Lincoln Boulevard to examine a new piece of graffiti scrawled on the side of a wall that spelled out the name of a local gang.

In his position as a neighborhood resource officer in Sunset Park, Williams has been called on to alert City Hall of graffiti, quell disputes between neighbors and, recently, settle a debate about the number of times police had to deal with a rehabilitation center on Lincoln Boulevard.

Birch is familiar with the breadth of tasks, if not the specifics.

She covers an area of Wales with seven schools, a business district and a shopping center, and is often called on to be the public face of the force in events to handle the public's questions about policing and crime-prevention talks.

Birch, who entered the force three years ago after a career in her own life management firm, takes the load as a matter of course, although it's one of the biggest differences between her department and Santa Monica's.

"We have separate job classifications and more specialists," Asch said. "My unit deals with neighborhood watch, community problems, community outreach and education, things like that. We have (community service officers) that go to calls and help victims of crime and park rangers that deal with stuff in parks.

"They have one person who does all that."

Birch did get taken on a bit of a ride, however.

Unlike sworn police officers, community support officers do not act as first responders, meaning they aren't the ones turning on the lights and sirens to get to a crime scene.

When a call came over the radio about a suspected domestic violence dispute, however, she got a taste … minus the sirens and lights.

Williams parked along the perimeter established by other members of the department as they hunted for a suspect in what they thought was a domestic violence dispute.

Although the search came up empty, it was a bit of excitement Birch hadn't expected.

"We chose the perfect day!" she said.

Birch headed home Saturday and left in her wake some literature regarding community policing as well as a seed of an idea.

"We could always use a different perspective on how we approach outreach. I'd be more than open to going over there," Asch joked.

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U.S. stocks rise ahead of Federal Reserve meeting

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NEW YORK Investors spent Tuesday preparing for two events sure to move markets this week: a Federal Reserve meeting and a court decision on whether Germany can help support its struggling neighbors. And if the stock market's gains Tuesday are any sign, they expect both events to turn out well.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 69.07 points to close at 13,323.36. The average of 30 large company stocks has already gained 1.8 percent to start September, a month which is usually dismal for stocks.

Bank of America led the 30 stocks in the Dow, rising 5 percent, or 45 cents, to $9.03.

Federal Reserve officials will gather for a two-day meeting on Wednesday. Many expect the Fed will announce a new effort to revive the sluggish economy Thursday afternoon.

On the same day the Fed starts its meeting, Germany's high court is expected to rule on whether the country can participate in a European bailout fund. The court rejected a last-minute appeal to delay the decision on Tuesday.

"It's going to get interesting this week," said Randy Frederick, managing director of active trading and derivatives at the brokerage Charles Schwab.

Frederick expects the Fed will make some sort of move, especially after the government reported last Friday that employers added fewer than 100,000 jobs in August.

"Prior to the employment report people weren't as sure," Frederick said. "I am definitely on the majority side here. There's some sort of easing coming."

In other trading, the Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 4.48 points to 1,433.56. The Nasdaq composite increased 0.51 of a point to 3,104.53.

The assumption that the Fed will announce new stimulus measures is so widespread that some worry the market could take a plunge if the Fed fails to deliver.

Ron Florance, managing director of investment strategy at Wells Fargo Private Bank in Scottsdale, Ariz., said he's always wary when stocks rise on nothing more than expectations.

"These are the things that make you nervous, when markets are going strong in anticipation of news," Florance said.

On Tuesday, the Commerce Department reported that exports to Europe dropped 11.7 percent in July, stoking concerns that Europe's troubles could smother the U.S. recovery. Overall U.S. exports fell 1 percent to $183.3 billion, lowered by weaker sales of autos, telecom equipment and heavy machinery.

Morgan Stanley and Citigroup rose after the two banks settled a dispute over how much to value their jointly owned brokerage firm, Morgan Stanley Smith Barney. The deal cleared the way for Morgan Stanley to buy Citigroup's stake. Citi gained 83 cents to $32.66. Morgan Stanley rose 64 cents to $17.25.

A profit warning from luxury clothing chain Burberry helped tug down other high-end retailers in early trading. Burberry said slowing sales to China will likely weaken earnings. Ralph Lauren lost $4.09 to $156.22. Tiffany & Co. sank 78 cents to $62.26.

