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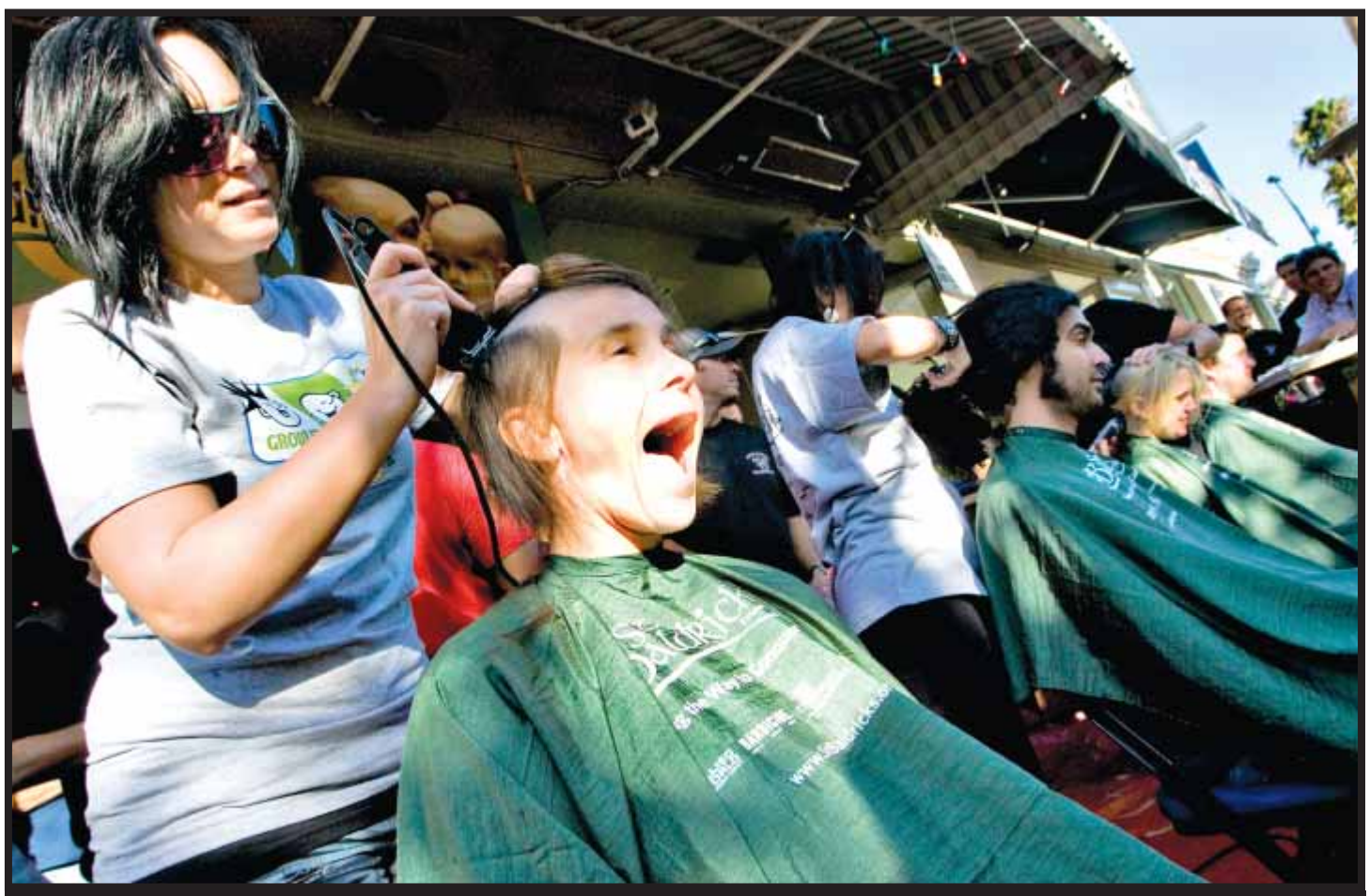
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CUTS FOR A CAUSE

Brandon Wise *brandonw@smdp.com*

Kristen Moore (center) along with other volunteers, gets her hair shaved off to raise money for kids with cancer at the Santa Monica Firefighers Local 1109 annual St. Baldrick's event at Barney's Beanery on the Third Street Promenade on Friday afternoon.

Cuneo to step down as SMMUSD chief

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

SMMUSD HDQTRS Tim Cuneo, superintendent of the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District, has announced he will step down when his contract ends in June.

His departure means the district's board will have a major decision to make in the month's following November's election, when four of seven seats will be decided.

"It's going to be a great loss. He really has been a really incredible leader," said SMMUSD board president Barry Snell. "His leadership has helped guide the district though some of the most difficult times we've ever had."

Snell said the board did not pressure Cuneo, who has been at the district's helm

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Black students stumble as district boosts test scores

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

SMMUSD HDQTRS African American students in the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District did worse on state standardized tests this year compared with 2009, despite significant improvements by the overall student body on the exams.

The average SMMUSD student received a score of 844 on the California Department of Education's Academic Performance Index this year, an 11 point increase from the year before.

But in a setback for the district's goal of closing the achievement gap that separates minority students from others who attend SMMUSD, African American students' average test score decreased 7 points this year, from 727 to 720.

While several board members said the results were a sign the district needs to change its approach to teaching African American students, officials called the 2010 results an anomaly.

Maureen Bradford, director of educational services, pointed out African American students' scores have steadily increased from an average of 661 in 2004.

"There is an expectation that each year there will be ups and downs," she said. "Seven points is a big dip, but it's one year and this is a really small group. It's much easier to make an impact overall if there are fewer students."

The results reflected the scores of 360 African American students, out of 8,547 students in the district who were tested. The API scores are compiled from several statewide standardized tests, including the California Standards Test, which measures students' abilities in English language, math, science and social studies.

Asian American students performed best on the tests, with an average score of 911, down one point from 2009, followed by white students, who averaged 888, up from 877 the year before. Hispanic students increased their average score to 763, from 749 in 2009.

The statewide API goal is for scores to improve by five points per year until they

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2010 ELECTION

Get in the know with candidate forums

The Santa Monica municipal elections on Nov. 2 are less than two months away. A number of forums will be held in the coming weeks to keep the community informed and educated on the candidates for City Council, school board and Rent Control Board as well as the measures that will appear on the ballot, including a half-cent sales tax increase and enhanced protections for tenants facing eviction.

Here are the forums:

•MONDAY SEPT. 27
CEPS / LEAD Candidate Forum
School board candidates:
6 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.
City Council candidates:
7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Main Library Multipurpose Room
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Saturday, Sept. 25, 2010

Glow in the dark
Santa Monica Beach, Pier and Pacific Palisades
7 p.m. — 3 p.m.
The city of Santa Monica puts on Glow: Dusk and Beyond, a bi-annual, late-night arts and culture event. Previous years drew crowds of more than 200,000 people. Expect art installations, exhibits and fun in the dark, as you explore the festivities until the early morning. For more information, visit glowsantamonica.org.

Buying with a purpose
Citywide
To celebrate the Sustainable City Plan's "sweet 16" businesses taking part in the Buy Local Santa Monica program are offering perks for patrons who are friendly to the environment. The promotion lasts from Sept. 20-25. For more information and a list of participating businesses, visit buylocalsantamonica.com/sustainable.

Coast cleanup
Santa Monica Beach
9 a.m. — 12 p.m.
More than 14,000 volunteers will wake up early today to help clean up Los Angeles' coastline. In coordination with Heal the Bay, Santa Monica is hosting its own Coast Cleanup Day.

Yoga for the planet
Santa Monica Pier, west end
Yoga with Grace on the west end of the pier to benefit Heal the Bay. Bring your own mat and dress warmly. $5 minimum donation. Please RSVP via info@yogaforchange.com or call (310) 883.4358.

Smithsonian Day
Santa Monica Museum of Art
11 a.m. — 6 a.m.
Head on down to Santa Monica's Museum of Art for a free day. Today is free museum day around the USA. Visit smithsonianmag.com to download the Museum Day Card, which is valid for two people.

My way or the highway
Highways Gallery
1651 18th St.
5:30 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.
Highways Gallery presents contemporary artists Linda Besemer, Diana DeAugustine, Sherin Guirguis and Olga Koumoundouros in their latest show. Tonight's opening reception will kick off the exhibit titled "Permissions," which honors Eva Hesse, whose innovative practice helped influence a generation of artists.

Meet the candidates
Santa Monica Republican Headquarters
3004 Santa Monica Blvd.
6:30 p.m. — 9 p.m.
Join KRLA 870 AM radio talk show host Kevin James as he talks to the Republican candidates. For more information, call (310) 264-6116.

Rock out
McCabe's Guitar Shop
3101 Pico Blvd.
8 p.m.
Listen to a combination of punk and rock as synthesist Jon Langford performs hits from his new album, "Old Devils." Tickets are $15. For more information, visit mccabes.com/condata.html.

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.

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Samohi suffers first loss of season

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

ORANGE COUNTY The Santa Monica High School Vikings football team finally knows the taste of defeat, having lost its first game of the season on the road against Villa Park, 35-29, on Thursday.

The loss sends the Samohi Vikings to 2-1 on the season, but Head Coach Travis Clark said the loss wasn't in vain.

