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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Samohi readies for Pali's new offense

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

PACIFIC PALISADES While most prep football teams are experimenting with new school variations of the spread offense, Palisades High School is going with a decidedly old school tactic: the wishbone.

Santa Monica High School Head Coach Travis Clark said that he's enthusiastically looking forward to defending an offense that most of today's players know little about. The two teams will renew its Westside rivalry tonight at Pali.

"That's how I grew up," Clark said of the wishbone. "This is going to be interesting."

The run-first offense was installed by new Pali Dolphins head coach Perry Jones. In the past, the Dolphins had been more of a pass-

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Employee union makes school board selections

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

DOWNTOWN Custodians, cafeteria workers, bus drivers and teaching assistants working for the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District have endorsed two school board incumbents and two challengers for the November ballot.

Members of SEIU Local 99 held a town hall meeting last week, at which time they threw their support behind school board members Ralph Mechur and Oscar de la Torre, as well as challengers Patrick Cady and Laurie Lieberman.

Cady is a coach at Santa Monica High School and is the only candidate from Malibu running. Lieberman is an education advocate and the wife of powerful land-use attorney Chris Harding.

"We are looking for candidates who recognize the commitment, expertise, and

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WAY TO WALK

Brandon Wise *brandonw@smdp.com*

People walk down Pico Boulevard with Zach Bonner (center left), a 12-year-old Tampa, Fla., resident as he finishes the last mile of his 2,500-mile 'Walk Across America' on Tuesday afternoon. Bonner's walk across the country was to raise awareness of homeless children.

Homeowners now targeted for leaf blower violations

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL In a move meant to crackdown on illegal leaf blowing, the City Council on Tuesday unanimously voted to change the way City Hall enforces its ban on the noisy machines and opted to spend $55,000 to hire a new leaf blower point person.

Instead of relying on police officers to issue leaf blowing citations, City Hall's Office of Sustainability and the Environment will take over enforcement responsibility.

In another change from the old enforcement procedures, OSE staff will have the authority to cite property owners, water customers, owners and operators of gardening or landscape maintenance services, property management companies, and leaf blower operators. Under the old rules, police officers were only authorized to cite leaf blower operators for violating the ordinance.

Rather than writing tickets, OSE staff plans to enforce the ban the same way City Hall enforces its water conservation and urban runoff ordinances. Staff will patrol the city looking for violations and will conduct site visits in response to residents' complaints.

Use of leaf blowers, whether gas powered or electric, has long been illegal in Santa

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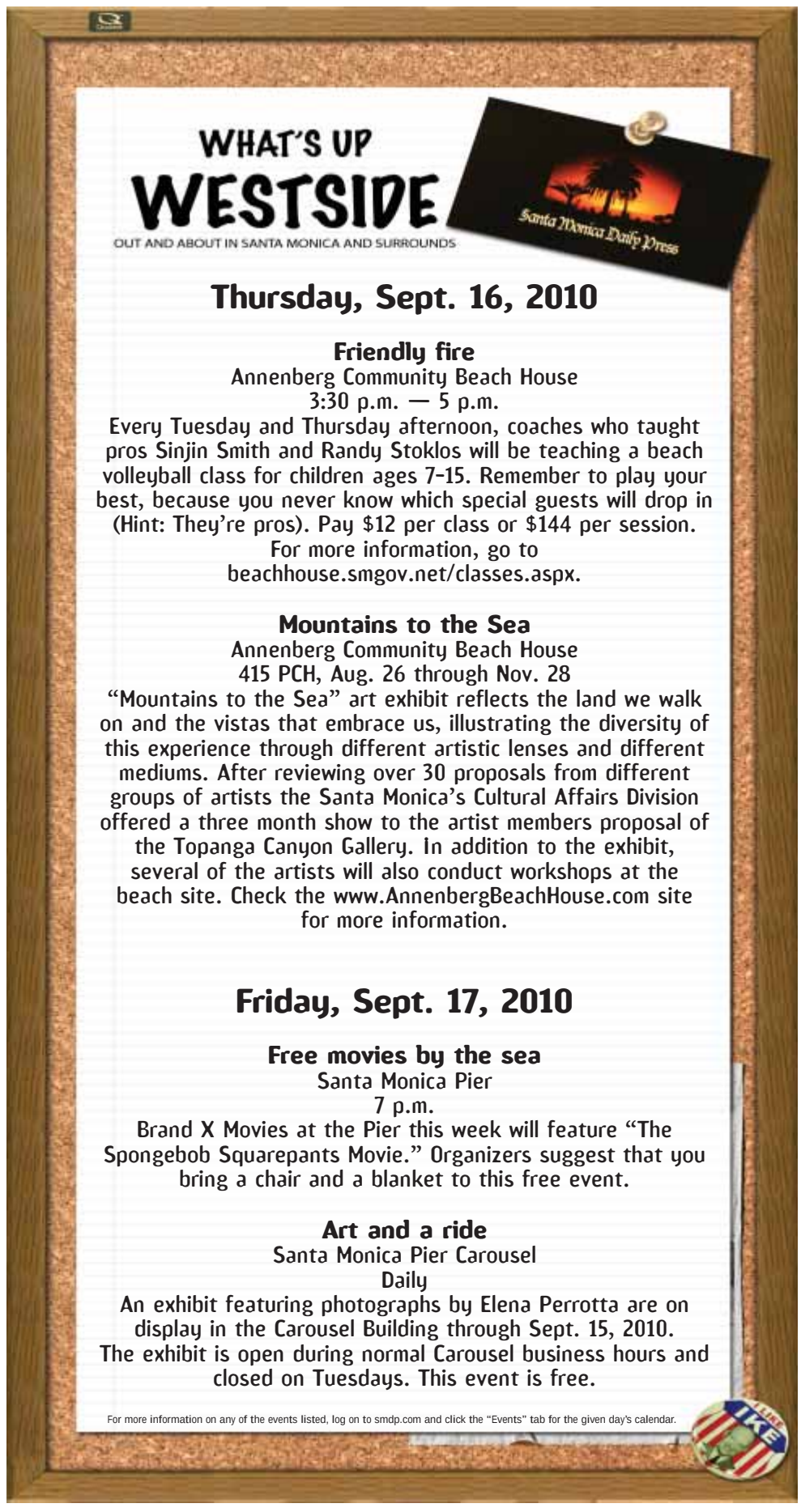
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Thursday, Sept. 16, 2010

Friendly fire
Annenberg Community Beach House
3:30 p.m. — 5 p.m.
Every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon, coaches who taught pros Sinjin Smith and Randy Stoklos will be teaching a beach volleyball class for children ages 7-15. Remember to play your best, because you never know which special guests will drop in (Hint: They're pros). Pay $12 per class or $144 per session. For more information, go to beachhouse.smgov.net/classes.aspx.

Mountains to the Sea
Annenberg Community Beach House
415 PCH, Aug. 26 through Nov. 28
"Mountains to the Sea" art exhibit reflects the land we walk on and the vistas that embrace us, illustrating the diversity of this experience through different artistic lenses and different mediums. After reviewing over 30 proposals from different groups of artists the Santa Monica's Cultural Affairs Division offered a three month show to the artist members proposal of the Topanga Canyon Gallery. In addition to the exhibit, several of the artists will also conduct workshops at the beach site. Check the www.AnnenbergBeachHouse.com site for more information.

Friday, Sept. 17, 2010

Free movies by the sea
Santa Monica Pier
7 p.m.
Brand X Movies at the Pier this week will feature "The Spongebob Squarepants Movie." Organizers suggest that you bring a chair and a blanket to this free event.

Art and a ride
Santa Monica Pier Carousel
Daily
An exhibit featuring photographs by Elena Perrotta are on display in the Carousel Building through Sept. 15, 2010. The exhibit is open during normal Carousel business hours and closed on Tuesdays. This event is free.

For more information on any of the events listed, log on to smdp.com and click the "Events" tab for the given day's calendar.

CORRECTION

In the article "City Hall: Rents may increase for restaurants with outdoor dining," published in the Sept. 15 edition of the Daily Press, it should have stated that the rents being proposed for outdoor dining in public spaces were based on square footage per month.

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HUDDLE UP: **St. Monica Head Coach Allison Rivera huddles her team during a three set victory over Buckley on Tuesday on campus.**

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL

St. Monica wins season debut

BY PATRICK HOURIHAN
Special to the Daily Press

ST. MONICA With nine seniors set to graduate this spring on a roster of 12 girls, it seems this is the year for the St. Monica High School varsity girls' volleyball team to reclaim the Camino Real League crown.

"We are taking this season one game at a time but I think we'll be solid," said third-year head coach for the Mariners, Allison Rivera. "And with so many girls graduating this year, we are going after the league championship, that is our goal."

St. Monica opened the season on Tuesday with a non-league game against the Buckley School from Sherman Oaks. Starters for the Lady Mariners included senior co-captains Cory LaGuardia and Athena Nestoras, seniors Emily Fuentes, Zaykia Moore, Shaina Hernandez and sophomore Cambria Lagana.

The Lady Mariners won with a clean sweep against the Buckley School Griffins, winning three games to none. The girls looked dominant in winning the first two games with scores of 25-14. However, the Buckley School at one time briefly held the lead in the third game, before succumbing to the barrage of hard hits and relentless defense of the Lady Mariners and ultimately losing 25-19 in the final game to end the match.

Buckley's head coach, Tanner Ragland, was impressed with the strength of St. Monica's seniors and admits they were a tough matchup for his girls.

"They're always a great team and they are loaded this year with a lot of girls who play club ball year round," Ragland said. "They will be hard to beat, that's for sure."

The girls have tournaments coming up this weekend and next weekend which will help get them prepared for league play, which begins Oct. 5 with a matchup against Serra High School. But Coach Rivera and the two co-captains admitted one of their biggest games of the year is tonight's matchup against the school's most heated rival — Mary Star of the Sea High School, located in San Pedro.

"In pretty much every sport our school has an intense and passionate rivalry against Mary Star, so Thursday is the big game of the year for us so far," said the tallest member of the team at 5 feet, 11 inches, co-captain Cory LaGuardia.

Last year, St. Monica beat Mary Star early in the season, handing them their only league loss. But, St. Monica suffered a devastating 0-3 loss just before the playoffs and ended up losing league to the Stars by one game. Despite the fact that the two teams are now playing in separate leagues, the heated rivalry still lives on.

Co-captain Nestoras, who has been playing volleyball since the fifth grade and plays year-round for a club team, says she loves the sport and that she expects great things from St. Monica's team this season. But, she admits she has really been looking

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Sperm donor loses unique paternity suit

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

SM COURTHOUSE There's a big difference between being a sperm donor and being a dad.

That's the message that came out of a paternity suit recently resolved at the Santa Monica Courthouse in which a sperm donor sought joint custody of a toddler he helped conceive.

As is customary in paternity cases, the full names of the parties involved have not been disclosed. But the story goes like this:

Karen B., a lesbian looking to become a mother, found a sperm donor who seemed like a good fit in Daniel C., a gay man who had posted an ad on Craigslist offering his services.

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State AG files lawsuit against Bell leadership

JOHN ROGERS
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES The California attorney general's office sued eight current and former officials of the scandal-ridden city of Bell on Wednesday, accusing them of defrauding taxpayers by granting themselves salaries so high they were illegal and a disgrace to public service.

The suit demands the officials, including former City Manager Robert Rizzo, return hundreds of thousands of dollars they were paid to run the small, working-class city where one in six people live in poverty.

It also demands the reduction of bloated pension benefits that were based on the high salaries.

The salary scandal sparked nationwide outrage and calls for cities of all sizes to publicly disclose what employees are paid.

Rizzo's salary was $787,637 a year — nearly double that of President Barack Obama. Bell police Chief Randy Adams, who later resigned, was paid $150,000 more than the chief of the Los Angeles Police Department.

"You can't just take the public's money and give it to yourself or give it to your

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Taking care of business

Editor:

In response to Mr. Bauer's ["My Write"] column titled "Let's talk trash" that ran on Sept. 13, 2010, we wanted to provide additional information on the operation of the city's Resource Recovery & Recycling (RRR) Division. On any given day, the RRR Division collects approximately 8,000 containers for residential, multi-family, and commercial accounts. To clarify collection frequencies, the 300-gallon black trash and the 300-gallon blue recycling containers are serviced twice per week throughout our city. This has been the collection frequency since the inception of the automated side loader equipment.