Among other stocks making moves:

• Legg Mason jumped 5 percent following reports that its CEO will step down Oct. 1. Clients have been pulling money out of the money manager's funds, weakening revenue. Legg Mason's stock surged $1.38 to $26.85.

• Hewlett-Packard gained 52 cents to $17.95, a 3 percent gain. The computer and printer maker said late Monday that it will cut 29,000 jobs by October 2014, or 2,000 more than it had previously planned. Sales of personal computers have slumped as people favor smartphones and lightweight tablet computers.



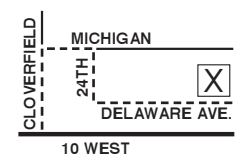


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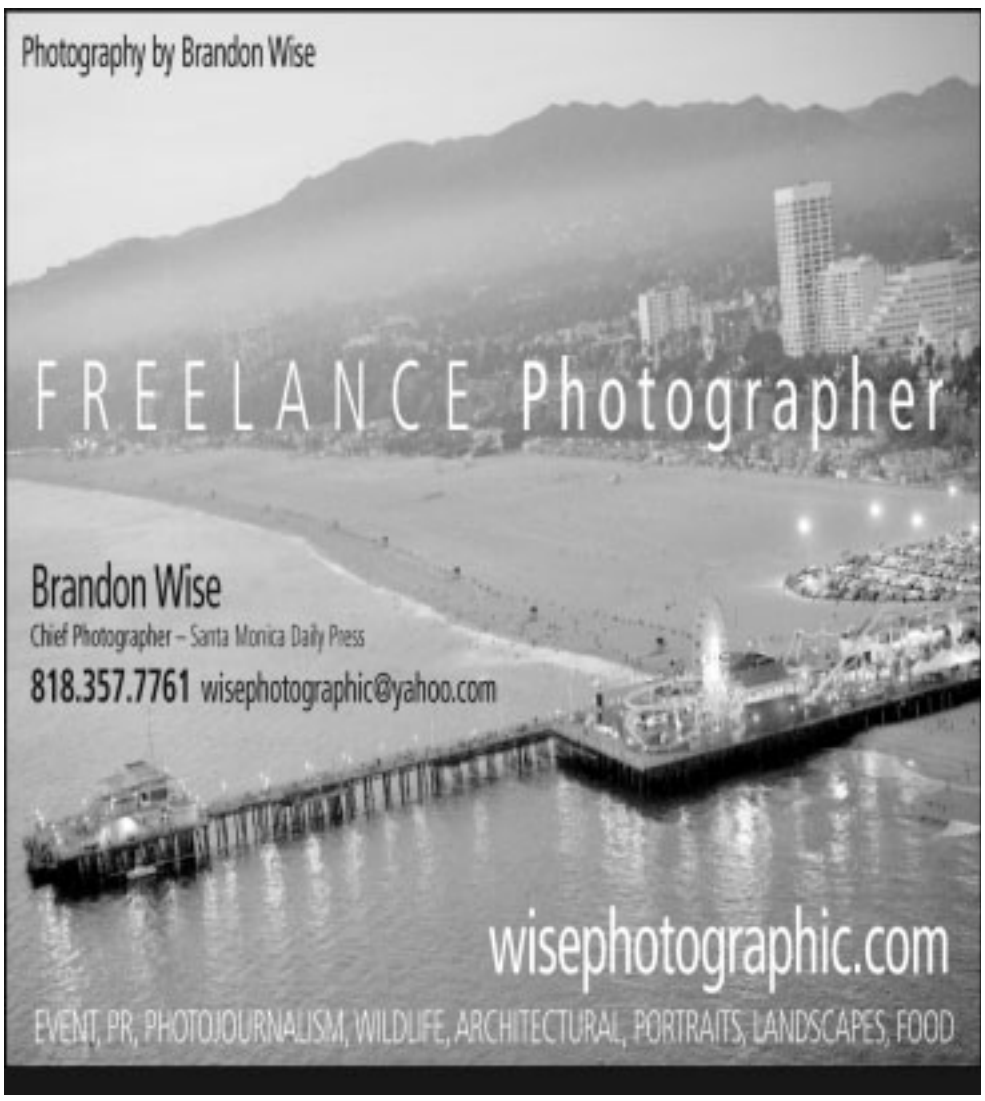
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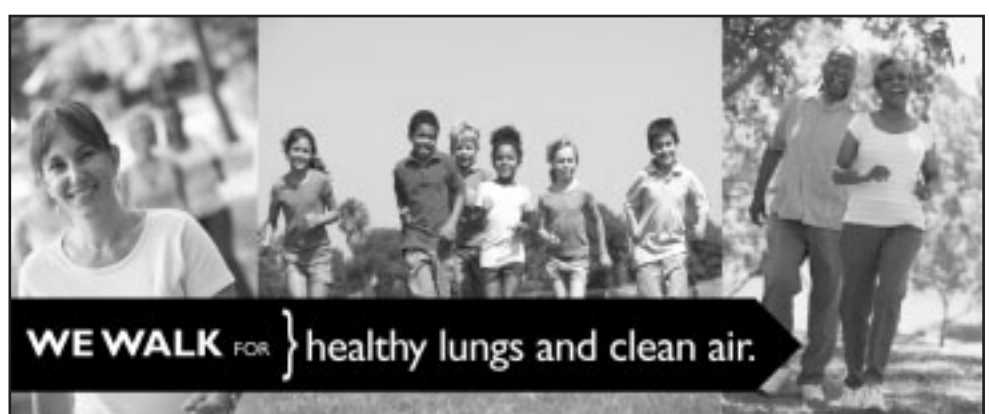
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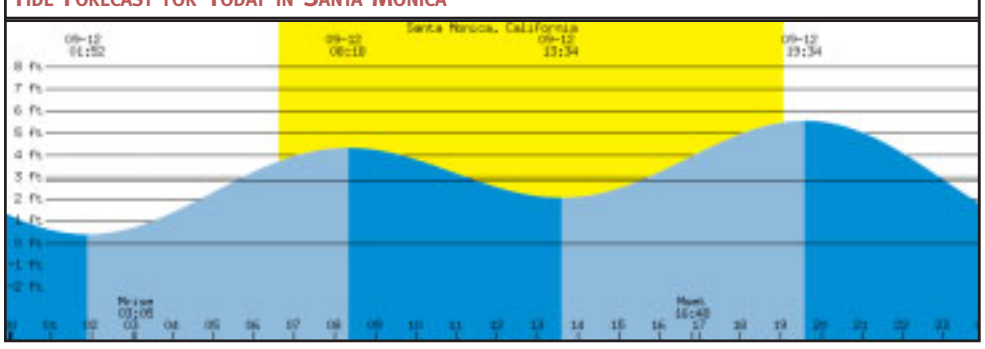
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Looks like a knee high day everywhere.