The Vikings' Kris Comas continued to shine, scoring two touchdowns on eight catches for 140 yards. The senior wide receiver has scored nine touchdowns for the Vikings in three games this season.

"The dude is [NCAA] Division 1," Clark said of Comas. "He's the best player at Samohi since Charles Gordon."

Gordon, who graduated in the early 2000s, played for the Minnesota Vikings before an injury essentially ended his career in 2008. He is serving as an assistant coach on the team this season.

The Vikings were able to continue their strong play on offense, but Clark said his defensive line had trouble containing Villa Park running back Kapena Olsen, who rushed for 217 yards and three touchdowns.

Clark said the loss followed a poor week of practice. He said that the team seemed a bit complacent having started the season with a pair of easy wins over Leuzinger and Palisades.

"I was a little nervous [heading into the game]," Clark said.

Villa Park kicked off the contest with a touchdown, but Samohi was able to answer and actually led 7-6 at one point. From there, Olsen ran wild on a defense that had little time to prepare before the kick off. Clark said the team arrived just a half hour before the game due to traffic and had to do pre-game warmups in a hurry.

He didn't blame the loss on logistics, but said that it didn't help the Vikings' cause.

Having started the season with three road games, Clark said he's happy to be 2-1 heading into a matchup with Southern California power Valencia on Friday at Santa Monica College's Corsair field. Valencia routed the Vikings last season, 63-7.

"All we have our minds on is Valencia," Clark said. "We have to be ready."

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LEADER OF THE PACK: **St. Monica senior co-captain Athena Nestoras (#18) helped lead her undefeated Mariners to victory Thursday night over Lighthouse Christian Academy. Nestoras was the only Mariner to play all 114 points.**

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

St. Monica shuts out Lighthouse Christian

BY PATRICK HOURIHAN
Special to the Daily Press

ST. MONICA The St. Monica Catholic High School girls' varsity volleyball team remains undefeated at 4-0 after Thursday night's shutout victory over Lighthouse Christian Academy.

St. Monica's senior co-captain, Athena Nestoras, proved she knows what it takes to be a team leader — she was the only athlete to play all 114 points for the Mariners in their sweep over the Saints in three straight games, with scores of 25-11, 25-16, and 25-12.

The two teams did not meet last season, but they did play in 2008, when the Mariners beat the Saints 3 games to 1 with scores of 21-25, 25-16, 25-18, and 25-21.

The Mariners are currently ranked first overall in the California Interscholastic Federation Southern Section and fourth overall in CIF-Division 4. Coronado High School in San Diego holds the top spot in the state, a position St. Monica's third-year head coach, Allison Rivera, would love the girls in green and gold to be in.

"The win over Mary Star last week was huge, and with this win over a tough Lighthouse team we hope to keep that momentum going forward," said an excited Rivera following the game. "We are still taking things one game at a time, but we start league play Oct. 5 and hope to be prepared."

Lighthouse has a 4-2 record so far this season. The Saints lost to Malibu High last Tuesday. Lighthouse head coach Stephanie Sommer brought a loaded 12-player roster and, being a local team, brought their fair share of fans. They had as many supporters as St. Monica, with both camps proudly shifting from the east side of the stands to the west as the teams would shift sides between games. It was a sight some St. Monica fans admitted they had never seen before.

The Lighthouse Saints will play next Monday at the Armenian General Benevolent Union: Manoogian-Demirdjian School in Canoga Park. Tip-off is at 4 p.m.

St. Monica's next game will be a 6 p.m. tip-off next Tuesday at St. Anthony's High School in Long Beach. They begin Camino Real League play on Oct. 5 with a game at Serra High School in Gardena.

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What about us?

Editor:

I cannot believe in your article about the Glow event you recommended to people if they were hungry to visit the food truck vendors rather than the local food establishments on the Santa Monica Pier and on the Boardwalk ("Glow survival guide," Sept. 23, page 1). What are we? Chopped liver! Two years ago we stayed open until 3 a.m. or later to serve patrons. It was disappointing to see in your article the suggestion to overlook the local establishments in our area and send people to the food trucks.

Marcia Jacobs
Carousel Cafe and Santa Monica Gifts

Neanderthal thinking

Editor:

I am writing in response to the column "What was Sainz thinking?" (Hiding in the Open, Sept. 22).

This is definitely a topic that needs to be explored with the rise of beautiful women in the media industry. However, I am really shocked that you used the phrase "dress(ed) like a stripper" a few too many times. I don't think that wearing tight jeans and a somewhat low cut top really passes for stripper attire. Strippers wear g-strings. ...

I am a man who does appreciate the female form and I will look if it is presented nicely. However, I have something called self control and decency and would never dream of responding to someone's appearance by hooting, hollering and treating them like "hoochies." I think it's totally unacceptable that you refer to men's testosterone and visual nature as excuses for such behavior. This is America, women should be able to dress however they see fit and the notion that they should expect this kind of reaction is so schoolyard that it's shocking it gets published in a newspaper as part of an op-ed piece. If anything, the onus should be on men to grow up and not think so base about women.

I recently attended the "Go Topless Day" in Venice, not to ogle breasts, but to see what the reaction was. There were lots of men with cameras and dark shades lurking about. There were also men wearing bikinis and they were really trying to get the message out that women should have this freedom. Then the crazy, right-wing Christians showed up with their sweaty brows and big signs proclaiming a fiery hell for those sinners on the beach. I immediately approached them in a calm demeanor and asked them why they were at the beach. They proclaimed that these women were opening the door for many acts of sin in both the lust and vanity categories, basically saying that men couldn't be held responsible for their actions because of the temptation that arises when nipples are shown. I asked them, "Did God instill this desire into us?" They said it was the devil's work. This country's take on nudity, taboo and sex is so warped and confused (thanks in part to the church and their agents in our government) that we are still blaming women for this sort of behavior.

I just read this column and see it coming form another man in America who is too concerned with ... flesh. Go take a life drawing class and then you will see true beauty and humanity in the wrinkled, flabby, veiny, corporeal, flesh of a real woman who is not afraid to be nude for the sake of art, or you can just read Maxim magazine and stoop to that level that so much of America is in.

Teddy Vecchione
Culver City



On the Beat

NRO Joseph Cortez — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Traffic school in session

Q: I NOTICED THE SCHOOL BUSES HAVE A mechanical stop sign and flashing lights that extend outward when drivers are dropping off or picking up children. Do I have to stop for that stop sign?

A: All school buses are equipped with flashing red lights that are activated when loading or unloading children. Some of the school buses have a stop sign on the left rear quarter panel that extends out when loading or unloading children also. California law requires that drivers approaching from either side of the bus must stop and remain stopped while the red lights and stop arms are activated (22454 (a) CVC). The only exceptions to the law come into play when the bus is stopped on a roadway with multiple lanes and a divided highway or a raised center divider. If you are approaching from the opposite direction and on the opposite side of the road from the bus, you may proceed.

This law was created for the safety of our students. It is imperative that drivers yield and stop for buses with red lights on. School bus drivers are required to assist students when crossing in front of the bus and may appear at any time. Be aware of pedestrians and watch out for children who dart out into the roadway.

Q: Is the Santa Monica Police Department monitoring the traffic around the local schools?

A: The Santa Monica Police Department is committed to traffic safety. The Neighborhood Resource Officers have teamed up with the Traffic Services Division and School Resource Officers to provide traffic safety through education and enforcement around local schools.

The Santa Monica Police Department wants to remind motorists that you need to be more cautious around schools. Motorists need to be aware that children are present around schools and will be on the sidewalks and crossing the streets before and after school in large numbers. Motorists need to be extra alert and watch for any children darting into the roadway. Make sure you refrain from any activity that may distract you while driving.

Parents/drivers, please allow yourself ample time to drive your children to school and please do not double park or allow your youngster to jump out of the vehicle while positioned in the roadway. Please take the time to pull over and allow your child to safely exit the vehicle at the sidewalk. Take the time to speak with your child about traffic safety and the traffic laws pertaining to the use of bicycles on the roadway. Also speak with your children about the importance of crossing the roadway at a marked intersection and with a crossing guard if one is available.

The Santa Monica Police Department will continue to educate motorists and enforce traffic laws around the local schools throughout the school year. Please contact your Neighborhood Resource Officer or the Traffic Services Division with any questions regarding traffic safety around the schools. The Traffic Division's telephone number is (310) 458-8466.

KEEP YOUR NEIGHBORHOODS GRAFFITI FREE

A question regarding one's civic duty was asked a few weeks ago, with regards to the reporting of a crime in progress or suspicious activity. The SMPD wants to remind everyone that it is all of our responsibility to also keep our city free from blight. This includes graffiti that has almost become a regular part of the landscape. It may not "harm" anyone directly, but here is a quick question:

Which of the following impacts does the appearance of graffiti have on a neighborhood?

1. Decreases property value
2. Increases resident's fear of crime
3. Attracts more graffiti writers
4. All of the above

If you answered "all of the above," you're correct! If you notice acts of graffiti in your area, the SMPD suggests the following courses of action:

1. File a police report when your property is affected. This informs patrol officers of recent "hot spots." Encourage your neighbors to do the same.