As Mr. Bauer suggests in his column, the side loader vehicle operation employed to achieve efficiency in high volume collections is not structured for drivers to exit their vehicles as a primary function. However, we do have a policy that the drivers will collect any large debris in the area of the bins on their collection routes. The system currently in place has substantially reduced the number of worker injuries caused by throwing bags and manually dumping cans into the back of a trash truck. In addition to being a safer operation for the employees, the automated trucks have streamlined the operation, increasing the number of containers collected per day. Our drivers are doing the best possible job to ensure that the trash containers are emptied into the truck. When we miss the mark, however, please report this to us at (310) 458-2223 so we can respond.

Education is a critical component of our operation. Concerns raised by Mr. Bauer, such as informing customers about the importance of breaking down boxes to maximize container space as indicated in the photo attached to the article, help the drivers and the neighbors. When these conditions are reported to the dispatch center by drivers or constituents, they are investigated by supervisory staff.

We recently launched an educational campaign addressing illegal recycling. This effort is coordinated closely with the police department to reduce the city-wide problem. Residents are encouraged to call the Scavenger Hotline at (310) 458-4932 to report identifying information of the scavenger, vehicle (if any), and time and location of the illegal recycling. We have also implemented locking containers in alleys to discourage illegal recycling.

We encourage all of our customers to contact us at (310) 458-2223 or www.smgov.net/recycling for additional services, additional containers, missed collections, report of illegal dumping, or report of scavenging. Most importantly, we encourage our customers to learn about the various educational programs we offer such as the Food Scraps Collection Pilot Program to reduce our trash and how to properly recycle and reuse our valuable resources.

Susan Cline
Acting Director of Public Works



Your column here



Linda Piera-Avila — **Send comments to editor@smdp.com**

Changing the political climate

ACCORDING TO NASA, 2010 HAS BEEN the hottest year on record. Atmospheric CO2 is at an all time high and global warming is rearing its sweltering head. How can we prevent this from accelerating to the point of no return?

Tragically, the December, 2009 UN Climate Change negotiations in Copenhagen failed, leaving no serious global plan or commitment in place. Fortunately in California, we have AB32 (the Global Warming Solutions Act), which sets greenhouse gas emission reduction goals for the state and SB 375 (the Sustainable Communities and Climate Protection Act), which connects them to land use and transportation planning.

The California Air Resources Board (ARB) and the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) recently held a target setting public workshop in Los Angeles on greenhouse gas emissions reductions. Under SB 375 the ARB is required to set passenger vehicle greenhouse gas emission reduction targets for 2020 and 2035 for each of the 18 metropolitan planning organizations in the state like SCAG. Since approximately 40 percent of greenhouse gases nationally come from passenger vehicles and light trucks, ways must be found to reduce the number of vehicle miles traveled, as well as increase efficiency and the use of cleaner, renewable fuels.

The ARB has set a draft 5-10 percent statewide reduction goal in per capita emissions relative to 2005 levels for 2020 and a 3-12 percent reduction for Southern California for 2035. Given the severity of the climate change crisis and the need to substantially reduce total, not just per capita emissions, is this enough?

The ARB spoke of the time needed to change land use forms and transportation infrastructure, and to account for the recession and economic recovery. Jacob Lieb of SCAG reported on our region's progress and outlined five scenarios that vary in the intensity of land use and transportation system components. The goal he said is to find a scenario that is both "achievable" due to economic constraints and "ambitious" because of the urgency of the crisis.

We can't afford to be anything less than ambitious. Polls consistently show large majorities of Americans believe the Earth is warming precipitously as the result of human activity and they want the government to act. Yet too often government does not. Why? We have to look at the way we elect people and the rules under which they govern.

Despite the recent eco-catastrophe in the Gulf (that should remind us how dangerous and unsustainable our climate change-inducing fossil-fuel dependence is), efforts to pass a federal climate change bill in 2010 are going nowhere, in part because of the filibuster rule in the U.S. Senate. Here the minority prevents the majority from acting.

To control foreign oil, incredible sums are spent in Iran and Afghanistan, even though most Americans would prefer they be spent at home. For what the US spends in a few weeks on war, not only could the Exposition Rail Line to Santa Monica have already been funded and built, but an entire regional rail network across Southern California. In that case, the ARB/SCAG workshop could have focused on complementary local land use patterns and transit connections to already existing regional public transportation corridors, and we'd be 20 to 30 years ahead of where we are now.

Part of the reason we are behind is that our electoral system is 100 years behind. Supermajority contortions like the 60 vote U.S. Senate filibuster and the two-thirds vote of the California Legislature required to pass a budget are understandable responses, however ultimately flawed, to the inflexibility of an electoral system based upon singe-seat, winner-take-all districts and the kind of government that results from them.

It's not a surprise that Europe is far ahead of the U.S. on climate change. They use systems of proportional representation to elect their legislatures, where if a party gets 20 percent of the vote they get 20 percent of the seats. These systems bring all points of view to the table in government and have allowed Green Parties and others who embrace climate change solutions to be elected, raise issues and shift debate. The German Green Party made climate change its number one issue for federal elections in 1990. As a result, a later Green-Social Democratic coalition government enacted a successful carbon tax that discourages greenhouse gas emissions by creating a tax on the carbon content of fossil fuels, while incentivizing employment by reducing taxes on labor.

It's fantastic that AB32 passed in 2006. But it needed to have come 15 years earlier, along with the move to create jobs through a green economy. We need a political system that gives voice to these cutting edge ideas sooner than later.

California took a backwards step with the passage of Proposition 14, which would raise the cost of elections and limit voter choice. But Proposition 14 was also a frustrated response to the under-representative nature of government via winner-take-all, single-seat districts. If it is thrown out in the courts, and there are good reasons to believe it will be, if we want to really deal with climate change, it will be time to change the political climate, through electoral reform that more fully represents the people. A system like that is the kind I would trust more to care for the people and the planet.

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Kindling a love affair with e-books

I'M NOT SO BIG ON GIFTS.

Correction: I'm big on Oprah-style gifts, like "We're buying you a house!" or "Say hellllloooooo to your new ISLAAAAAAAND!" (Either a kitchen or tropical one would be fine by me). Suffice it to say, I don't get too many big gifts.

Which is why I surprised my husband and myself last month after finishing a particularly satisfying novel and declaring I wanted a Kindle for our anniversary. I haven't asked for a gift in ages, preferring instead that whatever money would have been spent on me is saved for something big in the future (although a "small" island — kitchen or tropical — would be appropriate at any time).

He was more than happy to oblige. ("Something she can't complain she didn't want or doesn't like since she asked for it specifically?" he surely thought. "Perfect!") Besides, it's hard to spring anything on someone with whom you share a credit card account, the statement of which is checked online routinely by the gift recipient.

The next day I e-mailed him the link (6-inch display, graphite, latest generation with Wi-Fi), and the obsession officially took hold. I haven't stalked prey this hard since junior year of high school when I suspected (correctly, as it turned out) that Chris Fisher was cheating on me with Annemarie Joyce. Because of "strong customer demand," the newest Kindle is being doled out conservatively on a first-come, first-served basis, with Amazon being irritatingly cagey about shipping dates. My web browser rolled its eyes each time I refreshed Amazon's order summary screen, and the customer service staff became my collective frenemy in the 24 long days between purchase and arrival. I passed the time making a list of books I planned to buy, but stopped when I realized I should save some of that money so my family can pay its grocery and heating bills this winter.

Unfortunately the Kindle made its appearance on our actual anniversary, about 20 minutes before we were due to head out for the night. I spent a moment of panic in the bedroom while my husband waited for me downstairs. Cancel our plans and stay in to play with my new love, or continue to be married? Reluctantly, I left the unopened box on my desk.

Frankly though, spending the evening with my husband was a much more amorous decision. Because — let's be honest — the Kindle is not sexy. It's like the homely girl in the romantic comedy who lives next door to the star who once dated, was engaged or married to Brad Pitt. It's the Minnie Driver to Angelina Jolie, if you will.

Lack of offers to pose in Playboy aside, the Kindle is not perfect otherwise. Reading without page numbers is like going on a road trip without a map. When you don't know where you are, it feels like it's either going to be a painfully long or sadly short journey, and when you finally manage to figure out your location, somehow you always thought you were either a lot closer or a lot farther away.

LACK OF OFFERS TO POSE IN PLAYBOY ASIDE, THE KINDLE IS NOT PERFECT OTHERWISE.

And there's no backlight, a fact that Amazon touts as a selling point. I had just been hoping that there was some sort of night-vision option so I could do the grownup equivalent of pulling the sheets over my head to continue reading undetected.

But the Kindle really didn't need to seduce me (the sumptuous Cole Haan hand-stained pebble grain leather cover I got for it is enough of a turn-on); it had me at Chapter One. Sure, the iPad is like a sleek little computer, or a proudly plus-sized iPhone, but its e-reader makes me want to poke my eyes out, and the keyboard on my Speak & Spell in the second grade was easier to use.

To be fair, the Kindle is clearly trying to be sexy, as evidenced by the experimental web browser that came installed on mine. It's vaguely reminiscent of my mother-in-law's WebTV, which is also, I believe, what the Ingalls family used to surf the web in their little house on the prairie. If I wanted to go online, however, I'd use my computer. I really did get the Kindle to read. And now I'd better get to it, considering that within 35 seconds of ripping open the box, I ordered four e-books.

Twenty-six percent of the way through the first one, I can already tell it's going to be a hard gift to top when Hanukkah rolls around this year. But it's nothing a tiny archipelago in the Caribbean won't solve.

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The Q Line

Tough choices

With a few notable challengers in this year's City Council race, we got to thinking about the possibility of, say Ted Winterer or Susan Hartley, seriously challenging the likes of Bob Holbrook and Pam O'Connor for seats on the dais.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
In November's election, are you more inclined to vote for an incumbent or a newcomer?

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Smoking bans help limit kids' asthma attacks

MIKE STOBBE
AP Medical Writer

ATLANTA New research shows that smoking bans spare many children with asthma from being hospitalized, a finding that suggests smoke-free laws have even greater health benefits than previously believed.

Other studies have charted the decline in adult heart attack rates after smoking bans were adopted. The new study, conducted in Scotland, looked at asthma-related hospitalizations of kids, which fell 13 percent a year after smoking was barred in 2006 from workplaces and public buildings, including bars and restaurants.

Before the ban, admissions had been rising 5 percent a year in Scotland, which has a notoriously poor health record among European countries.

Earlier U.S. studies, in Arizona and Kentucky, reached similar conclusions. But this was the largest study of its kind — and offered the strongest case that smoking bans can bring immediate health improvements for many people.

"The effects of smoke-free laws are way bigger than you would expect," said Stanton Glantz, a University of California-San Francisco researcher who specializes in the health effects of smoking. He was not involved in the new study, published in Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine.

Cigarette smoke is a trigger for asthma attacks. So researchers reasoned that tracking severe cases was perhaps the best way to measure a smoking ban's immediate effect on children.

"Acute asthma is the tip of the iceberg," more easily tracked than less severe breathing problems, ear infections and other problems seen in children that have been linked to a caregiver's smoking, said Terry Pechacek of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's office on smoking and health.

About 40 percent of American children who go to hospitals because of asthma attacks live with smokers — a high proportion, given that only about 21 percent of U.S. adults smoke, according to CDC statistics.

Smoking bans have become increasingly common in the United States, where 35 states and the District of Columbia have laws that bar smoking in workplaces or restaurants and bars, or both. And more than 3,100 cities and towns have their own restrictions, according to the American Nonsmokers' Rights Foundation.

The push continues: This week, New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg announced city officials will pursue a broad extension of the city's smoking ban to parks, beaches and pedestrian plazas throughout the city.

Many European countries — including Britain, France and Germany — forbid smoking in all public places. But Italy, Greece and some others have been slower to adopt the bans, sometimes simply limiting smoking in certain areas.

In the new report, researchers looked at emergency hospital admissions for asthma at all of Scotland's hospitals from January 2000 through October 2009. The data was for kids age 14 and younger.