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Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica



BEACH REPORT CARD

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QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)
Number of sewage spills -- 1
Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
Number of wet days -- 8
Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 36 / 16
Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 0 / 10

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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Las Alisa creeks.	ns	ns
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	ns
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A+	ns
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach.	A	ns
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 21672 Malibu Rd.	A+	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	ns
Surfrider Beach (breach location) - daily.	B	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	F	ns
Corbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	ns
Big Rock Beach at 19648 PCH stairs.	A+	ns
Pena Creek at Los Tunas County Beach.	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon.	ns	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	A	ns
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at 17208 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+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	A+	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A	ns
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	A	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	A+	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A+	ns
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A+	ns
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A+	ns
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St.	A+	ns
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach - lifeguard tower.	A	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	A	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	A+	ns
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of CIWW jetty).	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	A+	ns
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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NCAA FOOTBALL

Stanford looks to 'steal' a win vs. USC and Barkley

ANTONIO GONZALEZ
AP Sports Writer

STANFORD, Calif. David Shaw calls it "stealing second."

Similar to a baserunner who reads a pitcher's motion, the second-year Stanford coach has tried to teach his safeties the art of when to break against a quarterback by using baseball principles. The analogy comes from his father, Willie, who spent more than 30 years coaching defensive backs and linebackers at every level and still barks out the phrase when he attends practices.