2. Remove or paint over graffiti on your property as soon as possible to deter additional offenders.

3. Call City Hall's Graffiti Hotline at (310) 458-2231 to report graffiti. Graffiti on public property (bus benches, trash dumpsters, etc.) or on your own property (with a signed waiver) can be removed by City Hall's graffiti removal team.

4. Organize a neighborhood clean-up campaign if graffiti or other visible blights are widespread.

5. Work with neighboring property owners to obtain mutual agreement on the importance of maintaining clean surroundings.

As always, the SMPD will assist you in keeping the city free from graffiti. Just give your local Neighborhood Resource Officer a call. Their phone numbers and e-mail contacts can be found on the SMPD's website at www.santamonicapd.org.

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Flying to become a pain in the butt

I THOUGHT IT WAS A JOKE WHEN I HEARD that an airplane seat manufacturer was trying to sell airlines seats that are more uncomfortable than the ones we're used to. But it's not a joke. Aviointeriors is the Italian manufacturer that has come up with seats that would put passengers in a half-sitting, half-standing posture. The seat would actually be a saddle, and the posture of the passenger would allow more of these seats to be squeezed onto a plane than the usual coach seats. There would be approximately 7 inches less legroom. That's just the kind of thing that air travel needs now. When people get off a plane after a trip, don't they all say, "The flight was OK, but I just wish there had been less room?"

Traveling by air is no longer a fun experience for most people. The airports are crowded, security lines are long and slow, and you're not even allowed to take a container of yogurt on the plane with you. A nice recent feature is that you have to pay extra to take a second suitcase. And you must've noticed that many flight attendants act as if they would rather be someplace else today, and who could blame them? With pay and benefit cuts, flying's no fun for them either. We don't get meals served to us anymore. Flights are often late, and bags are lost sometimes — even that bag that cost you extra. With all of this going on, someone thinks people will want to have a less pleasant flying experience?

I couldn't even imagine that anything could be done to cut back on more costs to the airline and add to more discomfort for the passengers. When they toss a bag of pretzels at you and call it a "snack," how much lower can they go? The answer seems to be these new seats, and I guess our future complaint after flying will be saddle sores.

The idea is that airlines could jam more of these new seats onto a plane, and then charge people less for sitting/standing. A new class would be formed that would be cheaper than Economy. They haven't come up with a name for this class, but "Inhumane" would be a good possibility. The seat manufacturer feels that there are people who would be willing to use these seats for a short flight if it cost them less than usual.

He may be right. The Irish bargain airline, Ryanair, is trying to get the OK on having "standing room" on flights. They conducted a poll last year, and almost half of its customers said they would be glad to stand for a one-hour flight if it meant they could fly for less.

But don't expect these seats to be the last of cost-cutting measures by the airlines. I wouldn't be surprised if they started charging us for going into that tiny room with a metal toilet that they have the nerve to call a "lavatory."

There's no reason why the overhead bin has to be free. Who wouldn't pay a dollar or two to put their computer up there instead of having it on the floor where it gets stepped on every time the guy next to you gets up?

They could easily start renting those airline magazines to us. That way, we'd actually have to pay to look at ads for an automatic pasta maker or a canine genealogy kit.

SOME OF THESE THINGS MIGHT SOUND RIDICULOUS, BUT WHOEVER WOULD HAVE THOUGHT THAT AIRLINES WOULD BE CHARGING EXTRA FOR A SOGGY SANDWICH OR EARPHONES FOR THE MOVIE?

Let's say you're not happy sitting next to that guy who snort-laughs at every stupid joke in the movie. For a few bucks more, they'll move you next to someone who just reads quietly for the whole trip. Similarly, if you don't want to sit next to someone who keeps talking about his fascinating hobby of making rubber band balls, you'll have to pay to sit next to someone who can give you stock tips.

Some of these things might sound ridiculous, but whoever would have thought that airlines would be charging extra for a soggy sandwich or earphones for the movie? What's next, are they going to start allowing you to use your bonus miles only at times that you'd never fly? Oh, that's right. They're already doing that.

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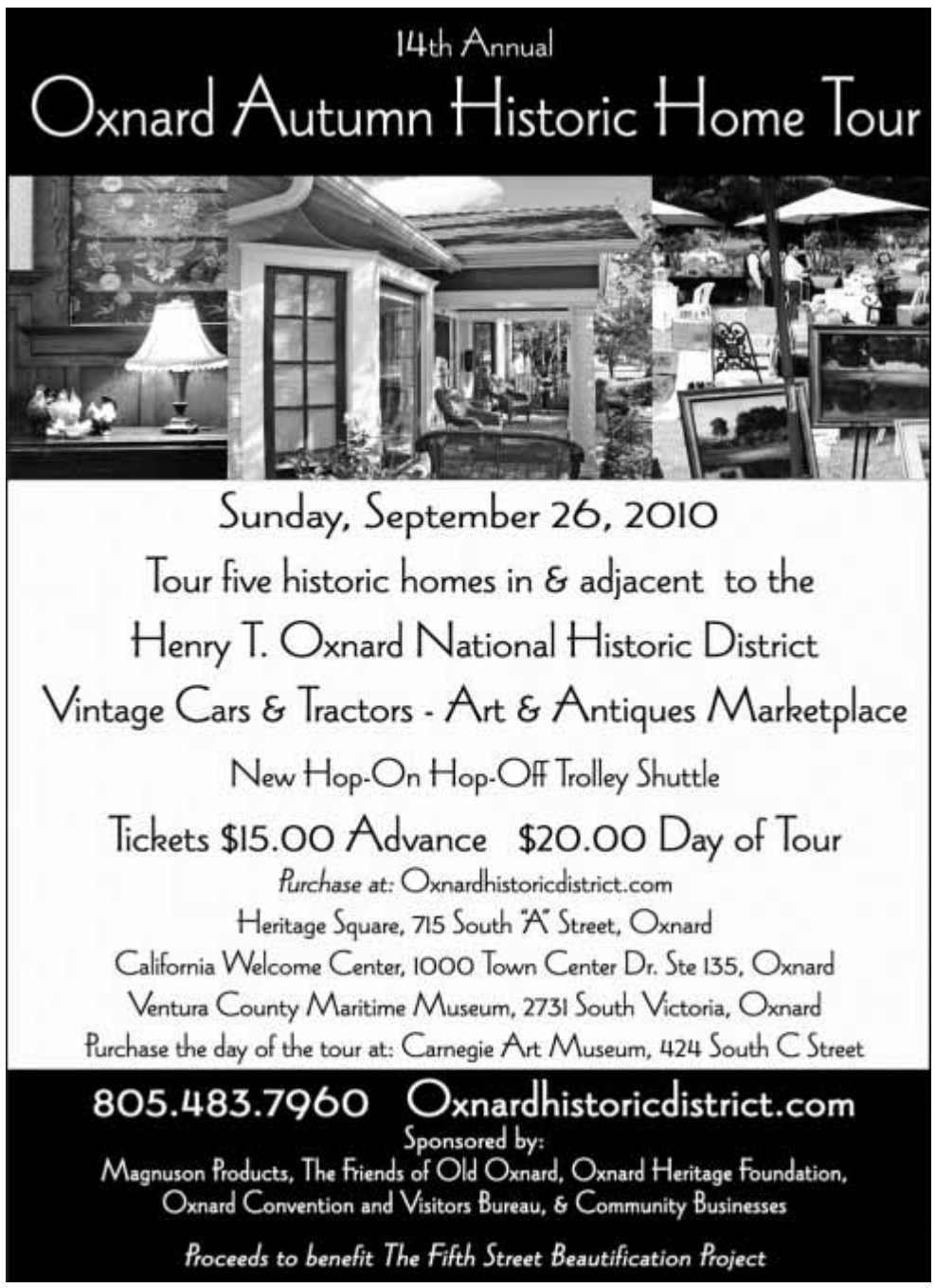


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The Q Line

Paying to play

A recent development deal between City Hall and Agensys, a cancer research company, calls for community benefits that include a sculpture garden and public cafe.

This past week, Q-line asked:
Should the City Council ask for straight cash instead of benefits when agreeing to development agreements?
Here are your responses:

"THE CITY SHOULD ABSOLUTELY ASK FOR cash. Isn't that what they need? Cash? The city has failed to collect or claim millions of dollars owed by developers due to incompetence, criminally substandard bookkeeping and maybe dishonesty, while going after property owners and tax payers with parcel taxes and sales taxes. They say, I didn't know it was my job. I didn't know it was required by law. I don't know what my job is. Or oops, we lost or misplaced the records. When are these fools going to go after violators like St. John's Hospital about their disgusting sewage problem and their blatant failure to put 402 parking spaces under the recently completed building on Arizona Avenue. How about fining them and making them put those spaces under the new building on Santa Monica Boulevard before it's built? The city's employees are paid way too much and perform way too poorly. It's like stealing their pay. Another place to cut costs and gain revenue."

"IN THIS CITY, IT IS FAR BETTER AND safer to have any community benefits instead of cash. Who knows where the cash would go? It's given directly into the hands of the jerks running — ruining — this city."

"MY IDEA OF AN IDEAL CONSTRUCTION site is a site that is aesthetically magnificent with beautiful green lawns and walking paths lined with colorful flowers, gardens encompassing its perimeter. These high rise buildings we see along our roadways are by most part devoid of landscaping and offer very little photosynthesis to our atmosphere. The only thing I know about cash is that the love for it is the root of all evil. Still, I have had so little of it during my lifetime, I must surely be a sainted fellow."