They found that hospital admissions for children's asthma attacks were increasing by 5 percent per year before the ban, reaching about six admissions per day on average in January 2006. But afterward, children's asthma attacks declined by 13 percent a year, falling to below five admissions per day in October 2009.

The ban largely targets places where adults work and socialize. But there seems to be a ripple effect: It made smoking less popular and led significant numbers of adult smokers to cut back or quit their habit at home, where the kids were, said Dr. Jill Pell, a study author.

"People are choosing to protect their kids even when they don't have to," said Pell, a University of Glasgow professor of public health.

That's consistent with U.S. research, which has shown that smoking bans were followed by a decline in smoking at home, Pechacek said.

FDA questions safety, effectiveness with diet pill

MATTHEW PERRONE
AP Health Writer

WASHINGTON Federal health officials dealt a surprising blow on Tuesday to an experimental diet pill that was thought to offer a safer way to shed pounds after decades of dangerous side effects reported with weight loss drugs. The Food and Drug Administration said the pill, developed by Arena Pharmaceutical, produced minimal weight loss while raising concerns about heart damage, depression and other problems.

Shares of Arena Pharmaceuticals fell $2.59, or 37.8 percent, to $4.26 in midday trading.

The company's lorcaserin is one of three drugs racing to be the first new prescription weight loss pill approved by the Food and Drug Administration in more than a decade. While lorcaserin's weight loss results trail competitors, analysts have predicted it would win FDA approval thanks to a stellar safety profile.

However, in a review posted online, FDA scientists said the drug barely met the agency's threshold for weight loss effectiveness and raised safety concerns about side effects, including heart valve disease and psychiatric problems.

Arena studied the drug in more than 7,000 obese and overweight patients. After one year, the average weight loss among lorcaserin patients was 5.8 pounds, compared with 2.5 pounds among patients taking a dummy pill. That difference was enough to meet FDA's effectiveness requirements "by a slim margin," according to reviewers. Elsewhere, scientists described weight loss with the drug as "relatively low."

On Thursday the FDA will ask a panel of experts to assess lorcaserin's effectiveness and safety. Specifically, panelists will be asked if the company should conduct more studies to rule out the possibility that its drug leads to heart valve disease. The agency is not required to follow the panel's advice, although it often does.

The quest for a blockbuster weight loss drug has eluded nearly every major pharmaceutical firm over the last four decades. A slew of prescription weight loss offering have been associated with cardiovascular problems, most notably Wyeth's diet pill combination fen-phen. The drug was pulled from the market in 1997 because of links to heart valve disease.

Lorcaserin targets the same appetite pathway as fen-phen but in a more selective, and what was thought to be safer, manner.

The FDA is reviewing two other new weight loss drugs, both which showed greater weight loss than lorcaserin.

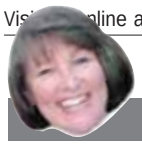
California competitor Vivus Inc.'s Qnexa has shown the largest weight reductions, with patients losing between 13 and 15 percent of their body mass. But the drug was panned by an FDA panel in July because of safety concerns, ranging from heart palpitations to suicidal thoughts. Orexigen Therapeutics Inc. of La Jolla, Calif., has shown weight loss between 5 and 10 percent with its diet drug Contrave, which the FDA will review at a public meeting in December.

Analysts pegged lorcaserin as the safest bet of the group because of its safety profile. But the FDA's review suggests the agency wants to see more data before making a ruling on the drug's safety. And even then, it's unclear regulators would be willing to accept even small safety concerns from a drug that showed meager efficacy results.

On Wednesday, the same panel of FDA advisers will discuss heart problems with an older drug, Meridia, which has been on the market since 1997.







Play Time

Cynthia Citron — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Not a mellow 'Yellow'

AT LAST, A FAMILY THAT ISN'T dysfunctional! A mother and father still romantically in love after 19 years of marriage. A footballl hero son who is their pride and joy. A young daughter, a high school drama queen with lots of the usual teenage issues, and her best friend, a sweet, gay young man whom they shelter when his own mother disowns him.

The play is "Yellow," written and directed by Del Shores, and currently extending its world premiere engagement at the Coast Playhouse in response to public and critical acclaim. And it's well-deserved acclaim, I might add.

The play itself is gripping, but it is made even more engaging by its actors, who are unfailingly terrific. Robert Lewis Stephenson, as the father, Bobby Westmoreland, is a happy-go-lucky high school football coach. His wife, Kate (Kristen McCullough), is a psychotherapist. The kids, Dayne (Luke McClure) and Gracie (Evie Louise Thompson) are appropriately rambunctious. But even in this talented ensemble, Matthew Scott Montgomery is a standout. Playing Kendall Parker, the gay would-be thespian, he is charming, awkward, socially inept, and timid. As the third kid in the Westmoreland home, he plays most of his scenes with his mouth hanging open in amazement at the family's antics.

You can understand why when you meet his termagant of a mother. A confirmed Jesus freak, she speaks only in Bible and pours pious venom on everyone she encounters. She is toxic, especially to Kendall, whom she insists on calling "Matthew Mark." She also calls herself "Sister Timothea." As played by the excellent Susan Leslie, Sister Timothea is a hand grenade waiting to explode.

But the Westmoreland family explodes first. When a rare and life-threatening illness strikes one of them, it opens a Pandora's box of secrets and lies, tearing the family apart.

Robert Steinberg has designed a dollhouse of a set: living room, dining room, bedroom and wrap-around ivy-pillared porch. The costumes by Craig Taggart reflect the tastes of rural Mississippi: both Bobby and Dayne wear "Ole' Miss" shirts, and Sister Timothea is respectably frumpy. Drew Dalzell and Mark Johnson have also done well with the sound design: crowd noises and the offstage voice of the doctor move the plot along without diverting scene changes, so the house remains intact as the actors move in and out.

And Del Shores has done a superb job of directing his ensemble, making sure there is plenty of light humor along with the intense emotions. All in all, a very satisfying visit to the theatre.

"Yellow" will continue at the Coast Playhouse, 8325 Santa Monica Blvd., in West Hollywood, Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. through Oct. 17. Call (800) 595-4849 for tickets.

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3-D TV movies not widely available

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AP Business Writer

LOS ANGELES If you're thinking of buying a 3-D television set this year based on the belief that you'll be able to purchase a lot of the 3-D movies that have hit theaters in the past few years, think again.

U.K. research firm Screen Digest says more than 70 percent of the 25 3-D movies expected to be available this holiday season will be tied to the purchase of a TV from a certain manufacturer.

For example, a Sony 3-D TV buyer won't immediately be able to watch DreamWorks Animation's "How To Train Your Dragon" because that movie will be tied to the purchase of a set from Samsung Electronics Co. Meanwhile, the Walt Disney Co. said last week that home copies of its 3-D movies "Alice and Wonderland" and "Bolt" would be available exclusively to people who buy certain sets from Sony Corp.

Screen Digest says that so far, only three Hollywood movies, including Disney's "A Christmas Carol," and three documentaries will be available on retail shelves without being tied to a specific TV brand.

The firm presented its findings at the 3D Entertainment Summit in Los Angeles on Wednesday.

Although buyers of 3-D TVs can appreciate that bundled movies will allow them to try out their new TV immediately, a lack of broadly available titles could hinder the adoption of 3-D watching in the home, said Helen Davis Jayalath, an analyst with Screen Digest.

"The exclusive bundling deals can't go on for too long, or it's going to be a problem," Davis Jayalath said after her presentation. "Hopefully these licensing deals will expire soon."

Jeffrey Katzenberg, the chief executive of DreamWorks Animation SKG Inc., said it will take another year or two before enough homes have 3-D TV sets for it to make sense to release 3-D Blu-ray movies without such bundles.

"For us, we felt that the greatest opportunity is to partner with Samsung," he said in an interview.

Although 3-D movies have already given a lift to revenue from theaters, it could take a while for 3-D TVs to really take hold. Screen Digest said by 2014, about 28 percent of TV-owning households in the United States will have a 3-D TV.

Potentially helping the market: plans by various companies to launch about 20 dedicated 3-D TV channels.

Eisuke Tsuyuzaki, the chief technology officer for Panasonic Corp. of North America, said the dearth of openly available movie content was just a short-term problem.

He expects that enough 3-D TVs will be sold by January such that Hollywood studios would make more of their 3-D catalogs available at retail outlets.

"When we're over 2 million, then everyone puts skin in the game," Tsuyuzaki said.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA CITY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: Consideration of proposed resolution to automatically adjust the Affordable Housing Base Unit Fee for new market-rate multifamily development pursuant to Santa Monica Municipal Code Section 9.56.070(b)

WHEN: Tuesday, September 28, 2010
5:45 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 Base Fee that developers of multi-family projects may pay to the City pursuant to Section 9.56.070(b) of the City's Affordable Housing Production Program. The existing Affordable Housing Unit Base fee for new market rate apartments of $27.14 per square foot would be decreased by $0.35 per square foot of floor area and the existing Affordable Housing Unit Base fee for new market rate condominiums of $31.69 would be decreased by $0.41 per square foot of floor area. Effective on November 29, 2010, the adjusted Affordable Housing Unit Base fee would be $26.79 per square foot of floor area for new market rate apartments and would be $31.28 per square foot of floor area for new market rate condominiums.

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 Hamilton, Rabinovitz & Alschuler, 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 2121 Cloverfield Boulevard, Suite 100, Santa Monica, California. This information is also available on the City's web site (Housing and Redevelopment section).

HOW TO COMMENT
The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment on this matter. You or your representative, or any other persons may comment at the City Council's public hearing or by writing a letter.

Letters should be addressed to: Mayor and City Council
City Hall
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MORE INFORMATION
Further information may be obtained from the City Housing & Redevelopment Division at the address above or by calling (310) 458-8702.

The meeting facility is handicapped accessible. If you have any special needs such as sign language interpreting, please contact the Office of the Disabled at (310) 458-8701.

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the Public Hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Monica, at or prior to the Public Hearing.

ESPANOL
Esto es una noticia de una audiencia pública para aumentar una tarifa sobre el desarrollo de alojamiento "multi-familiar" en Santa Monica. Si deseas más información, favor de llamar a Lupe Madrid en la División de Viviendas y Desarrollo al número (310) 458-8702.



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Budget delay could set record

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Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO California lawmakers are on the brink of setting a record, but it's not one that is likely to boost their abysmal approval ratings among voters.

While budget impasses in the Golden State have become as common as Santa Ana wildfires, Thursday marks the 78th day — the longest period ever that the Legislature has gone without approving a new state spending plan. There are ominous signs that the imbroglio will continue indefinitely.

The outcome may not be resolved until after the November elections, the leader of the state Senate has suggested, as Democrats and Republicans remain in a standoff over whether new taxes or more spending cuts are needed to close California's $19 billion deficit.

If Thursday passes without a budget, which seems entirely likely, it will break the current record for failing to produce a spending document set two years ago — after deep spending cuts and grueling negotiations — with the nation's most populous state sliding deeper into recession.

The impact of the new record delay hasn't been widely felt — yet. State finance officials are able to keep paying most of the bills, and many businesses that rely on state funding have found loans or other ways to work through what have become almost yearly problems.

But that could change, beginning in October when available tax funds will diminish. To preserve cash, the state already has deferred billions in payments to schools and counties, delayed grants to about 65,000 low-income community college students and put off paying vendors that provide services and products to the state.

State workers remain under a three-day-a-month furlough order from Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger.

Plenty of people among the state's 38.6 million residents, particularly the most vulnerable who rely heavily on state services, are worried about their prospects if the impasse continues for weeks or months.

Democratic female lawmakers held a rally in front of the state Capitol last week demanding the governor find new revenue sources rather than hurting low-income women and children through proposed social service cuts. Schwarzenegger has proposed eliminating the state's welfare-to-work program, which would affect 1.4 million people, most of them children, according to the California Budget Project.

"Enough is enough," Assemblywoman Noreen Evans, D-Santa Rosa, chanted at the rally.

Jenine Quinones, a single mother of two, spoke as someone who relies on $2,000-a-month in state child care assistance through the welfare-to-work program. The 43-year-old San Rafael resident works full-time with developmentally disabled adults at an assisted living facility but relies on state funded child.

The state recently sent her a letter notifying her that it will stop paying child care at the end of the month.