Never has the approach seemed more pertinent to Shaw than this week.

With Andrew Luck no longer around to match Matt Barkley, the No. 21 Cardinal (2-0) must find a way to slow second-ranked Southern California's passing game Saturday night in a rematch of last season's triple-overtime thriller at the Los Angeles Coliseum. Barkley leads the nation with 10 touchdown passes, tossing six last week alone to power the Trojans (2-0) past Syracuse 46-29 and heighten his Heisman Trophy resume.

"It's all about reading a quarterback and anticipating his hand coming off the ball," Shaw said. "We need every healthy defensive back this week."

Any chance Stanford has at home will hinge largely on its passing defense — and maybe even "stealing second" once or twice — in what appears to be a lop-sided matchup.

At least on paper.

The Robert Woods-Marqise Lee receiver combo gave the Cardinal constant problems last season before Luck led four straight touchdown drives to end the game and let Stanford escape with a 56-48 victory. Shaw, a former Stanford wide receiver, called Lee and Woods the best college tandem he's ever seen and it's "not even close."

"I don't know if there ever has been in the modern era," he said.

While the Cardinal have won three straight against USC and Barkley, making it four in a row — a streak that has never happened in a series that dates back to 1905 between the schools — will perhaps be the most difficult.

Stanford has two new starting safeties, Ed Reynolds and Jordan Richards, and has combined to play 22 true freshmen and redshirt freshmen already this season. In all, 24 players have made their collegiate debut.

The running game has struggled to break free in wins over San Jose State and Duke with defenses stacking nine men near the line of scrimmage and putting pressure on new quarterback Josh Nunes to throw more than Shaw would prefer. The result has caused the Cardinal to depend on a defensive front seven that might be the Pac-12 Conference's best but also, at times, has been nullified by opponents with constant bubble screens and three-step drops to receivers on the outside.

Especially in losses to Oregon and Oklahoma State last season.

"We see people trying to challenge us and see if we can tackle in space," said Reynolds, who has three interceptions already after the team totaled four all of last year. "We've had a strong emphasis on that since camp, even going back to spring ball. We kind of pride ourselves right now as far as making tackles in the open field and not having any breakdowns."

Stanford's secondary credits the coaches for the sudden shift.

In particular, Reynolds praised defensive assistant Tavita Pritchard for offering tips about quarterbacks' tendencies and mannerisms. Pritchard, coincidentally, was the quarterback who led Stanford to a stunning 24-23 win over second-ranked USC at the Coliseum in 2007, considered one of the greatest upsets in college football history and a launching point for the program. Stanford was a 41-point underdog (the Trojans opened as nine-point favorites this week).

Every day in practice the Cardinal run a pursuit drill where all 11 defenders swarm to the ball, and going against Luck — the No. 1 overall pick by the Indianapolis Colts and two-time Heisman Trophy runner-up — for four years also helped. But simulating the Trojans' speed is almost impossible, so Stanford has tried to preach patience and assignments, counting on each player to stay within the system and not overpursue on any play.

The scheme has come with mixed success. While the Cardinal made BCS bowls the last two years, Oregon gained 387 yards, Oklahoma State racked up 412 yards and USC totaled 432 yards in Stanford's biggest games last season.

"As long as I keep stressing on doing my job, not trying to do too much, not trying to play outside of my frame, as well as my other teammates, we'll be fine," said cornerback Terrence Brown, who is actually 5-0 in his career against Barkley, with Brown's Orange Lutheran High School beating Barkley's Mater Dei High School in Southern California twice.

Keeping pressure on Barkley will be the other challenge.

In more than 60 minutes and three overtimes of play, Stanford never sacked Barkley once last year. The return of middle linebacker Shayne Skov, who injured his left knee in the third game against Arizona and didn't return until Stanford routed Duke 50-13 last week, should help but so will coverage on the outside to keep the quarterback in the pocket.

The burst off the ball, into the cut and after the catch for Woods is something Shaw said he's never seen in college, with each phase getting faster instead of slowing down, as with most players at this stage. He called Lee a "bigger version" of Woods who manhandles defensive backs for yards.