"NO, I DON'T THINK THE SCURRILOUS City Council should ask for straight cash. Maybe you can do a little bit of this and a little bit of that, like maybe some cash and maybe some development agreements, but I don't trust the scurrilous City Council for all the tea in China."

"THE THIEVES WHO RUN THE CITY OF Bell, oops, I mean Santa Monica, will only blow the cash on our bloated bureaucracy and extremely overpaid employees. If we get benefits, maybe it could be OK, however, this usually means giving apartments to out-of-town gang banging families to keep voting in the crooks from Santa Monicans for Renters' Rights."

"YEAH, I THINK THAT'S REFERRED TO AS bribery. ... Let me correct myself, I think that's referred to as extortion, but bribery will also fit. I guess the rich people are good when you can get money out of them."

"WHY DOES IT MATTER? CITY HALL WILL spend whatever money they extort from developers to expand their fascist control over the good citizens of this town. This will further complicate our lives with silly laws and petty autocrats prostrating themselves before the insipid and taxpayer-supported politically-correct groups that plague us. The best answer is to cut spending, cut development, cut City Hall, cut this endless sale of our town."

"I THINK THE CITY COUNCIL SHOULD ASK for straight cash instead of benefits when agreeing to development agreements and then, they can give all that cash to the school district."

"YES, YES, YES. STRAIGHT CASH, UPFRONT. It will save us the money and the citizen employee time that has to be paid for too when the time comes for enforcement or checking up on the old later on."

"BY THE WAY, THANKS FOR THE Q-LINE, that's a helpful way to get public input. The question that you ask related to this particular type of government public agreement and arrangement should include both the public benefits paid for by the private corporations and cash."

"I THINK THE CITY COUNCIL SHOULD ASK for cash money as well as community benefits that address the needs of the neighborhood where the development will be. Residents most adversely affected by development should then be able to cast a vote for how the money should be spent since they are the ones paying the price by having these developments in their neighborhoods, developments which bring traffic, pollution, construction noise, etc. And when it comes to development agreements, City Hall must do a better job — they can't get any worse — at monitoring them to make sure these developers are doing what they have agreed to do. Too often these development agreements are filed away, never to be seen again and there is no enforcement."

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since 2008, to leave.

"We brought him out of retirement and he's going back into retirement," he said.

Cuneo told the board during its meeting Thursday night he plans to leave the district. He could not be reached for comment on Friday.

The board member who has been most critical of Cuneo's leadership, Oscar de la Torre, echoed Snell's comments.

"I deeply appreciate the work of Tim Cuneo and I wish him well in his retirement," de la Torre said. "He brought stability in management during a time of transition, but we need a strong and visionary education leader and we will find that person through a national search."

Snell said he expects the board to consider hiring a search firm to begin looking for a new SMMUSD superintendent at its next meeting. He said the board could consider candidates for the job as early as January.

Cuneo's tenure was a tumultuous time for the district marked by cuts in state funding, a failed attempt to pass a $198 parcel tax and a vigorous fundraising campaign led by the Santa Monica-Malibu Education Foundation that raised $1.5 million to help pay teachers' salaries.

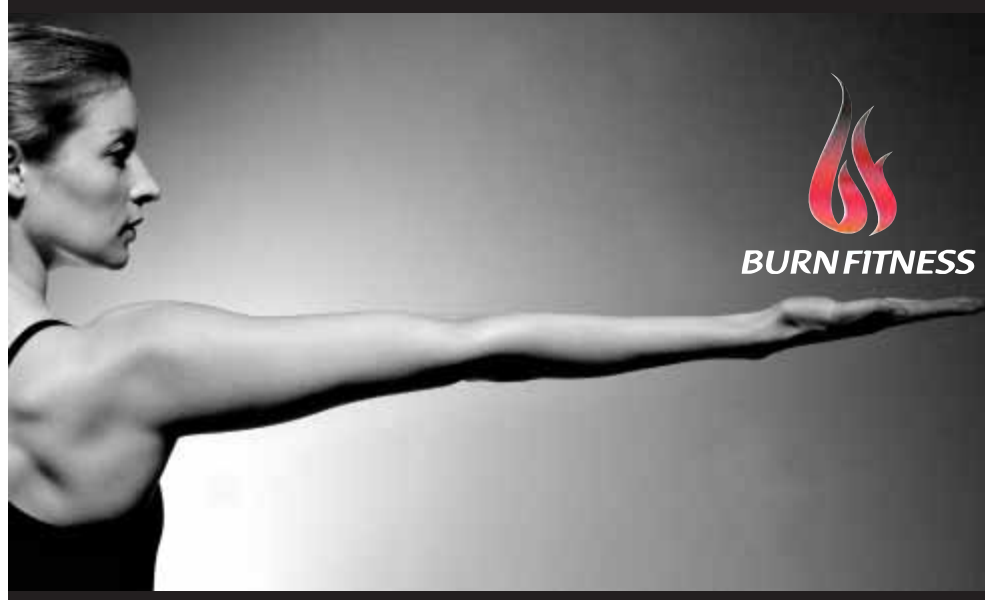
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Barry Snell,
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Cuneo took charge of SMMUSD shortly after the district's assistant superintendent of special education had resigned amid controversy and was credited with restoring trust in the district's special ed program.

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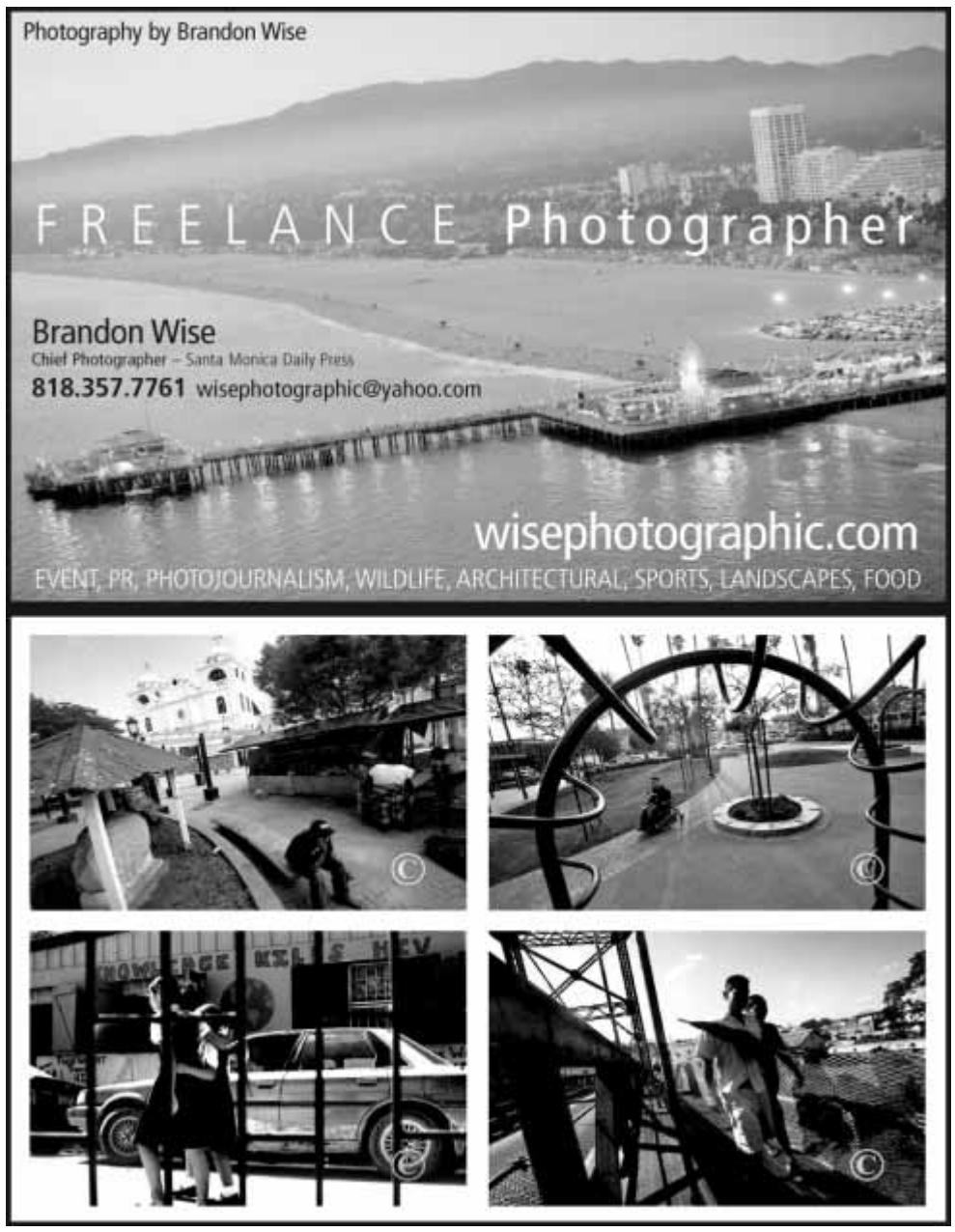
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reach 800.

School board president Barry Snell, the lone African American on the board, said the latest results show the district needs to re-assess its efforts to close the achievement gap.