"If the budget gets cut, I will lose my job because I won't have child care. I'll be homeless," Quinones said.

For others, homelessness is a barely healed scar.

Sacramento resident Mark Green, 47, said it took him and his wife years to get to their low-income apartment. Helped by $459 in food stamps and $533 a month from the state's welfare-to-work program, known as CalWORKS, Green is looking for a job at warehouses between caring for their 20-month-old daughter Marlisha.

If the state eliminates the program as the governor and Republicans have proposed, Green said his family will go back to sleeping in fields, parking lots and sidewalks.

"We'd be right back out on the street," he said.

The payment delays caused by this year's budget stalemate have piled on to budget cuts in recent years for some programs and businesses. Three domestic violence shelters have closed this year, and four nonprofit health clinics and two dental clinics have shut down, in part because the state no longer reimburses them for adult dental care. Many of those were located in rural areas that provided critical care to the aging and disabled.

But the state has become so inured to fiscal disaster over the past two years a state of crisis has become the status quo.

In 2009 California handed out thousands of IOUs for just the second time since the Great Depression. Vendors were given IOU notes that eventually repaid them with interest, and some banks agreed to cash them in advance, sparing some recipients of real hardship.

Lawmakers have cut spending by tens of billions of dollars as the recession has left far less tax revenue than the state needs to cover spending, the bulk of which goes to education and health care.

Democrats want a combination of spending cuts, new taxes and fees, and a delay of corporate tax breaks granted last year. Republicans have refused to accept any tax or fee increases, asserting that the state can no longer offer what they deem to be overly generous public benefits.

Meanwhile, Schwarzenegger has said he will not sign any budget unless lawmakers agree to long-term tax, budgeting and pension reforms, major policy changes that have eluded the governor for seven years.

A close fight between state Attorney General Jerry Brown and former eBay CEO Meg Whitman to be the state's next governor has only encouraged political gamesmanship .

Whitman criticized the leadership of Schwarzenegger, a fellow Republican, for failing to meet daily with the four legislative leaders to close the state's $19 billion deficit.

Schwarzenegger has bristled at criticism that he is not doing enough. California, he says, is not a dictatorship.

San Francisco-based Standard & Poor's analyst Gabriel Petek says seasoned investors have grown accustomed to California's cash problems and notes there's a reason why the state has the worst credit rating in the nation, ranked below that of Illinois.

"I think the key thing for me is this: For how long can this go?" Petek said.

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'Unacceptable' ratings for levee systems

Seven of 10 Central Valley levee systems inspected by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers do not meet the agency's safety criteria and could be threatened in a flood or storm, officials said Wednesday.

Seven systems received "unacceptable" ratings and three received "minimally acceptable" ratings in the first 10 of 26 Central Valley levee system inspections, which are conducted by engineers on foot every five years.

"When you see an 'unacceptable' rating, that means there are problems that could threaten the levees if there's a flood or storm," said corps spokesman Chris Gray. "We think it's important for people to understand the risks."

Five of the unacceptable systems will not be eligible for federal aid to repair flood and storm damage to the levees until the problems are corrected, corps officials said.

The seven systems with unacceptable ratings are in Lathrop, Marysville, Natomas, Sacramento, Stockon and Yuba City. The three minimally acceptable systems are in the Sacramento-Del Paso area.

The problems facing the levees include erosion, soil instability, water seepage and holes burrowed by animals.

"This is a warning flag, and, of course, we take these concerns very seriously," Mark Connelly, a flood-management official with San Joaquin County, told the Stockton Record.

The 10 levee systems considered most at-risk were inspected first. Results of the 16 other system inspections are expected this winter.

The inspection "reinforces the need to proactively manage our flood risk," said State Department of Water Resources Director Mark Cowin. "We have been and will continue to work closely with the corps through our FloodSAFE Initiative to address flood risk on a systemwide basis."

The state has finished 118 of the most critical levee repairs since voters approved nearly $5 billion in flood bonds four years ago, Cowin said.

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LOS ANGELES

Gunfire wounds two near Crenshaw High

Los Angeles police say a man and a teenager have been injured in a shooting near a high school.

Police spokesman Gregory Baek says a person in a vehicle fired multiple shots at 1:25 p.m. Wednesday down the block from Crenshaw High School.

Baek says the apparent intended victim, a 19-year-old man, was struck in the chest and hospitalized in serious condition. He is not a student.

A 17-year-old male student was hit in the hand. He was treated at the scene.

Baek says the shooter fled in a red car.

A Los Angeles Unified School District spokesperson says the campus was locked down immediately following the shooting, but students are being dismissed at the normal time.

AP

LOS ANGELES

Jackson doc seeks dismissal of wrongful death case

Attorneys for the doctor charged in Michael Jackson's death asked a federal judge Wednesday to dismiss the wrongful death lawsuit filed by the singer's father.

Attorneys for Dr. Conrad Murray argued in a court filing that Joe Jackson's complaint should be dismissed because the Jackson family patriarch is not a beneficiary of the singer's estate.

The filings note that he dropped his bid to receive a stipend from his son's multimillion dollar estate. Michael Jackson omitted his father from his 2002 will.

Murray's attorneys also argued that the wrongful death lawsuit is rife with improper arguments and statements that should be stricken.

"At its essence, (Joe Jackson's lawsuit) is a press-release that is intended to prejudice and inflame the jury pool and the public" against Murray and his medical practice, the lawyers argued.

The motions will be considered by a federal judge during a hearing scheduled for Oct. 18.

Joe Jackson sued Murray on June 25, the one-year anniversary of his son's death at age 50. His lawsuit claimed the doctor acted negligently by providing the pop singer with a mix of sedatives, including the anesthetic propofol.

The lawsuit is seeking more than $75,000 in damages.

Murray pleaded not guilty to involuntary manslaughter in criminal court.

Joe Jackson's attorney, Brian Oxman, said the lawsuit was properly drafted.

"It sets out facts," Oxman said. "It doesn't set out anything other than the day-by-day, moment-by-moment description of what happened."

AP

NEWMAN

Gas leak capped in Central Valley town

Crews have capped a leaking gas pipe that forced the evacuation of dozens of businesses and homes along six blocks of a Central Valley town.

City Manager Michael Holland says construction workers building a new downtown plaza in Newman struck a natural gas line Tuesday afternoon.

The strong smell led authorities to order people out of 50 to 60 businesses and 12 to 18 apartments, while police blocked intersections and turned drivers away.

The 2-inch pipe was capped more quickly than officials expected, allowing residents to return and businesses to reopen about two hours after the evacuations.

Newman is a small community in Stanislaus County, about 25 miles south of Modesto.

Holland said authorities took extra precautions as a result of last week's gas pipeline explosion in the San Francisco suburb of San Bruno.

AP

VISTA

Defense: Actor didn't intend to kill ex-girlfriend

A lawyer for an actor accused of trying to kill his ex-girlfriend told a jury Wednesday the defendant had a tumultuous relationship with the woman, who was described as a violent drama queen, but never intended to kill her.

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friendly employees or members of the city council just because you want to," said Attorney General Jerry Brown, a candidate for governor. "There's a standard and that standard is that the pay must be commensurate with the duty and the work."

Brown called the Bell salaries "enormous and obscene" and not anywhere in line with those paid to officials in most cities of comparable size.

Rizzo's attorney James Spertus said his client believes he did nothing wrong.

"His contracts were presented by the City Council and countersigned by the city attorney, and he acted openly and transparently when he interacted with the city," Spertus said, adding the council kept raising Rizzo's pay to retain him.

The Bell case prompted Brown to launch a statewide investigation of public employee salaries. On Wednesday, his office issued a subpoena ordering the small, neighboring city of Vernon to produce its employee compensation records.

Those records "may pertain to possible violations of various state laws and the waste and misuse of public funds," the subpoena stated.

The Los Angeles Times has reported that the former administrator in Vernon, an industrial city with only about 90 residents, was paid more than $1 million a year.

Brown's office and the Los Angeles County district attorney opened investigations after learning Bell had some of the highest-paid officials in the nation. The city of 40,000 also faces a federal probe into whether it violated the civil rights of Hispanics by deliberately targeting their cars for towing to raise revenue.

Along with Rizzo and Adams, those named in the lawsuit were former assistant city manager Angela Spaccia; council members Oscar Hernandez, Teresa Jacobo and George Mirabal; and former council members Victor Bello and George Cole.

Phone messages left for the council members were not immediately returned.

Rizzo's salary was raised by the council 16 times since 1993, with an average increase of 14 percent a year, according to Brown. In 2005 alone, the council boosted his salary 47 percent.

Spaccia was paid $376,288 a year, and Adams was making $457,000 a year.

Four of Bell's five City Council members were paid nearly $100,000 a year before they took a recent cut. Cities of similar size pay their council members about $5,000 a year.

Bell Councilman Luis Artiga was not named in the lawsuit, even though he also was highly paid. Brown declined to say why he was not a defendant.

Artiga and the other three council members are the targets of a recall campaign. On Tuesday, Artiga announced his support for the recall and said he would resign from the council if the others did.

A leader of the recall, Ali Saleh, said his organization was pleased with Wednesday's developments but also wants to see the district attorney bring criminal charges.

"We want some of them in jail," Saleh said.

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Under the terms of a written agreement that would later become the subject of dispute, the baby boy born to Karen through artificial insemination would occasionally visit with Daniel, but lived with his mother, who was responsible for making all decisions regarding the child's upbringing, schooling, religion and health care.

After two years, though, Daniel wanted additional rights and eventually sued Karen, claiming he was entitled to joint custody.

In court, Daniel presented two main pieces of evidence. First, he pointed out he had signed the boy's birth certificate. Second, he showed the boy's mother had signed a so-called "voluntary declaration of paternity" designating him as the child's biological father. (Karen argued she had been sedated when she signed the document days after giving birth).

In the end, though, Karen prevailed and retained full custody of her child.

Her lawyer, Ilene Trabolsi, said she relied heavily on a family code statute that says a sperm donor will be treated under the law "as if he were not the natural father of a child thereby conceived" in order to win a favorable result for her client.

The case may seem like merely an unusual episode between a disgruntled donor and a mother who should have taken greater legal precautions before agreeing to an unusual artificial insemination arrangement. But, Trabolsi said, the case was an important affirmation of mothers' rights at a time when more people are using alternative means to start families. Had Karen been forced to give up full custody of her child, she said, the case might have discouraged other women from using artificial insemination for fear of custody complications with donors.

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>
> Ilene Trabolsi
> Attorney

"The decision upholds the law ... that men are free to donate their sperm without fear of liability for child support and women can obtain semen for artificial insemination without fear that the donor may claim paternity," she said.

But to David Pisarra, a local family law attorney (and a columnist for the Santa Monica Daily Press) who represented Daniel C., it was simply a case arising from an unclear contract.

"The big lesson is that if you are trying to do something that's unconventional, get an expert to help you," he said.

Both parties reportedly spent tens of thousands of dollars fighting in court — amounts that could have been saved if an experienced lawyer had been hired in the first place to draw up the original agreement between donor and recipient, he said.

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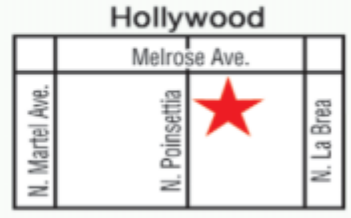
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IN LINE: **Samohi's football team marches to the locker room during last week's game.**

SAMOHI

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centric offense, so facing this old foe will be a new experience for the Samohi Vikings, who blanked Pali, 35-0, last season.

"Thankfully, I understand [the wishbone]," Clark said. "I've been working with the kids all week to recognize it."

The lessons appear to be sinking in with at least one Viking.

Defensive back Kori Garcia said he's expecting more than his share of opportunities to tackle ball carriers.

"I heard they have a couple of good running backs," Garcia said. "But, I think we should be able to stop them."

The responsibility for stopping Pali's running onslaught will fall on the Vikings' corps of linebackers, Clark said.

"The linebackers have been a bright spot for us this year," Clark said. "Those guys should make it hard to run the ball."

The trio of Justin Coker, Chris Collins and Donavan Citrowski were key in defeating Leuzinger, 42-6, last week to open the season. They figure to be pivotal if they Vikings are to improve their record to 2-0.