Stopping the duo, Shaw said, will take mistake-free football.

"It's all about gang tackling and knowing where your help is," Shaw said. "You think you're by yourself and you take a shot and you miss and they get up the sideline, you can't catch them."

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Order in tonight, Taurus

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ You flex and adjust to someone else's plans. You might want to understand what is going on with a key person in your life. If you are too abrupt, what happens as a result might not be all that pleasant. Tonight: Play the night away.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Keep a close eye on a certain situation, even if you wish you could do something else or join a friend. To ensure that you are headed in the right direction, you will need to stay on top of a problem. Tempers flare as the day goes on. Tonight: Order in.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Keep your conversations open and flowing. You might not like what you are hearing. A problem ensues where you least expect it. You do not need to get in the middle of it. Keep your distance, if possible. Tonight: Chat up a storm.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ New beginnings become possible if you make an effort to express your deeper feelings and allow more of the unexpected into your life. Sarcasm marks an interaction. Do you really need to add that touch? Tonight: Your efforts count. Reach out for someone.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ You want to understand what is going on behind the scenes. The element of surprise makes all the difference. New beginnings become possible. Curb your anger rather than saying something you might regret later. Tonight: All smiles.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You have the ability to make a difference within your immediate circle. You seem to be able to read others through their actions and sense their feelings. Tonight: Play it low-key.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Honor a long-term desire, and find out what you need to do. A meeting points to your relationship within a particular group. You could be surprised by an invitation that seems to come from out of nowhere. Tonight: Find your friends.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ You could find yourself being observed by others. You might wonder whether it would serve you to do something different. In some sense, you are offended; on the other hand, you are flattered. Know what you desire and need from a situation. Tonight: Into the wee hours.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Use your ability to relate to one person directly. You might want to step back from a control game. The unexpected occurs surrounding a personal matter. A discussion could become quite verbal. Be spontaneous. Tonight: Be direct with a loved one.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Still going along with others' plans? If you can't stand it anymore, make a point to be alone. This period is important for others to appreciate how very much you do and offer. Your skills are unique. Tonight: Lighten up the moment with friends.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ Count on giving more than 100 percent, no matter what you are doing. Your efforts to pitch in and help others might be more appreciated than you think. Do what you want for you, and not for others. Tonight: Choose a favorite stressbuster.

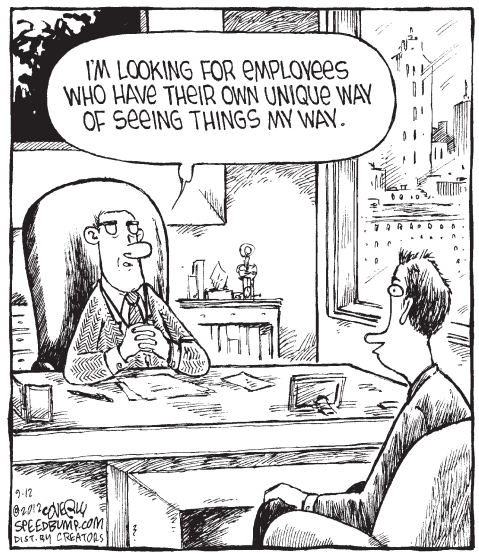
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ Your very playful personality emerges, which allows greater give-and-take. With humor, you can say much more than usual. People have a more relaxed response when approached in this manner. Tonight: Let your hair down!

Happy birthday

You approach life with sensitivity, yet you demonstrate the ability to openly accept the many surprises that head down your path. Sometimes you might get angry or enraged as a result of being left out of plans. If you are single, often you might feel excluded. Know that this feeling stems from your childhood, and try to get through it. If you are attached, you often might pull in tightly to your sweetie, especially when you feel insecure. Don't worry -- this person understands. You pitch in when your significant other needs or wants your support. LEO reads you cold.