"I believe that we've got to change the way that we're looking at instruction for African American children, particularly African American males," he said. "We as a school district need to make it a priority that we're going to change the way things are going. It's just very difficult for me sitting on the board to keep looking at these kinds of numbers."

Despite the district's improvement on state standardized tests, SMMUSD for the first time failed to make "adequate yearly progress" as defined by the federal No Child Left Behind law. If the district fails to make adequate progress again next year, it would fall into "program improvement," a classification that would subject SMMUSD to additional program reviews and assessments.

District officials this week said the failure to make adequate yearly progress under federal standards was concerning but was mostly a reflection of the law's overly aggressive timeline for improvement. Federal standards are aimed at bringing 100 percent of students up to a proficient level in English and math by 2014.

> **"THERE IS AN EXPECTATION THAT EACH YEAR THERE WILL BE UPS AND DOWNS."**
>
> **Maureen Bradford,**
> Director of educational services

"The federal law is flawed in holding school districts to an unrealistic standard," said school board member Oscar de la Torre. "Eventually almost every school district in America will be in program improvement."

Bradford agreed the standards for assessing yearly progress need to be reconsidered.

"When the law was originally written [in 2001] I don't think that the legislators actually anticipated it remaining in effect a long as it has without some revisiting of the methodology for determining whether or not schools and districts are making progress," she said.

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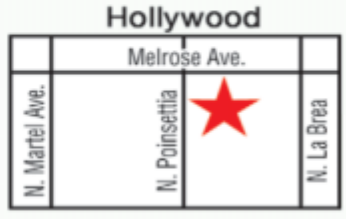
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McLaren brings F1 racing to your garage

AFTER OVER 1 MILLION MILES OF prototype testing, the first new road car from McLaren since 1993 is ready for you. And the first place you can buy one, at about $250,000 a pop, is in mid-2011 at the Auto Gallery store on Wilshire Boulevard in Beverly Hills. (Quite apropos, no?)

The all-new-from-the-ground-up 2012 model, the McLaren MP4-12C, offers 592 horsepower from a new twin-turbo 3.8L 90 degree V8 engine; a nearly-instantaneous paddle shifting system for the seven-speed transmission; a deployable air brake such as you'd find on a fighter jet; brakes which would rival those found on that same jet; looks to kill with single-hinge clam shell doors, full carbon fiber construction and an emphasis on comfort, efficiency and, naturally, outrageous performance.

How demanding and exacting is McLaren? As a shop dedicated to race cars for the past 50 years, all they're interested in is saving weight (or "adding lightness") and pushing the envelope, no matter the system or component. Every part on the car, the company says, has been engineered entirely by McLaren, with no outside firms involved.

In fact, in their literature about the 12C, the company makes the case that shifting actually is not near-instantaneous, but flat-out instantaneous, a physical, mechanical and technical impossibility. But they're happy to make the argument, using their new "pre-cog" technology as a guide to understanding their claim.

It was always a question among analysts of how far McLaren's target qualities for a race car could be translated into a street car, but 1993's road-going McLaren F1 model was quickly accepted by zillionaires worldwide as the ultimate supercar. And by more than a few people who actually knew about cars, too.

You may remember it: 240.1 mph, fastest street car ever, carbon fiber build (McLaren hasn't built a metal-based car since 1983) and it had three seats, with the driver sitting slightly below and in-between the two "rear passengers" to give the pilot the feel of driving a single-seat race car. George Harrison bought one of the first ones, and what more can you say? Performance meets class, efficiency and elegance head-on.

The 12C's interior is a wonder of current and coming technologies. Just use your voice and the car can figure out where you're going, almost drive you there, tell you when you've arrived and all the while playing whatever audio you prefer; punk rock or rap, or, in the case of this car, perhaps real-time stock quotes.

A hydraulic suspension system has four different condition settings and, McLaren folks emphasized to us, the driver never has to take his or her eyes off the road or fingers off the steering wheel to get from point A to B, swiftly and comfortably.

And as for that air brake? Stab the brakes hard and it shifts the rear wing into a much more vertical position. What the wing now does is force aerodynamic pressure on the rear wheels ("creating downforce" as they say), keeping the rear tires in touch with the road and preventing the rear wheels from locking-up. This means the brakes can do their job without the driver having to worry too much about oversteer (when the rear of the car wants to swap ends with the front; what the NASCAR boys call a "loose" condition).

The UK's Lotus, Italy's Ferrari, Germany's Porsche and Dan Gurney's Santa Ana-based All-American Eagle shop are some of the racing car-makers which represent not just a particular form of motor racing, but, even to the casual fan or observer, the sport as a whole.

Above them all is McLaren.

Founded by New Zealand-born engineer/driver Bruce McLaren in the early 1960s, it's the only company to have won championships in Formula 1, LeMans, the Indianapolis 500 (which at one time was part of the World Championship Driving and Constructors' series) and Can-Am, which was made up of closed-wheel sports cars powered by stock block American-made motors, and according to many (including me) the loudest, ballsiest and most exciting road racing series in history.



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MP4-12C: **The new road car from McLaren, the MP4-12C, offers 592 horsepower from a new twin-turbo 3.8L 90 degree V8 engine, a nearly-instantaneous paddle shifting system for the seven-speed transmission and a deployable air brake such as you'd find on a fighter jet.**

McLaren himself was killed while testing a race car, as happened quite often in those days. He was just 32 when his Can-Am car crashed on the Lavant Straight just before Woodcote corner at Goodwood Circuit in England in June, 1970.

He had been testing his new M8D when the rear body work came adrift at speed and all downforce was lost, sending the car airborne. Since then he has been highly-honored and considered one of the top drivers and, especially, driving engineers ever to do duty in the sport.

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Calif atty general asks GMAC to cease foreclosures

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LOS ANGELES (AP) California's attorney general wants GMAC Mortgage LLC to stop foreclosures in the state until it proves it is complying with a state law aimed at preventing foreclosures.

California Attorney General Jerry Brown said Friday that he directed Ally Financial Inc., which owns GMAC, to prove it is complying with a law that prohibits lenders from taking steps to foreclose a home before making an effort to work with the borrower.

The state law covers mortgages made between Jan. 1, 2003, and Dec. 31, 2007. It requires lenders to attempt to contact a borrower to determine if they're eligible for a loan modification before issuing a notice of default on the mortgage, the first step in the foreclosure process.

This week, GMAC said it halted certain evictions and sales of foreclosed homes to correct a "potential issue" in its foreclosure process.

GMAC did not specify the internal issue that prompted the moratorium, but it has been linked to lawsuits this year surrounding the alleged falsification of a key foreclosure document.

In a deposition taken in December, GMAC employee Jeffrey Stephan said he signed 10,000 affidavits or similar documents a month without personally verifying who the mortgage holder was. That means many foreclosures could have taken place based on false documentation.

Brown alluded to Stephan's deposition, saying California homeowners facing foreclosure are "clearly in jeopardy since an Ally Financial official admitted his review of thousands of critical foreclosure documents was really a sham."

The company has not addressed how many homeowners would be affected by its suspension of evictions and foreclosure sales. It expects the issues to be resolved within a few weeks or, at latest, by year-end.

Still, the lender has halted evictions and foreclosure sales in 23 states, but continues to foreclose on homes in California, Brown said.

California has the nation's fourth-highest foreclosure rate, with one in every 194 households receiving a foreclosure-related warning last month, according to foreclosure listings service RealtyTrac Inc.

A call to Ally Financial was not immediately returned Friday.

Judge clears way for 1st Calif execution since '06

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SAN FRANCISCO A federal judge cleared the way Friday for California's first execution since 2006, citing the state's efforts to revise its lethal injection procedure amid court concerns that it had amounted to cruel and unusual punishment.

U.S. District Court Judge Jeremy Fogel said in his ruling the execution of convicted killer and rapist Albert Greenwood Brown could proceed Wednesday.

Brown's execution would be the first in the state since Fogel placed a de facto moratorium on capital punishment in California and ordered prison officials to overhaul the process.

The attorney general's office argued this week that the state has complied with Fogel's order by building a new death chamber at San Quentin State Prison, revising its training regimen and adopting new lethal injection regulations.

In his ruling, Fogel gave Brown the option of choosing a one-drug injection instead of a three-drug cocktail used by the state to put condemned inmates to death.

The judge said it appeared a one-drug lethal injection was less risky than the three-drug cocktail when it came to causing pain.

"The fact that nine single-drug executions have been carried out in Ohio and Washington without any apparent difficulty is undisputed and significant," Fogel wrote.

Brown can still pursue at least two legal avenues to stop his execution. He can ask the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals to overturn Fogel's decision, and ask a Marin County Superior Court judge to halt the execution while his lawsuit challenging the new lethal injection regulations is pending.

Brown's attorney, John Grele, said the inmate's legal team will definitely petition the Marin County court for a delay. Beyond that, Grele said he was unsure what Brown's next legal move would be.

"We have been given an awfully short time to make such a critical decision," Grele said.

The judge said a 2008 Supreme Court ruling upholding Kentucky's lethal injection process made it more difficult for condemned inmates to delay their executions through the courts.



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Former Bell police chief under investigation

BY THE ASSOCIATE PRESS

LOS ANGELES Prosecutors were investigating disability claims by the former police chief of the scandal-plagued city of Bell that could result in millions of dollars in tax-free pension money, a newspaper reported Friday.