If all goes well on defense, Clark said it bodes well for his team that proved last week that it can light up the scoreboard.

The Leuzinger game was highlighted by the play of wide receiver Kris Comas, who scored on a pair of long punt returns. A repeat of that feat is unlikely, but Clark said he wouldn't be surprised if Comas again came through in a major way.

"I'm not going to bank on punt returns," Clark said. "We have to force them to punt first before we can let Comas run wild on those guys."

For Garcia, the prospect of repeating last week's fireworks is a matter of continuity.

"We have to keep up the intensity," Garcia said. "The more practice we have together, the more we execute."

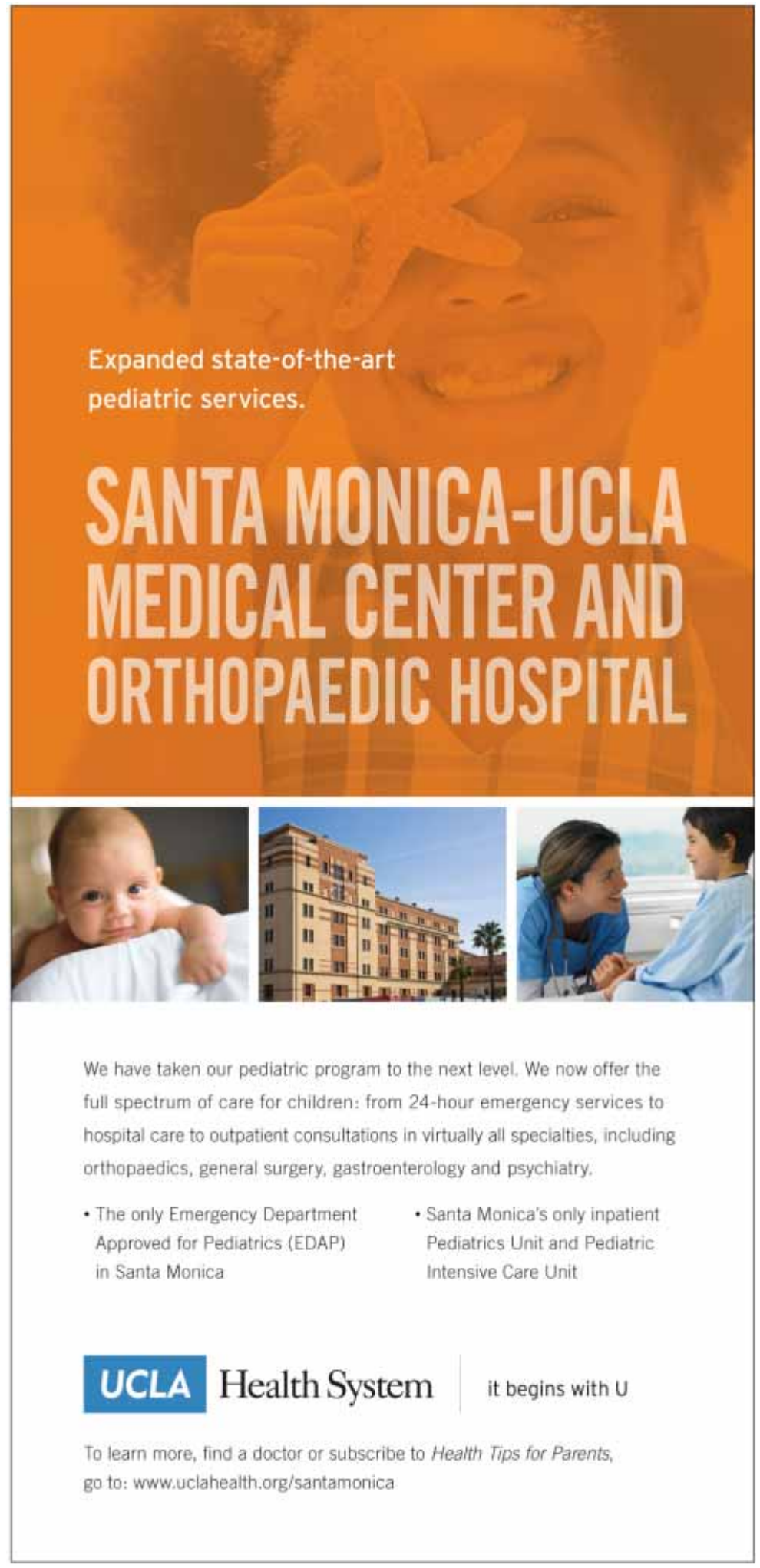
In his second year as head coach, Clark said that he's happy to see the team take on his character. He, and his squad, hope that translates into more victories than last season's four.

"This is our payback tour," Garcia said. "All the teams that did us wrong last year, we're out to get them this year."

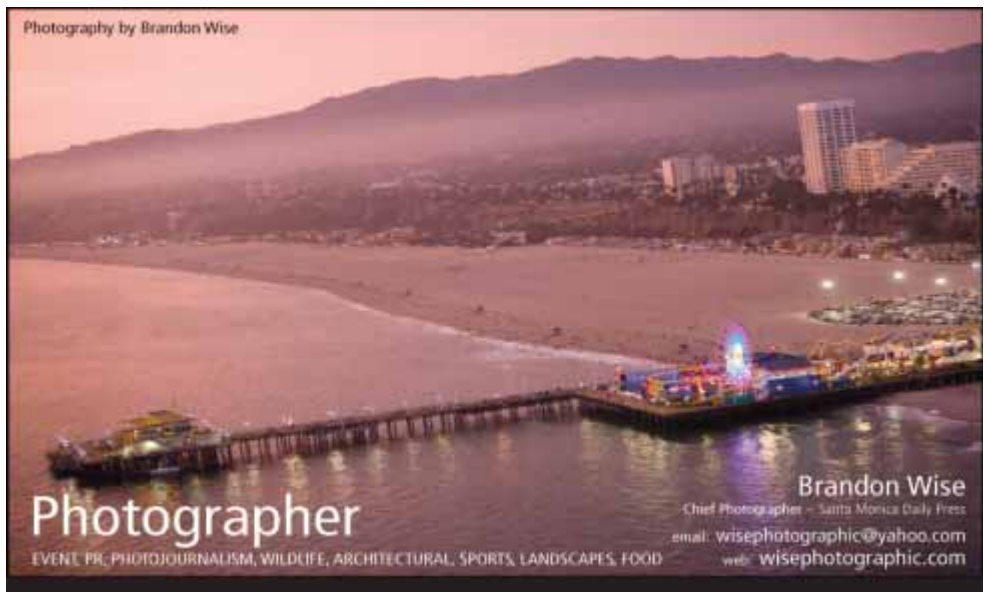
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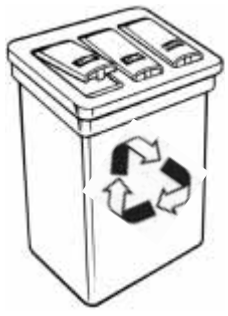
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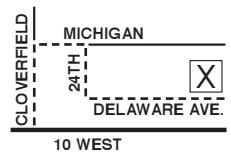


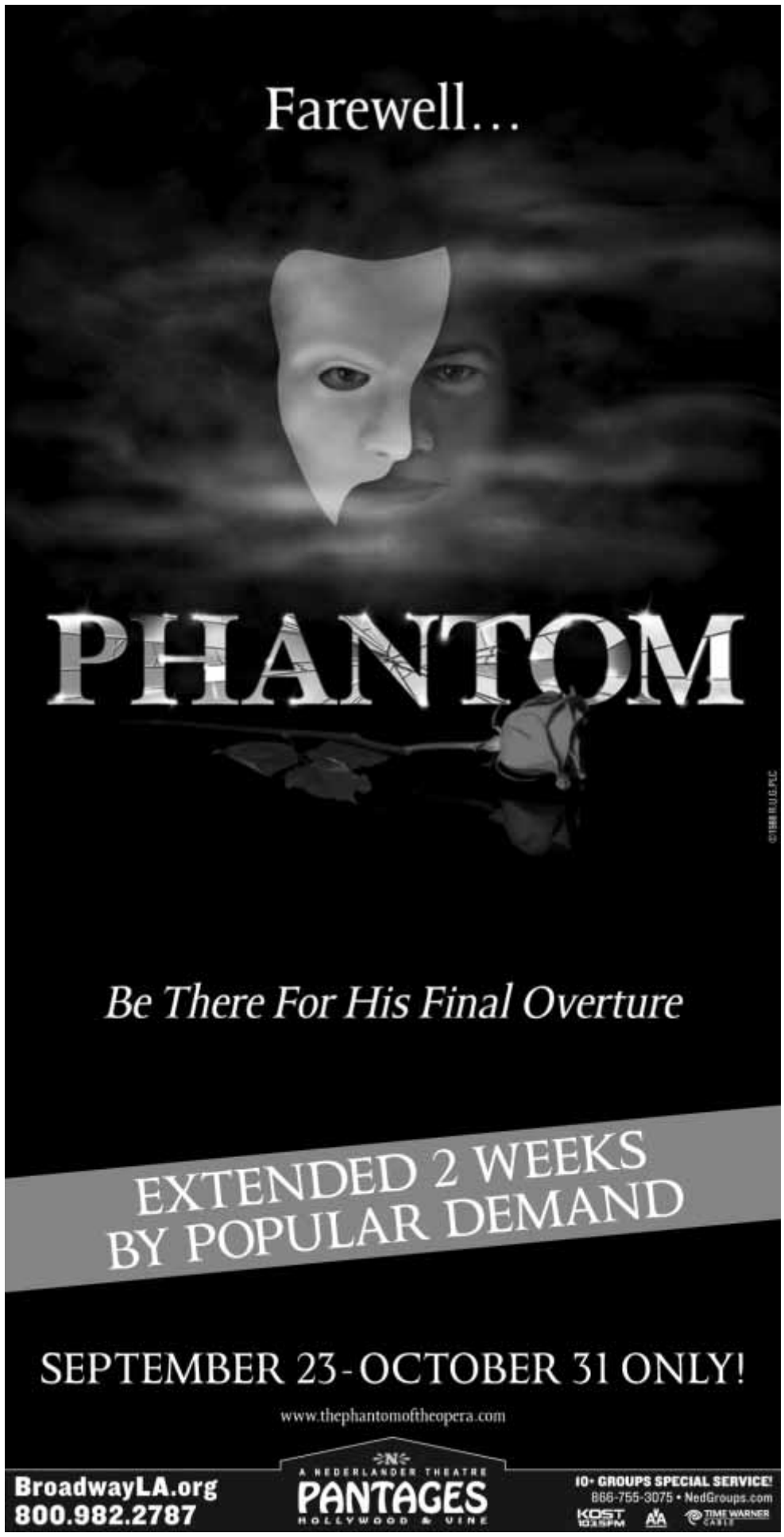
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forward to tonight's game against the Stars.

"It's always been between us and them for the league title, we've always had to beat them — and last year they beat us when it counted. So this year we're looking for revenge," Nestoras said.

The St. Monica girls' volleyball team plays in the California Interscholastic Federation Southern Section in the Camino Real League, along with Serra, St. Bernard, St. Paul and Cantwell-Sacred Heart High Schools.

The team finished last season with a record of 19-9, and finished the Camino Real League with a 6-2 record before going on to lose in the second round of the CIF-SS playoffs to St. Margaret's of San Capistrano.

St. Monica takes on its biggest rival, Mary Star of the Sea High School, tonight at 6 p.m. at St. Monica.

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insight of the employees working at our schools," said SEIU Local 99 Chief Steward Keryl Cartee-McNeely. "We believe that Coach Cady's experience in the district will give him insight into the day-to-day workings of our schools. And we liked Ms. Lieberman's commitment to looking everywhere for resources to preserve and expand school services."

There are roughly 700 members of the union in Santa Monica and Malibu, said Terry Carter, a spokeswoman for the SEIU. Members plan to go door to door to talk with voters about the candidates and will make phone calls on their behalf.

There are four seats up for grabs on the school board.

"As an experienced educator and laborer, I've been preparing for the role of school board for the past 35 years," Cady said. "I believe we should go directly to workers if we want to understand how to improve what we do and solve problems. The district cannot be run from a top-down model. It must be flipped upside down."