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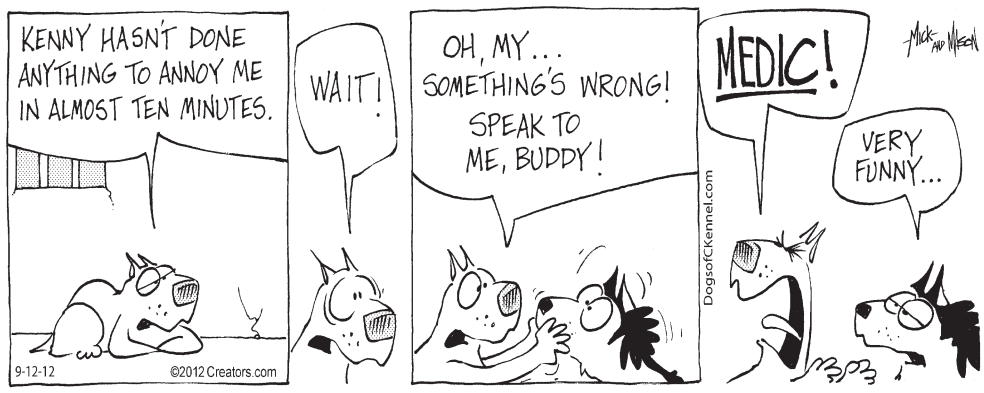
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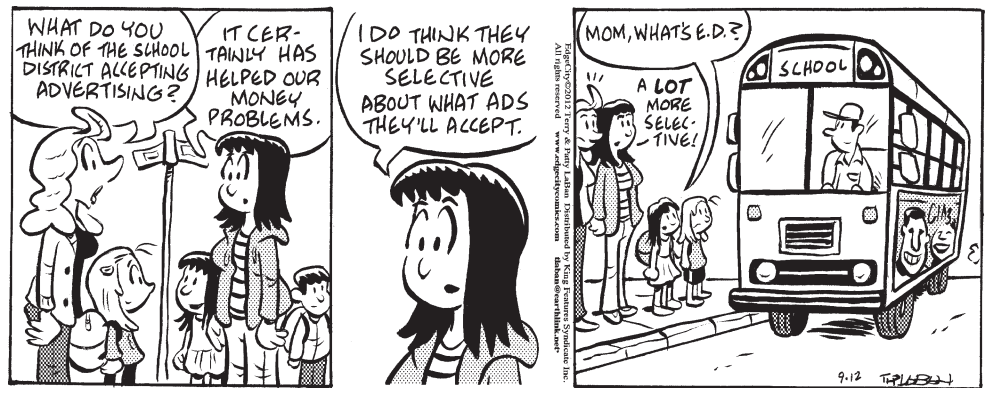
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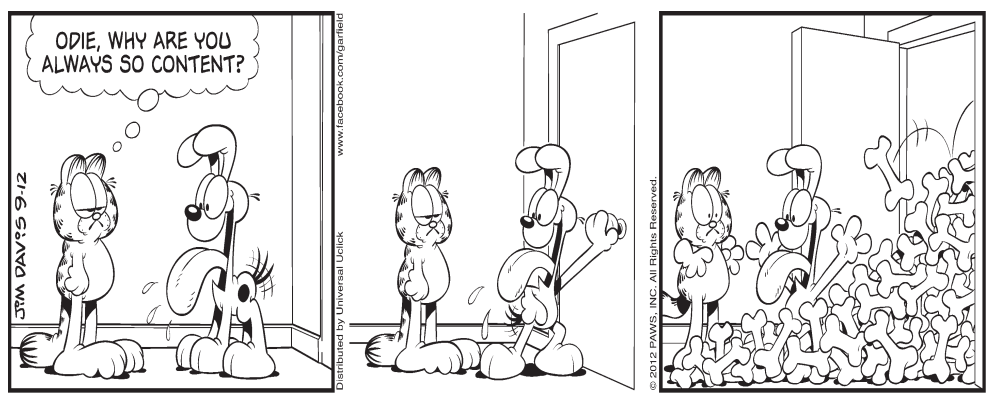
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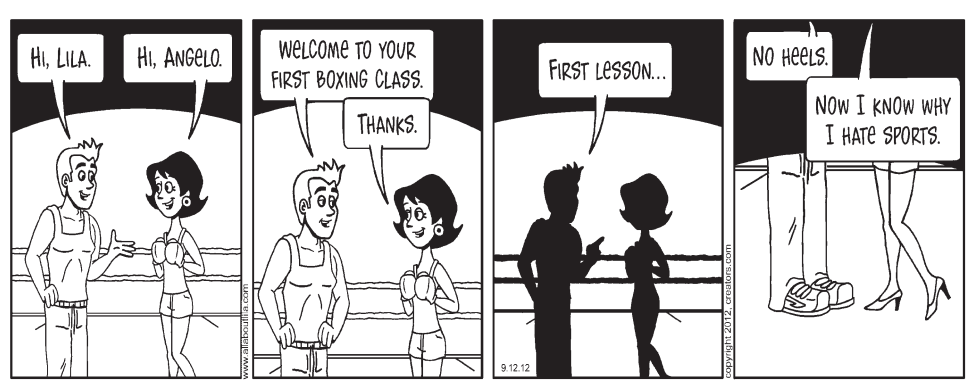
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Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★★