The district attorney's office was trying to determine if Randy Adams broke the law by cutting a deal with Bell to support his disability retirement, the Los Angeles Times said.

If the state approves the pension application, Adams would have to pay taxes on only half his potential $400,000 annual pension.

His attorney, Mark Pachowicz, said Adams had been disabled by previous injuries when he became Bell's police chief last year.

"I don't think he should be under investigation," the lawyer said.

The newspaper previously said Adams had filed for a non-disability retirement as he prepared to leave his job as Glendale police chief. He rescinded that application when he left that post and took the job in Bell in July 2009.

Adams' salary was among the most scrutinized in a pay scandal that led to the arrests of eight current and former Bell officials. Adams was not arrested.

Investigators have reviewed some information about the agreement and might expand the inquiry, District Attorney Steve Cooley said.

Cooley said he would not take part in any decision regarding whether to file charges because he has known Adams professionally for several years.

The Bell agreement said Adams experienced "flare-ups of debilitating back pain and numbness in his left foot."

The agreement was made to ensure that the city wouldn't challenge a future disability retirement, Pachowicz said.

Adams resigned earlier this year in the midst of the Bell salary scandal after reports surfaced that he was earning $457,000 a year to police a city of about 40,000. Rizzo and other officials also resigned following public outrage over their huge salaries.

Rizzo, Mayor Oscar Hernandez and six other former and current Bell officials were arrested Tuesday after being charged with misappropriating $5.5 million in city funds.



Poll: GOP is more fired up than Dems as elections near

ALAN FRAM
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON A political enthusiasm gap is helping Republicans in their effort to roll up big gains in the congressional elections. GOP supporters are a lot more interested in getting their party's candidates elected than Democrats are in electing theirs, a new AP-GfK poll shows.

Democrats struggling to defend their control of Congress have lucked out in one way: Republicans are at least as unpopular as they are, the poll shows. Yet GOP voters are more fired up, leaving the Democrats little more than a month to energize their supporters.

How? They're using President Barack Obama and his Cabinet. Al Gore, too. And until Election Day dawns on Nov. 2, the Democrats will try to refocus voters from their anger over the stubbornly limp economy to the risks of putting Republicans in charge on Capitol Hill.

It's a common theme: A TV ad by Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., accuses his GOP opponent of a proposal that is "not just extreme, that's dangerous," while one by Rep. Larry Kissell, D-N.C., says his challenger would shield tax breaks for companies that ship American jobs overseas.

"There's a level of frustration the American people have that we understand and that obviously Democrats are trying to address," said party spokesman Brad Woodhouse. "But I haven't run into anybody who says they want to go back to the fall of 2008," when Republicans held the White House.

Also helping Democrats round up votes will be their traditional labor union allies, who plan to spend nearly $100 million helping the party's candidates. This includes plans by the AFL-CIO, the nation's largest labor federation, to mobilize members in 26 states and target 70 House races and 18 Senate contests with television ads, phone banks and leaflets.

Republicans, energized by tea party fervor and capitalizing on frustration over the sluggish economy, are tailoring their campaign strategy to reflect concerns about job losses and government growth under Obama as he fought a recession and won a battle to revamp the country's health care system. In a fundraising appeal e-mailed Friday, the head of the House Republican campaign arm, Rep. Pete Sessions of Texas, warned that the Democratic agenda means "America gets less — fewer jobs. Lower incomes. Less freedom."

Says Rob Jesmer, executive director of Senate Republicans' campaign committee: "We need to continue to tell people that the more Republicans who get elected, the less chance the president will have to enact his agenda."

The Associated Press-GfK Poll this month shows that the public is fed up with both parties. Only 38 percent approve of how congressional Democrats are handling their jobs, and just 31 percent like how Republicans are doing theirs. Fifty-nine percent are unhappy with how Democrats are nursing the economy, 64 percent are upset by the GOP's work on the country's top issue.

More than half have negative views of each party. Most say Obama isn't cooperating enough on the economy, but even more accuse Republicans of the same thing. And former President George W. Bush and former Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin — the only two Republicans the AP-GfK Poll tested — are significantly less popular than Obama.

Even so, Republicans have the upper hand because their supporters seem significantly likelier to show up Election Day and vote. Political scientists say people are likeliest to vote based on present conditions — which today means a wounded economy — rather than choosing between competing philosophies for the future.

In the AP-GfK Poll, 54 percent who strongly dislike Democrats express intense interest in the election, compared with just 40 percent of those with very negative views of Republicans. Nearly six in 10 who say their November vote will signal opposition to Obama also say they are extremely interested in the campaign, compared with only about four in 10 who say their vote will show support for him.

Overall, 49 percent of those supporting their Republican congressional candidate are very interested in the election, compared with 39 percent of those backing the Democrat in their local race.

The bottom line: Registered voters in the AP-GfK Poll are divided evenly over which party's congressional candidate they will support, but Republicans have a slight edge among voters considered likeliest to show up.

Having even a scant edge in motivated supporters can make a big difference — especially in midterm elections, only about 40 percent of voters nationally have been bothering to cast ballots, a figure than can dip to 30 percent in some states.

Aware of that, Obama will be hitting the road in coming days, headlining at least four major rallies in Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, Ohio and Nevada. During next week's rally in Madison, Wis., Vice President Joe Biden and members of the Cabinet will fan out to college campuses across the country in hopes of activating students who heavily supported Obama in his 2008 election victory.

On Friday, former Vice President Al Gore joined the Democratic campaign to drum up party voters. He signed a fundraising e-mail for House Democrats saying Republicans' goal is "to restore the very same policies followed for eight years by the Bush-Cheney White House."

Democrats have also used their control of Congress to try changing the campaign's subject to social issues that might prompt their supporters to vote.

This week Reid forced a Senate vote on a bill with provisions appealing to two Democratic constituencies: one repealing the "don't ask, don't tell" law barring gays from openly serving in the military, the other helping hundreds of thousands of young immigrants become legal U.S. residents. Republicans blocked the measure.

The AP-GfK Poll was conducted from Sept. 8-13 by GfK Roper Public Affairs & Corporate Communications and involved landline and cell phone interviews with 1,000 randomly chosen adults. The margin of sampling error was plus or minus 4.2 percentage points.

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Turning to Twitter to fix restaurant complaints

SERENA DAI
Associated Press Writer

CHICAGO When Tony Bosco saw mostly negative reviews about the restaurant Wow Bao, he Tweeted: "Going to 'business' dinner (at)Wow Bao. Can any1 tell me if it's going to suck as much reviews suggest."

And almost immediately he got a response from an unexpected source — BaoMouth, the official Twitter feed of Wow Bao, an upscale fast food place in Chicago. The restaurant offered him a coupon to find out for himself, on the house.

Wow Bao sent Bosco two $15 gift cards via an iPhone app, and Bosco went the next night, posting pictures of the food on Twitter.

"I would say it made it a little more exciting," said Bosco, 34. "That immediate interaction."

Conversations about food that once only happened between friends are now public thanks to the Internet. And the microblogging site Twitter has only sped up the conversation. Whether it's reviews before the meal or the service afterward, opinions are voiced freely — and restaurants are taking notice.

Many eateries have been tweeting about specials or other events for a while. But recently restaurants — locals and chains — have started Twitter conversations with customers. Chains like Chipotle and Pei Wei even have full-time social media employees.

Previously corporate-sounding restaurant Twitter feeds now are filled with streams of replies directly to diners, in some cases performing nearly instantaneous customer service.

Geoff Alexander, managing partner of Wow Bao, explained his company's Twitter commitment like this: If somebody has 1,000 followers and writes a negative Tweet about Wow Bao, then 1,000 people could think the restaurant is bad. But if Wow Bao publicly responds to that Tweet, 1,000 people may see the issue is being handled.

"We created this entity to talk to people," Alexander said. "BaoMouth can do whatever it takes to enhance the guest's experience."

Chipotle, based in Denver, Colo., also has responded to customer problems through Twitter, even though the chain has about 1,000 locations across 50 cities. Their entire feed, ChipotleTweets, is a list of answers to consumer questions and responses to problems.

Dennis Yslas tweeted in a Fort Worth, Texas, Chipotle about a lack of corn tortillas. Less than 2 minutes later, the company replied to Yslas, a 47-year-old actor. The corporate office called the local manager about the tortilla situation even before Yslas had left the restaurant, Yslas said.

"I was kind of frustrated that they didn't have them," said Yslas. "But Chipotle was totally, totally ready to cover me."

Chris Arnold, one of the several people who Tweet for Chipotle, said the volume of Tweets is the greatest challenge for such a big chain. Not only do they have an employee dedicated to social media, a slew of customer service representatives also Tweet and use Facebook part-time.

"It's time and resources very well spent," Arnold said. "You can either pretend that (the conversation) isn't happening or decide not to be part of it. To us, it just really makes sense to use those as tools."

Graham Elliot, a judge on Fox's reality television competition "MasterChef" and owner of the Graham Elliot restaurant in Chicago, is known to — in his words — "publicly humiliate" customers who complain about the restaurant online.

But if he thinks the complaint is genuine, Elliot said he will send a private message or call to invite the customer to try the restaurant again.