Both Mechur and de la Torre have been endorsed by the union in the past.

Local 99 members also endorsed the three local ballot measures, Measure Y (the half-cent sales tax increase), Measure YY (advises that half of new tax revenues, an estimated $6 million, go to education) and Measure RR (increased eviction protection for renters).

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Monica. But with violations receiving low priority from the Santa Monica Police Department, many residents complained the ban was going virtually unenforced.

With Tuesday's decision, council members said they hoped they had reached a solution.

A City Hall report on the new enforcement mechanism stated those caught violating the leaf blower ordinance will receive a warning for a first offense. If the violation continues, "the property owner or property management company would be cited, although any of the involved parties may be cited as well," the report read.

Momentum for the ordinance change built after the idea received passionate backing from neighborhood groups including the Wilshire/Montana Neighborhood Coalition, which in June passed a resolution urging the council to include funding for the new leaf blower enforcement scheme in this year's budget.

"The current lack of enforcement reduces the quality of our lives in Santa Monica not only in the obvious ways of noise and pollution, but also by reducing the respect for all laws in our city," the group's resolution stated. "Wilmont members do understand that leaf-blower enforcement would necessitate budget cuts elsewhere, but we are willing to live with that consequence."

On Tuesday, the ordinance change was uncontroversial, receiving little discussion before it was unanimously approved.

New fines for leaf blower offenses have not yet been set and will be subject to council approval at a future meeting. The existing criminal fines and/or jail time for violating the ordinance will remain on the books, though City Attorney Marsha Moutrie said it's virtually impossible anyone would spend time behind bars for violating the leaf blower ordinance.

City Hall is also planning to conduct an outreach and education campaign about the new ordinance, with materials available in English and Spanish.

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Wilmont resolution



Wisconsin prosecutor sent 'sext' messages to victim

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CHILTON, Wis. A prominent Wisconsin district attorney sent repeated text messages trying to spark an affair with a domestic abuse victim while he was prosecuting her ex-boyfriend, a police report shows.

The 26-year-old woman complained last year to police after receiving 30 texts from Calumet County District Attorney Kenneth Kratz in three days, according to the report obtained by The Associated Press.

"Are you the kind of girl that likes secret contact with an older married elected DA ... the riskier the better?" Kratz, 50, wrote in a message to Stephanie Van Groll in October 2009. In another, he wrote: "I would not expect you to be the other woman. I would want you to be so hot and treat me so well that you'd be THE woman! R U that good?"

Kratz was prosecuting Van Groll's ex-boyfriend on charges he nearly choked her to death last year. He also was veteran chair of the Wisconsin Crime Victims' Rights Board, a quasi-judicial agency that can reprimand judges, prosecutors and police officers who mistreat crime victims.

In a combative interview in his office Wednesday, Kratz did not deny sending the messages and expressed concern their publication would unfairly embarrass him personally and professionally. He said the Office of Lawyer Regulation found in March he did not violate any rules governing attorney misconduct, but refused to provide a copy of what he said was the report clearing him. That office cannot comment on investigations.

"This is a non-news story," Kratz shouted. But he added, "I'm worried about it because of my reputational interests."

Hours later, after AP reported on the messages, Kratz issued a statement acknowledging sending them and saying he "was embarrassed at this lapse of judgment." He also said he would continue serving as district attorney.

"I have never been the subject of attorney discipline during my entire 25-year career, and until today, have enjoyed a spotless reputation as a vigorous advocate for crime victims," he said.

Van Groll told police in Kaukauna, Wis., where she lived, that she felt pressured to have a relationship with Kratz or he would drop charges against her ex-boyfriend.

Kratz said he "immediately removed himself" from the prosecution after learning about the complaint, and the state Department of Justice took over. Kratz said he resigned from the crime victims board, which he helped create, after more than a decade as chair as a "self-imposed sanction." He and his wife filed for divorce last December.

Kratz has served in Chilton since 1992 and earns a $105,000 salary. Kratz, a Republican, isn't up for re-election until November 2012.

"Nothing really happened to him and I had three days of hell," Van Groll said in a phone interview with the AP. "They gave him a slap on the wrist and told him not to do it again. If it was anybody else that did something like this, they'd lose their job."

Domestic violence experts called Kratz's text messages disturbing and unethical for several reasons, including the power differential between a prosecutor and a younger abuse victim.

"If what's being alleged is true, it's sad a prosecutor would use the same sort of power and control over a woman who has already experienced that in her personal life," said Patti Seger, executive director of the Wisconsin Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

Kratz may be best known for prosecuting Steven Avery in the 2005 killing of Teresa Halbach, a 25-year-old photographer. The case won national attention because Avery had spent 18 years behind bars for a rape he did not commit in a separate case before DNA evidence implicated someone else. Kratz received glowing media attention and flirted with a run for Congress in 2008.

Last year, around the time he was texting Van Groll, Kratz was back in the spotlight for prosecuting a woman who worked with others to lure a boyfriend to a hotel room and glued his penis to his stomach as revenge for his cheating.

In the interview, Kratz said he was proud he helped achieve legislation creating the first-of-its-kind crime victims' board and that he had dedicated his career to their cause.

"I wrote the law on crime victims in Wisconsin," he said, pointing to a picture of him with former Gov. Tommy Thompson signing that law. "That's the irony here."

A spokeswoman said the board has not received a complaint about Kratz and is not investigating his conduct toward Van Groll.

Kratz cited an undisclosed conflict of interest in stepping away from the abuse case after Van Groll reported the text messages, court records show. An assistant state attorney general acted as special prosecutor and won a conviction on one felony count of strangulation against the man, Shannon Konitzer.

Van Groll said Kratz sent the first text minutes after she left his office, where he had interviewed her about the case.

He said it was nice talking and "you have such potential," signing the message "KEN (your favorite DA)." Twenty minutes later, he added, "I wish you weren't one of this office's clients. You'd be a cool person to know!" But he quickly tried to start a relationship and told her to keep quiet about the texts.

Van Groll at first was polite, saying Kratz was "a nice person" and thanking him for praise. By the second day, she responded with answers such as "dono" or "no." Kratz questioned whether her "low self-esteem" was to blame for the lack of interest.

"I'm serious! I'm the atty. I have the $350,000 house. I have the 6-figure career. You may be the tall, young, hot nymph, but I am the prize!" he texted.

Kratz told her the relationship would unfold slow enough for "Shannon's case to get done." "Remember it would have to be special enough to risk all," he wrote.

Van Groll said she went to police after the messages started becoming "kind of vulgar." She provided copies of 30 messages and her responses, which the department released in response to an AP request.

"Stephanie feels afraid that if she doesn't do what he wants Kratz will throw out her whole case," an officer who interviewed Van Groll wrote.

The department referred the complaint to the state Division of Criminal Investigation because it works with Kratz's office on prosecutions. Van Groll, a college student and part-time preschool teacher who has moved to Merrill, said she has been told Kratz won't be charged because "they didn't think he did anything criminally wrong."







White House orders oil companies to cap old wells

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KENNER, La. The Obama administration moved to head off another catastrophic leak like the BP disaster Wednesday, ordering oil and gas companies in the Gulf of Mexico to plug or dismantle thousands of wells and platforms no longer in use.

The move came as the government's point man for the oil spill said BP's blown-out well should be pronounced dead by Sunday.

In Washington, Interior Secretary Ken Salazar issued an order requiring oil and gas companies to plug nearly 3,500 nonproducing wells and dismantle about 650 production platforms that are longer being used.

The threat posed by the wells was detailed earlier this summer in an Associated Press investigation. The Gulf has more than 27,000 abandoned oil and gas wells and more than 1,200 idle rigs and platforms, and AP found that many of the wells have been ignored for decades, with no one checking for leaks.

Michael Bromwich, director of the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement, said the Obama administration crackdown was under consideration long before the Deepwater Horizon explosion.

"As infrastructure continues to age, the risk of damage increases. That risk increases substantially during storm season," he said.

Under the order, operators must plug wells that been inactive for the past five years. Platforms and pipelines that are not being used for production or exploration must be decommissioned, even if the leases are still active.

Current federal regulations require idle structures to be decommissioned — a process that involves plugging wells and dismantling and removing equipment — within one year of the lease's expiration date.

Oil and gas producers have long argued that certain idle platforms, wells and pipelines are still valuable, because they might one day be used to support other wells nearby. Oil companies have been reluctant to plug the wells and remove the infrastructure until the lease expires.

Randall Luthi, president of the National Ocean Industries Association, an offshore drilling group, welcomed the new order, which he said had been in the works for at least two years.

"Now, as then, the offshore industry is committed to safe operations, both during and after exploration and production, and this includes responsible removal of structures and plugging of wells," said Luthi, a former head of the Minerals Management Service, the agency that oversaw offshore drilling before it was overhauled and renamed as a result of the BP disaster.

But he said the Obama administration "must also assist in clearing the path so such operations can be done quickly, smoothly and in an environmentally responsible manner."

Rep. Raul Grijalva, D-Ariz., who had urged Salazar to do something about idle rigs, called the announcement excellent news for both the economy and the environment.

"These structures are not producing resources or creating jobs by just sitting there, and the risk of leaking abandoned rigs is something we've overlooked long enough," said Grijalva, chairman of a House subcommittee on national parks and public lands. "This announcement should put thousands of Gulf laborers back to work in short order cleaning up the Gulf and opening up new opportunities."

Meanwhile, retired Coast Guard Adm. Thad Allen, the government official overseeing the crisis in the Gulf, said the relief well BP has been drilling all summer long should intersect the ruptured well within 24 hours. He said mud and cement will then be pumped in, sealing the hole once and for all by Sunday.

"We are within a 96-hour window of killing the well," Allen said nearly five months after the disaster unfolded with an explosion aboard an offshore drilling rig April 20 that killed 11 workers.

No oil has spewed into the Gulf since a temporary cap was put on the busted BP well in mid-July. Mud and cement were later pushed down through the top of the well, allowing the cap to be removed. The relief well is being drilled 2? miles through dirt and rock beneath the sea floor so that the ruptured well can also be sealed from the bottom, ensuring it never causes a problem again.

As of Wednesday morning, crews had only 20 feet left to drill.

The spill of more than 200 million gallons of oil led to closer scrutiny of the thousands of other wells in the Gulf, stoked anger toward BP and cost CEO Tony Hayward his job.

On Wednesday, testifying before a British parliamentary committee, Hayward insisted his company had a strong safety record and was not solely to blame for the disaster. But he also acknowledged: "I understand why people feel the way they do, and there is little doubt that the inability of BP, and the industry, to intervene to seal the leak ... was unacceptable."

Allen announced that he will step down as incident commander for the oil spill on Oct. 1 — the same day BP installs American Bob Dudley in Hayward's place. Allen will be succeeded by Coast Guard Rear Adm. Paul Zukunft. Allen said the timing of his departure is unrelated to BP's leadership change.

"I worked well with Tony Hayward and I work well with Bob Dudley," Allen said. "I like to think I work well with anybody."

Appearing with Allen at a seafood distributorship in Kenner, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration chief Jane Lubchenco said monitoring continues of oil that remains in the Gulf.

Scientists said earlier this week that they had found thick patches of oil coating the sea floor, raising questions about government conclusions that much of the mess has broken down and is gone. Testing is under way to establish conclusively whether the oil on the sea floor is from the BP spill.

Allen and Lubchenco sought to reassure the public that seafood from the Gulf is safe to eat. Allen said he has eaten Gulf seafood every day for the past several days.

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Stocks return to winning ways

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AP Business Writer

NEW YORK Stocks overcame an early slide Wednesday and closed higher as investors tried to keep a September rally alive.

Major indexes had opened lower after a poor reading on factory activity in New York, but turned higher around midday after getting better news on U.S. industrial production. That report showed that the national industrial sector grew for the 12th time 14 months.

Better news on manufacturing was the main trigger behind the rally that began in early September and has now propelled stocks higher on nine out of the past 11 days. The Dow Jones industrial average, which gained 46 points Wednesday, is up 5.6 percent over that time.

In corporate news, MasterCard Inc. rose sharply after saying it expects its income to rise at least 20 percent this year. Shares rose $10.43, or 5.2 percent, to $210.18.