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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

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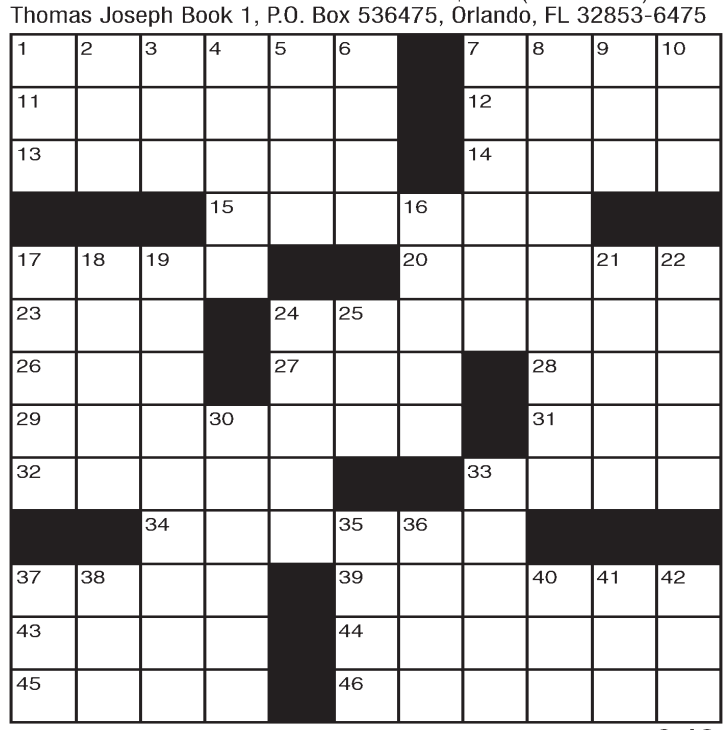
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7 10 12 28 39

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Draw Date: 9/11
MIDDAY: 9 0 8
EVENING: 5 4 5

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Draw Date: 9/11
1st: 09 Winning Spirit
2nd: 01 Gold Rush
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RACE TIME: 1:42.98

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ "Pheromone parties" attract men and women seeking romance not via often-insincere conversation but based on the primal-scent signals emitted by each other's slept-in T-shirts. Organizers have staged parties in New York City and Los Angeles and plan to expand, according to a June Associated Press report. The organizers' initial conclusion: People prefer lovers with a somewhat-different genetic make-up than their own, but not too different.

■ In a study published in August, women with the feline-oriented Toxoplasma gondii parasite in their systems showed an elevated risk of depression and suicide perhaps caused by the brain's being deprived of serotonin. Since toxoplasmosis is most often passed via handling of cat feces, women's fondness for and time spent with cats might thus put them at greater risk than previously believed. (T.gondii is believed capable of reproducing only inside cats' intestines, and might, hypothesizes prominent Czech scientist Jaroslav Flegr, have learned that the surest route to the intestines is by hacking into the brains of delicious rats and mice.)...

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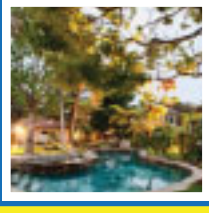




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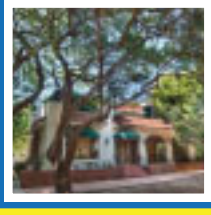
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