"It's great to have this wall torn down," Elliot said.

Elliot writes all of the GrahamElliot tweets himself. Like other restaurants, Elliot wants his Twitter voice to be in line with the brand, which in his case means "an individualistic approach to cooking," he said.

So he frequently tweets his opinions about topics other than his restaurant or cooking, from current events to fantasy football picks. Elliot even uses Twitter to let his followers make decisions about the music the restaurant plays.

Hearty chowder without all the heart-stopping fat

BY JIM ROMANOFF
For The Associated Press

The term chowder usually brings to mind a steaming bowl of thick and chunky soup, often enriched with a generous amount of whole milk, or even cream.

It's that last part that can dishearten the diet-conscious diner. Soups and some stews can be a great way to fill up on low-calorie vegetables, proteins and liquid, leaving you satisfied without feeling stuffed. But too much cream, milk or sour cream can take the virtue right out of the meal.

Yet there are ways to have a creamy and healthful soup. For instance, consider starting with a base of pureed vegetables. Winter vegetables — such as butternut or buttercup squash, pumpkin or even sweet potatoes — can be roasted to intensify the flavors, then run through a food mill, blender or food processor to make a velvety, creamy base.

Beans, pureed with a bit of broth or water, also make a thick, flavorful soup base. Use convenient canned beans, but be sure to rinse them under cold water to wash away some of the salt that is in the canning liquid.

Even tofu (the soft or silken variety) can be pureed to create a smooth and protein-rich foundation on which you can build a creamy soup with little fat and no dairy.

For this butternut squash and scallop chowder the secret to low-fat thickening comes from a snack food. Crumbled tortilla chips dissolve in the soup while it's cooking, adding plenty of body along with a layer of toasty corn flavor.

Jarred salsa is another secret to this satisfying chowder, bringing with it pre-diced vegetables and spicy seasoning, which helps make it possible to get this meal on the table in under 30 minutes on a busy weeknight.

Plump bay scallops are called for here, but you can substitute chunks of almost any white fish and if you like, make the soup vegetarian by omitting the seafood altogether and upping the amount of diced squash.

Butternut squash and scallop chowder
Start to finish: 25 minutes (10 minutes active)
Servings: 4

2 cups peeled and diced butternut or other winter squash
2 cups medium or hot tomato salsa
14 1/2-ounce can reduced-sodium chicken broth
1/3 cup crumbled reduced-fat corn tortilla chips
2 cups frozen corn kernels
1/2 teaspoon dried oregano
1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
1 pound bay scallops
1 tablespoon lime juice
Lime wedges for squeezing

In a large pot over medium-low heat, combine the squash, salsa, broth and tortilla chips. Bring to a simmer, cover the pot and cook until the squash is tender, 5 to 7 minutes.

Stir in the corn, oregano and cumin. Return the soup to a simmer, stir in scallops and cook until they are opaque at the center, 2 to 3 minutes more. Stir in the lime juice. Serve with additional lime wedges for squeezing.

Nutrition information per serving (values are rounded to the nearest whole number): 258 calories; 30 calories from fat (12 percent of total calories); 3 g fat (0 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 37 mg cholesterol; 35 g carbohydrate; 23 g protein; 6 g fiber; 1,165 mg sodium.

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City of Santa Monica
Ordinance Number 2321 (CCS)
(City Council Series)

The following is a summary of Ordinance Number 2321, which was adopted by the City Council on September 14, 2010. Ordinance Number 2321 amends the Municipal Code to prohibit smoking at any location on the Santa Monica Pier in order to reduce the danger of fire.

Ordinance 2321 will become effective thirty days after its adoption. The full text of the ordinance is available upon request from the Office of the City Clerk, located at 1685 Main Street, Room 102, Santa Monica, California; phone (310) 458-8211.







The Re-View

Merv Hecht

Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Mexican masquerading as Cuban

IT'S A BIT OF A DRIVE, BUT A NICE DRIVE. And if it were really Cuban food, it would be worth it.

Café Habana in Malibu has a dedicated following from its New York roots. And it looks like something that should be in New York rather than Malibu, but that's nice in a way.

The restaurant is located in the relatively new Malibu Lumber Yard shopping center, which is beautiful. The wood decks are very inviting, there are big tubes with live fish swimming around for the kids to watch, and high-end clothing stores for the high-end Malibu ladies. Lots of high-end stores! There is one very high-end chocolate shop as well, a delicious treat if you can afford it.

The restaurant has a lot of wood and a casual old-fashioned look about it. There is a western-styled bar, some inside tables with a nice high ceiling and an indoor-outdoor feel to it, and a lovely outside enclosed patio. Various old western items (read "junk") are scattered around to create atmosphere. It was surprisingly busy for a weekday lunch when I was last there.

Fresh chips and a mild sauce were immediately brought to the table, just like in a Mexican restaurant. The service was fast and efficient, but some of the female wait staff had long flowing hair, which is a no-no.

So we come to the food, and that's the best part. The guacamole was very good. The pulled pork sandwich was one of the best in town, especially the toasted bread which encased the sautéed pork. The corn on the cob with lime juice and parmesan cheese ($4) was an excellent idea worth copying at home. The carne asada was very good, and the fish tacos were brimming over with pieces of fish that surprisingly were not overcooked as in most fast food establishments.

Did I say the food was the best part? Well maybe the prices are right up there on the scale. Sandwiches, burgers, entrees and salads for lunch are between $10 and $12. Dinner entrees range from $8 to $24. And there is a children's menu. In other words, although the food is high quality, the prices are at the lower end of the scale.

So what's the bad news? There's not much Cuban about it. It's really just another good Mexican restaurant. Where are the delicious soups and stews from Cuba? Where is the ropa vieja ("old clothes") the shredded beef dish (usually shank) simmered in tomato-based criollo sauce until it falls apart?

If there were real Cuban food there, I would drive out on a regular basis. As it is, there are plenty of equally good Mexican restaurants closer to home. And yet, I'm still savoring that pulled pork sandwich.

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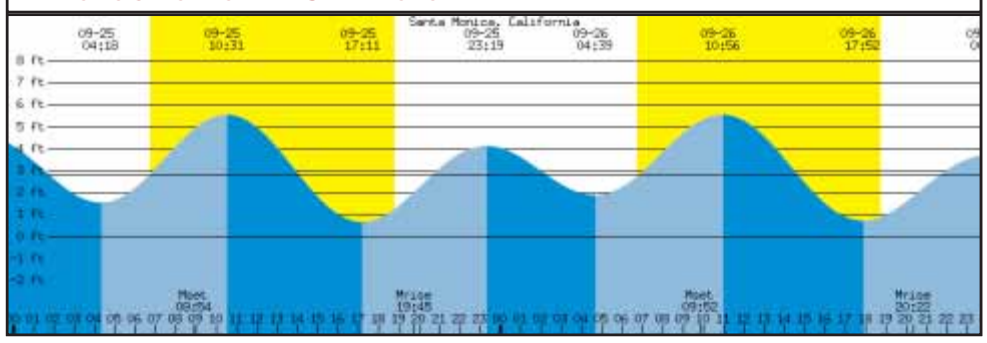
Swell Forecast

Looks weak for south facing breaks. West facing breaks can expect infrequent NW waves in the waist+ zone, but for the most part, not much swell is expected anywhere in SoCal.

Long Range Synopsis

Should see the first signs of the Tasman Sea swell. Infrequent waves in the waist+ zone are expected from 220° with 18-second periods.

Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica



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QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)

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- Number of wet days -- 0
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- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 2 / ns

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

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lachusa 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 Dan Blocker County Beach.	A+	ns
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	ns
Morie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	A	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	ns
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	A	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	F	ns
Corbin 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

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	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.	A	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	A+	ns
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of 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
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ns -- no sample taken

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NBA

Lakers' Jackson still not certain he'll retire

BY GREG BEACHAM
AP Sports Writer

EL SEGUNDO, Calif. Coach Phil Jackson returned from his annual summer vacation in Montana with a close-cropped white beard and a renewed determination to win one last championship in his final season with the Los Angeles Lakers.

Except it might not be Jackson's last stand after all.

The 11-time NBA champion coach acknowledged Friday he's still uncertain whether he'll retire after the upcoming season, as he repeatedly vowed earlier this summer when he agreed to return with a pay cut for a shot at an unprecedented fourth threepeat.

"I can't tell," Jackson said with a grin at the Lakers' training complex. "Every year, I like to go into a season (thinking) this is it, putting everything into it."

While weighing in on everything from the Miami superteam to his choice for a successor on the Lakers' bench, Jackson radiated confidence in his defending champions and their restocked roster. The Lakers report for an early training camp to prepare for a European tour next month.

But Jackson also acknowledged center Andrew Bynum probably won't be ready for the start of the regular season after arthroscopic surgery on his right knee. The coach isn't angry with Bynum for postponing surgery to travel to the World Cup and Europe, saying he encourages his players to broaden their horizons beyond basketball.

Most of the Lakers' news was much less discouraging. Jackson believes Kobe Bryant's surgically repaired right knee is healthy enough to allow the NBA finals MVP to play a bit in London and Barcelona.

And although the Lakers never play under the radar, Jackson knows much of the basketball world's focus will be directed to South Beach this fall. The Miami Heat will visit Staples Center on Christmas, and Jackson is eager to see what happens with their grand experiment in free agency.