Kraft Foods Inc., known for brands like Nabisco and Maxwell House, rose after saying its earnings would jump between 9 percent and 11 percent over the next three years thanks to growth in developing markets. Shares rose 53 cents to $31.58 and earlier hit a new high for the year.

Stocks rose sharply during the first half of the month, even though September is historically a weak period for the market. A strong manufacturing report from the Institute for Supply Management set off the rally two weeks ago.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 46.24, or 0.4 percent, to close at 10,572.73. It was the index's highest close since Aug. 10. The Dow still 5.6 percent below its 2010 high reached on April 26, and up only 1.4 percent for the year to date following steep declines in May and June.

Broader indexes also rose. The Standard & Poor's 500 index gained 3.97, or 0.4 percent, to 1,125.07 and the Nasdaq composite rose 11.55, or 0.5 percent, to 2,301.32.

Traders Wednesday focused more on the industrial production report, setting aside a disappointing reading on manufacturing activity in New York. The Empire State Manufacturing Survey Index, which measured activity in the state in September, came in well below forecasts.

European markets were mainly lower, but stocks in Japan surged 2.3 percent after the country's government stepped in to weaken the yen. The yen had been hitting 15-year highs against the dollar, which makes it harder for Japanese exporters to compete on global markets.

Japan sold an undisclosed amount of yen in foreign exchange markets to weaken its currency, which was threatening to endanger manufacturers like Toyota Motor Corp. and Sony Corp. that export goods around the world. The dollar rose 3 percent against the yen.

Treasury prices edged lower. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note, which moves opposite its price, rose to 2.72 percent from 2.67 percent late Tuesday. Its yield is often used to help set interest rates on mortgages and other consumer loans.

Rising stocks slightly outpaced falling ones on the New York Stock Exchange, where consolidated volume came to 3.5 billion shares.

More House Dems want tax cuts for all

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WASHINGTON More Democrats joined Republicans on Wednesday in calling for the preservation of tax breaks for Americans of every income level, bolting this election season from President Barack Obama's plan to preserve cuts for families who earn less than $250,000 and let taxes rise for the wealthiest Americans.

But Obama placed the blame for the stalled proposal squarely on Republicans.

"They want to hold these middle class tax cuts hostage until they get an additional tax cut for the wealthiest 2 percent of Americans," the president said in afternoon remarks.

"Doesn't it make sense for us to move forward with the tax cuts that we all agree on?" Obama added. "We should be able to extend, right now, middle-class tax relief on the first $250,000 of income."

Nervous Democrats are among those with concerns about the president's plan.

"We should not be raising taxes in the middle of a recession," Rep. Jim Marshall, D-Ga., who's facing tough odds in his bid for a fourth term, wrote in a terse letter to House Speaker Nancy Pelosi.

"It is essential that we keep things as they are in the short term," said Rep. Travis W. Childers, D-Miss., another conservative incumbent in a tight race, whose district, like Marshall's, voted for Republican John McCain in the 2008 presidential race.

For this pair, one press release announcing their opposition to Obama's plan was not enough. They were two of 31 jittery Democrats who signed a letter urging Pelosi, D-Calif., and Majority Leader Steny Hoyer, D-Md., to abandon the Obama plan and extend to everyone the Bush-era tax cuts due to expire at the end of the year, according to one of its authors, Rep. Jim Matheson, D-Utah.

House and Senate leaders aren't saying which plan they'll propose, or whether they'll even bother with the debate in the charged political atmosphere leading up to the Nov. 2 midterm elections. All 435 House seats, 37 in the Senate and the Democratic majorities in both houses are on the line.

The divisions extended well into Democratic ranks on Capitol Hill. Moderates and conservatives in tight races were skittish about the prospect of being branded tax hikers at the height of election season if a bill to let taxes rise for the wealthy is brought up for debate. Other Democrats said they relish the idea of holding a vote to extend only the middle class tax cuts and daring Republicans to vote against it.

"I want to smoke some people out," said Rep. Bill Pascrell, D-N.J., a supporter of the Obama plan who nonetheless said he was open to compromise.

Common ground was less the issue than whether punting the matter until the end of the year might be politically helpful.

Democratic leaders would not commit to a full debate or a vote in the handful of weeks before Congress leaves town for the campaign trail. Asked directly Wednesday whether Congress should take up the tax cut issue before or after Election Day, Pelosi did not answer. Her lieutenant, Hoyer, sounded open to discussing compromises but did not say when those talks might happen.

Republicans, meanwhile, stayed together on their tax-cuts-for-all message and pressed for action before leaving town in October to go home to campaign. House Republican leader John Boehner, who over the weekend had suggested he would vote for Obama's plan if that were the only option offered him, stuck to the party's message Wednesday.





SURF REPORT

Surf Conditions **Water Temp:** 64°

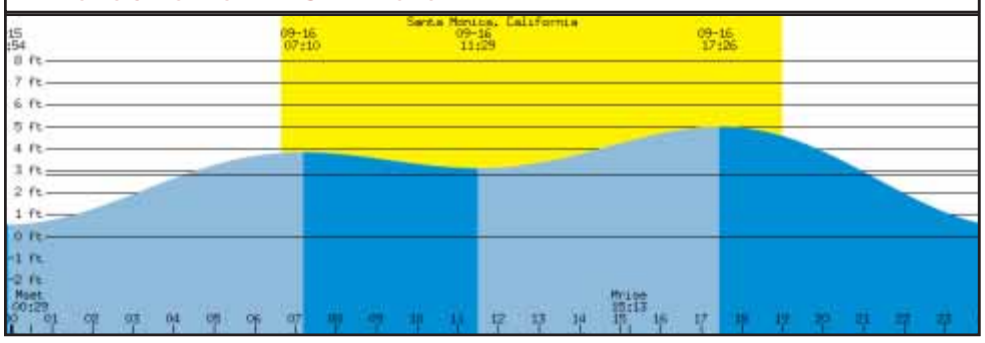
Swell Forecast

Waist to chest at dawn, then chest+ late morning seems like a reasonable expectation at south facing breaks as this swell starts to fill into the area.

Long Range Synopsis

1-2' overhead on the better sets at standout south facing breaks.

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 **September 8, 2010**

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 -- 0
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 8
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 43 / ns
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 2 / ns

The Beach Report Card is made possible by: The Diller – von Furstenberg Family Foundation, Groetzbeck Family Foundation, simplehuman, SIMA, Carlson Family Foundation, Inc.

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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 Lechasa and Las Alisos creeks.	A+	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 Blacker County Beach.	A+	ns
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	B	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	ns
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	A+	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	F	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	ns
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A+	ns
Pena Creek at Las 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 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	ns
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.	D	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.	B	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 D&W 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

Boise State sheds underdog image

NANCY ARMOUR
AP National Writer

BOISE, Idaho It's been four years now, and Travis Hawkes is still amazed each day when he sees the pile of Boise State merchandise waiting to be shipped out.

When he was a kid, nobody wore Boise State gear. Even at Broncos games, maybe half the stadium would be dressed in blue and orange — and some of that was folks simply pulling out their blaze orange hunting jackets and calling it team spirit.

Now people all across the country want a spot on the Boise State bandwagon. The school that 15 years ago was playing in what was then Division I-AA, a team once known more for its funky blue field than its record, has emerged as college football's most unlikely powerhouse.

It has two undefeated seasons and just four losses over the last four years. Its 134-31 record since 1997 is the best of any school (sorry Florida, Texas and Ohio State). Its current 15-game winning streak is second-longest in the country.

And, now sitting in the third spot of the AP Top 25, the Broncos might just be the team that breaks the BCS once and for all.

"Six, seven, eight years ago, the idea Boise State would be No. 3 in the country and would be talked about as a contender for the national championship would have gotten you laughed out of the room," said Hawkes, a Boise State grad and owner of The Blue and Orange Store. "Now people are just crazy for the Broncos."

In fact, the only ones not caught up in Boise State-mania might be coach Chris Petersen and his players.

"We certainly appreciate where we are but, I've got to tell you, we don't think about it very much," Petersen said Tuesday. "We just think about the next team on our schedule and all the problems that Wyoming causes us.

"We care about the rankings when we're done playing."

Founded as a junior college in 1932 by the Episcopal Church, Boise State only received full university status in 1974 and has long been overshadowed in these parts by the more established University of Idaho. While enrollment is climbing and Boise State is making a name for itself in research, most of its 20,000 students commute and more than 40 percent are 25 or older.

Its campus is as scenic as it is compact, with the Boise Foothills in the background, the Boise River running along the northern edge of campus and the city's rose garden and zoo just across the Friendship Bridge. Those who don't ride skateboards or bikes to class can hop on an old-fashioned red-and-green trolley car, part of the campus shuttle service.

Despite a student body that is largely nontraditional — or maybe because of it — the school is full of passionate Broncos fans. Hats, T-shirts, shorts, sweat pants — name an article of clothing that could be emblazoned with the Boise State logo, and it'll be seen on campus.

"It's cool," freshman Mercedes Valdez said. "That's our school, that's where we go. We're a part of that."

Added Boise State President Bob Kustra, "It's just a grand moment for Boise State and I think everyone ... feels that. No matter what you do here, people are really excited about that."

People in town, too.

Boise is more than 300 miles from Salt Lake City, the next closest major city, so there is no natural allegiance to a specific professional team. The Broncos are the closest thing to a pro team Boise has, and the town embraces the Broncos wholeheartedly.

Go to any restaurant, bar or party, and the talk is about Boise State. Houses and cars alike are decked out in Boise State colors. The sign outside one hotel read "Good Job Broncos," and the release of the latest Top 25 led the news on one local TV station Sunday night.

"I'm from Seattle and I used to watch the Pac-10. It took me four years or so to warm up to (Boise State), but now I'm its biggest fan," said Dave Custer, director of operations at the Bittercreek Alehouse downtown. "I'm an even bigger fan than I was of the Washington Huskies. That's the power of it."

Make no mistake, though, Boise State is more than a cute, cuddly underdog.

OBITUARY

Dodgers scout LaMacchia dies at 89

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES Al LaMacchia, a former executive with the Blue Jays during their World Series championships and a longtime scout for several teams including the Los Angeles Dodgers, died Wednesday. He was 89.

Dodgers spokesman Josh Rawitch said LaMacchia died at his home in San Antonio following a stroke on Sept. 4.

"Al was the epitome of a baseball scout. He loved the game and the people in it," Dodgers general manager Ned Colletti said. "Knowing that Al was always available to help with a player or a thought process was always a comforting combination. I found his wisdom of life and baseball to be rare."

LaMacchia pitched in 16 games for his hometown St. Louis Browns (1943, 1945-46) and the Washington Senators (1946) after 16 seasons as a pitcher in the minor leagues, including a 15-2 mark for San Antonio in the Texas League in 1942.

He scouted for the Braves organization from 1961-1976, and later for the Devils Rays and finally for the Dodgers, beginning in 2002. He joined the Toronto organization at its inception, in 1977, and was a vice president when the Blue Jays won the World Series in 1992 and 1993.

LaMacchia was born on July 22, 1921, in St. Louis.

The Dodgers said players he scouted or signed included Dale Murphy, George Bell, Cito Gaston, Dave Stieb and David Wells. He touted Double-A outfielder Andre Ethier to Colletti before the Dodgers acquired him from Oakland in 2005.

Funeral arrangements were pending.

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MOVIE TIMES

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

Family Plot & Rope Double feature
7:30 pm

AMC Loews Broadway 4
1441 Third Street Promenade

Piranha 3D (NR) 1hr 29min
4:30pm, 9:40pm

Dinner for Schmucks (PG-13) 1hr 50min
1:50pm, 7:00pm

Switch (PG-13) 1hr 40min
2:30pm, 5:05pm, 7:30pm, 9:55pm

Nanny McPhee Returns (PG) 1hr 40min
1:00pm, 3:45pm, 6:30pm, 9:15pm

Kids Are All Right (R) 1hr 44min
2:15pm, 4:45pm, 7:15pm, 9:45pm

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

Eat Pray Love (PG-13) 2hrs 13min
12:20pm, 3:25pm, 6:30pm, 9:35pm

Takers (PG-13) 1hr 47min
11:05am, 1:45pm, 4:30pm, 7:15pm, 10:05pm

Inception (PG-13) 2hrs 28min
11:45am, 3:00pm, 6:15pm, 9:30pm

Going the Distance (R) 1hr 37min
11:15am, 2:00pm, 4:45pm, 7:30pm, 10:15pm

Resident Evil: Afterlife 3D (NR)
11:00am, 12:00pm, 1:30pm, 2:30pm, 4:00pm, 5:00pm, 7:00pm, 8:00pm, 9:30pm, 10:30pm

American (R)
11:30am, 2:10pm, 4:40pm, 7:20pm, 9:55pm

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

Cairo Time (PG) 1hr 28min
1:00pm, 3:15pm, 5:30pm, 7:45pm, 10:00pm

Get Low (PG-13) 1hr 40min
1:30pm, 4:10pm, 7:00pm, 9:30pm

Concert (Le concert) (PG-13) 2hrs 00min
1:40pm, 4:20pm, 7:10pm, 9:50pm

Legendary (PG-13) 1hr 47min
1:50pm, 4:30pm, 7:20pm, 10:00pm

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

Salt (PG-13) 1hr 39min
12:00pm, 2:25pm, 4:50pm, 7:15pm, 9:40pm

Expendables (R) 1hr 43min
11:40am, 2:10pm, 4:40pm, 7:10pm, 9:45pm

Other Guys (PG-13) 1hr 47min
11:05am, 1:45pm, 4:30pm, 7:15pm, 10:00pm

Machete (NR)
11:35am, 2:15pm, 5:00pm, 7:35pm, 10:10pm

Scott Pilgrim vs. the World (PG-13) 1hr 53min
11:15am, 1:50pm, 4:25pm, 7:00pm, 9:35pm

Last Exorcism (PG-13) 1hr 40min
1:05pm, 3:20pm, 5:35pm, 7:50pm, 10:05pm

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

Up late, Aries

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ Investigate alternatives, even if someone, or several people, nixes every idea that heads in his or her direction. Focus on what you can do without a high-five from others. Sometimes you have little choice. Tonight: Burning the midnight oil.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Keep reaching out for others. You might not understand what is happening behind the scenes with an associate. It also is questionable whether you want to know. Creativity fills in the gaps. Allow more feedback from those who have vision. Tonight: Let your mind wander.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Build a stronger sense of connection in a key relationship. Allow greater creativity and a deeper sense of connection to bubble up. Don't take unnecessary risks, if possible. Others simply aren't working with you, nor against you. Take your time. Tonight: Dinner for two.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ Defer to others, knowing full well what you need, which is cooperation. You are coming from a very solid point of view. Others simply cannot hear your message, especially those who count. Tonight: Sort through weekend plans.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ Stay even and direct in your dealings. You might not always come up with the best solution. Be aware of the costs of a project that might be important to you. Discussions don't seem to reveal any solutions yet. Tonight: Pace yourself.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Your receptiveness helps you bypass a major issue. For many, it could involve finances. You will find a solution that might startle you. Don't allow insecurity to float through your plans any longer. Tonight: Let your hair down.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Use your imagination to get past the inevitable. Your ability to handle a personal matter could make a big difference. Carefully consider options that surround you. Share what you might think is an off-the-wall idea. Tonight: Homeward bound.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Keep conversations moving. A meeting proves to be enlightening. Consider that the only person who is holding you back is yourself. Make calls, brainstorm away and get a project off the ground. Tonight: Start thinking about weekend plans.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You might want to broker a better understanding financially. You might want to discuss what is behind another person's actions. Try walking in this person's shoes rather than judge him or her. Go along with an associate's ideas. Tonight: Work as late as need be.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Someone could be hard on you. This person wants something done his or her way and will say and do whatever it takes. You might want to read between the lines. Distance yourself and see what is going on with this person. Tonight: All smiles. Find a friend or loved one.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ Read between the lines more carefully. How you handle a child or loved one is important. Listen to his or her perspective. Understand what needs to occur within your immediate circle in order to bring a greater sense of connection. Tonight: Consider a radical change, but don't act on it.

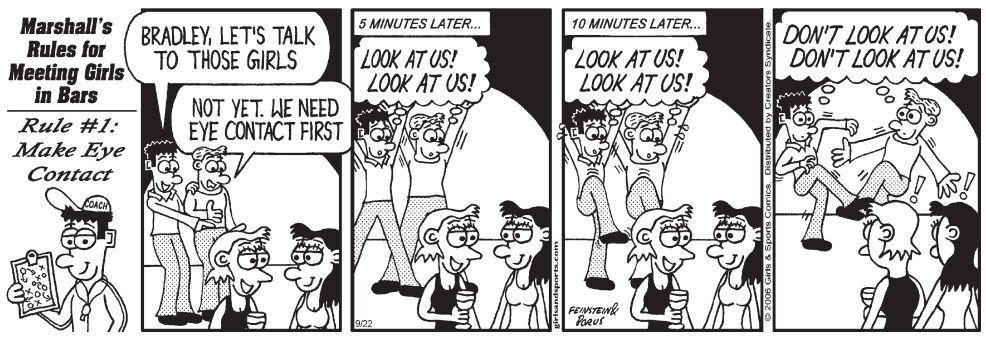
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ You see a lot going on behind the scenes. You know what you want to do. Realize what is inevitable, and don't fight city hall in order to achieve those results. A sense of being connected to others remains key. A meeting is important. Tonight: Where the action is.

Happy birthday

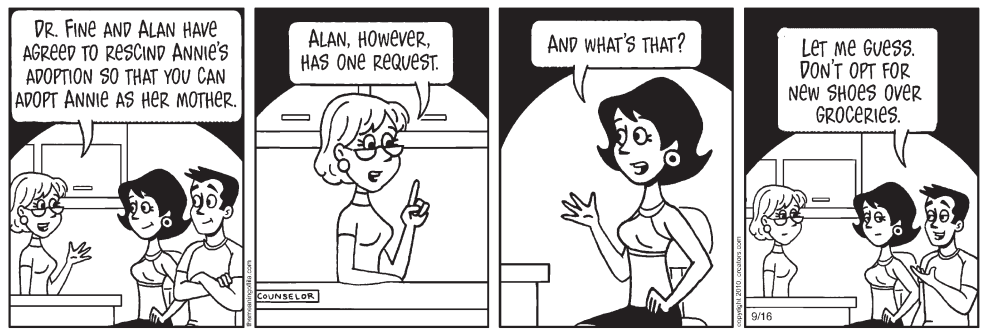
JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS
The stars show the kind of day you'll have:
★★★★★Dynamic ★★ So-So
★★★★ Positive ★ Difficult
★★★ Average

This year, you open up to many changes. Emphasize your imagination and your ability to move past an issue. You might see a situation far differently from others. You add more energy than you realize. You add a caring, feeling touch that makes people more comfortable. Be willing to discuss issues more openly. If you are single, a relationship enters your life that will play a significant role. If you are attached, the two of you regain your past closeness. You act like newlyweds. CAPRICORN is fun to be with.

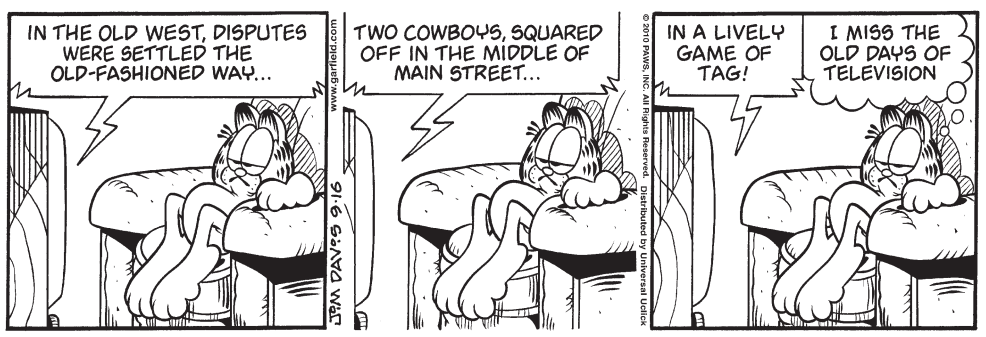
Girls and Sports
By Justin Borus and Andrew Feinstein



The Meaning of Lila
By John Forgetta & L.A. Rose



Garfield
By Jim Davis



Strange Brew
By John Deering



Speed Bump
By Dave Coverly



Procrastination is a problem when it comes to doing my disaster plan. As a business owner I have a lot to do. It's not like a disaster is going to happen tomorrow. Besides, we have that new business pitch. I've been waiting for this to happen for a while now. I'll get the disaster plan finished eventually. Nothing to worry about, it'll happen.

Whether natural or man-made, at least one in four businesses affected by a disaster never reopen. Though emergencies are unpredictable, when you have a plan in place you can adapt, recover and stay in control.

It's never too late to protect your business until it is.

Make a plan.

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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

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





MYSTERY PHOTO

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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Window part
5 Cardiff's land
10 More lovable
12 — -garde
13 Find charming
14 Singer Ronstadt
15 With 16-Across, "War and Peace" writer
16 See 15-Across
18 Evasive maneuver
20 Ram's mate
21 Vicinity
23 Sunburnt
24 Prom wear
26 Touch down
28 Spanish hero
29 Go across
31 Hack-neyed
32 "The Joy Luck Club" writer
36 With 39-Across, "The Name of the Rose" writer
39 See 36-Across
40 Get excited
41 Loved ones
43 City on the Rhone
44 Cow of ads
45 Rent again
46 G-men

DOWN

1 Map ratio
2 Poet W.H.
3 Got up
4 That lass
5 Mural setting
6 Rara —
7 Camper's light
8 Supplied with funding
9 Didn't go
11 Investor's income
17 Indivisible
19 Coarse
22 Stylish
24 TV's "— Girls"
25 Eccentric
27 Some
28 Tawny cat
30 Contrived
33 Make fun of
34 Caustic
35 Plane parts
37 Dueling weapon
38 Take it easy
42 Pole worker

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Yesterday's answer

NEW CROSSWORD BOOK! Send $4.75 (check/m.o.) to Thomas Joseph Book 2, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475

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DAILY LOTTERY

MEGA MILLIONS: 6 14 50 55 56
Meganumber: 1
Jackpot: $54M

SUPER LOTTO PLUS: 2 10 31 35 45
Meganumber: 24
Jackpot: $16M

Fantasy 5: 8 14 17 20 38

DAILY 3: MIDDAY: 6 7 2
EVENING: 4 5 8

DAILY DERBY:
1st: 09 Winning Spirit
2nd: 12 Lucky Charms
3rd: 05 Whirl Win
RACE TIME: 1:49.04

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ John Theodore Anderson (also known, in his court filings, as "John-Theodore:Anderson) filed a lawsuit in August against an Alpine, Utah, attorney who had acquired land from a man who Anderson said owed him $4,000 for "consulting" work. The attorney, and the previous owner, denied Anderson's claim, provoking Anderson to file a lien on the land -- for $918 billion (a mark-up only quixotically related to the $4,000). However, by the time Anderson got around to filing the lawsuit to defend the lien, his $4,000 claim had become $38 quadrillion (38 thousand trillion dollars).

■ Unclear on the Concept: (1) In Maine Township, Ill., Mr. Janusz Owca was arrested in August for choking his wife and was booked into jail and given his traditional phone call. With police listening, Owca called his wife and threatened to kill her. (2) Veteran criminal Nathan Pugh, 49, walked in to a Wells Fargo bank in Dallas on July 26 and presented his holdup note to a teller (claiming to have a "bom"). The teller told Pugh that she could not release large amounts of money without proper ID and convinced Pugh to turn over both a Texas state ID card and his Wells Fargo debit card, both in his own name. Police arrived just as Pugh was leaving and after an attempt to grab a hostage, he was arrested. (He even failed with the hostage -- a woman carrying a child -- who still managed to take Pugh to the floor.)

TODAY IN HISTORY

1970 King Hussein of Jordan declares military rule following the hijacking of four civilian airliners by the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP). This results in the formation of the Black September Palestinian paramilitary unit.

1975 Papua New Guinea gains its independence from Australia.

1975 Cape Verde, Mozambique and Sao Tome and Principe join the United Nations.

WORD UP!

arch
\ AHRCH \ , adjective;
1. Cunning; crafty; sly.
2. Obsolete

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