"I think it was quite a surprise to all of us in the NBA that this is what happened," Jackson said of LeBron James' decision to join Dwyane Wade and Chris Bosh. "(But) you look back at what Wade did prior to free agency, and it's no surprise. It's all fair game. Players can go out and recruit, and coaches and GMs can't. These players obviously wanted to collude together and do this. It's going to make for a very exciting season."

Jackson smiled after saying "collude" — a word that sets antennae buzzing in Miami, although the Lakers coach didn't overtly allege any improprieties.

"I can see that people will favor (Miami)," Jackson said. "I still think basketball is won with defense. The Celtics play defense, and they know how to do it."

So do the Lakers, although their defense could be a bit softer if Bynum is slow returning to the middle. Their starting center had his knee drained twice during the playoff run and again after it ended, but didn't get around to having surgery until July 28.

"I know he's getting battered a little bit, and we could have had the operation a little bit earlier," Jackson said. "He could have come in a little bit earlier, but the end result is what's he going to be like in May and June. That's the important part."



MOVIE TIMES

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

Saturday, Sept. 25
Double Feature
Chasing Mummies, Episode 5: Sunken (NR) 44min
The Mummy (NR) 1hr 13min
3:00pm
Lecture and discussion between films with archaeologist David Cheetham.

Double Feature
Repo Man (NR) 1hr 32min
Searchers 2.0 (R) 1hr 36min
7:30pm

Sunday, Sept. 26
Mishima: A Life in Four Chapters (NR) 2hrs 1min
5:30pm

AMC Loews Broadway 4
1441 Third Street Promenade

Legend of the Guardians 3D: The Owls of Ga'Hoole (NR) 1hr 30min
10:50am, 1:25pm, 4:00pm, 6:40pm, 9:20pm

Going the Distance (R) 1hr 49min
2:10pm, 4:50pm, 10:10pm

The American (R) 1hr43min
11:30am, 7:30pm

Catfish (PG-13) 1hr 34min
12:00pm, 2:20pm, 4:45pm, 7:15pm, 9:45pm

Virginity Hit (R) 1hr26min
10:45am, 12:55pm, 3:10pm, 5:30pm, 7:50pm, 10:15pm

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

Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps (PG-13) 2hrs7min
12:00pm, 1:00pm, 3:15pm, 4:15pm, 6:30pm, 7:30pm, 9:45pm,10:45pm

Alpha and Omega 3D (PG) 1hr28min
11:40am, 2:10pm, 4:45pm, 7:15pm, 9:45pm

Inception (PG-13) 2hrs 22min
11:25am, 2:45pm, 6:15pm, 9:35pm

Resident Evil: Afterlife 3D (R) 1hr40min
11:00am, 1:30pm, 4:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:30pm

You Again (PG) 1hr45min
11:30am, 2:15pm, 5:00pm, 7:45pm, 10:30pm

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

Who Is Harry Nilsson (R) 2hrs10min
1:20pm, 7:00pm

Teza (NR) 2hrs 25min
1:30pm, 4:40pm, 8:00pm

Get Low (PG) 1hr 54min
1:50pm, 4:30pm, 7:20pm, 9:55pm

Animal Kingdom (R) 1hr 52min
4:10pm, 9:45pm

Heartbreaker (L'arnacoeur) (NR) 1hr 45min
1:40pm, 4:20pm, 7:10pm, 9:50pm

Hideaway (NR) 1hr27min
11:00am

A Film Unfinished (NR) 1hr45min
11:00am

Wake Up (NR) 1hr36min
11:00am

Exit Through the Gift Shop (R) 1hr22min
11:00am

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

The Town (R) 2hr5min
10:45am,12:00pm, 1:35pm, 3:20pm, 4:35pm, 6:30pm, 7:40pm, 9:40pm, 10:45pm

Machete (R) 1hr45min
11:20am, 2:00pm, 4:35pm, 7:15pm, 9:55pm

Easy A (PG-13) 1hr33min
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Devil (PG-13) 1hr20min
10:55am, 1:10pm, 3:30pm, 5:55pm, 8:25pm, 10:50pm

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Follow your pals, Pisces

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ Deal with a project early in the day. Allow yourself the luxury of a lazy streak and/or the need to readjust your plans. Though this change might not be popular, it is necessary for your well-being. Tonight: Make it nice and easy.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ You perk up this afternoon and enter a few days of unusual vitality and energy. Laughter marks what is going on between you and someone at a distance. At times, you find this person's humor unpleasant, but today, he or she is simply too funny. Tonight: Whatever puts a smile on your face.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Use the morning for any heartfelt ventures. Others are more inclined to agree with you then. By the afternoon, the need to kick back marks your plans. Remember, it is your Saturday, too. Tonight: Just because it is Saturday night doesn't mean you have to make plans.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ Others remain touchy. Go off on your own; see an art show or a movie. Meet up with friends who might be in a better mood. Sometimes detaching a little is the best course of action possible. Tonight: Surrounded by people.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Others admire your ability to move past a hurdle. You might get a chuckle when someone attempts to mimic your style. Revise your plans, especially if you are into some fall cleaning. You just might want to go off and have fun. Why not? Tonight: A must appearance.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Deal with key people in your life in the morning. If you are feeling rather dismayed or tired, give yourself some space. Make plans for an escape to a movie or a drive to a favorite area. You will recharge. Tonight: Let your imagination rock and roll.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ Others seem to be very active, and that in itself could be exhausting. Know when you have had enough or need a change. Though many people surround you and want to be with you, choose your company wisely, especially late this afternoon. Tonight: Add in romance.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ This morning, get done what you must in order to free up time today and tomorrow. You can be a very content and happy person if you so choose. Others clearly would like your company. The only question is who, where and when. Tonight: Don't stay home.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Your energy finally gets spent out midday. Now will you slow down, so that others can catch up with you? As you get into an easy groove, others happily appear. Don't push. Tonight: A nice, easy pace.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ Getting going continues to be a task in the a.m. Playfulness emerges in the afternoon, leading you into a very fun and frolicsome period. Your creativity comes out in this new, relaxed and content mental framework. Tonight: You are the carousel that fun spins out from. Everyone wants a ride!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Make calls, run errands and perhaps schedule an important chat over lunch. When you finally lighten your load of responsibilities, you smile and slow down. Allow greater spontaneity, especially in your home and personal life. Tonight: Settle in. Go for cozy.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Clear out errands. You might feel as if you have done more than your share of juggling plans and spreading out your time and attention to different people. Now let go. The fun will begin. Tonight: Follow your pals.

Happy birthday

This year, be gracious about the many different suggestions and people's need for attention. Yes, you will need to sort through the possibilities professionally and personally. You need to remember how much you have to offer. Learn to be a better receiver. If you are single, you have several suitors hot on your tracks. Enjoy your pursuits, and observe each person's style. If you are attached, allow your sweetie to be more dominant if he or she so chooses. Remember, a relationship is a seesaw with a lot of give-and-take. TAURUS wants to become closer.

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



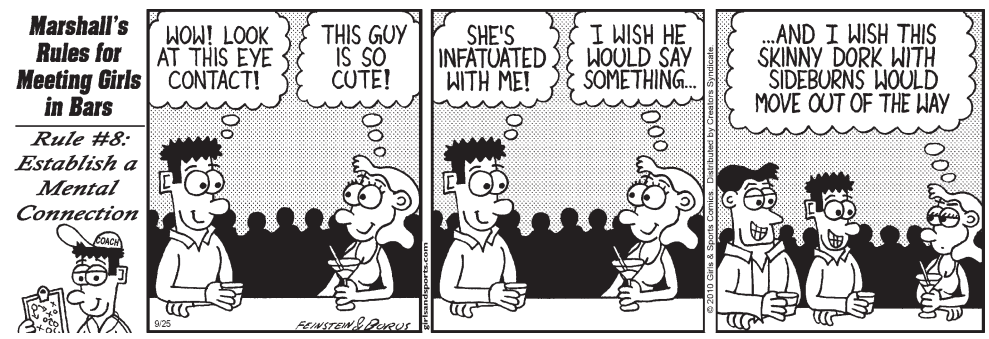
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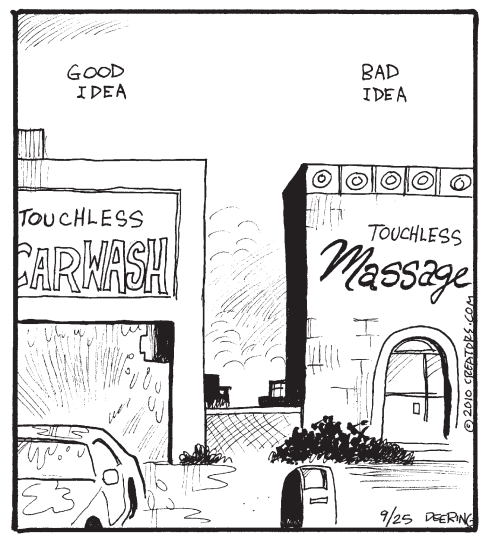
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Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★★★

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		7	8			2		
	5			1			7	
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		8				1		
			2		4		9	8
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GETTING STARTED

There are many strategies to solving Sudoku. One way to begin is to examine each 3x3 grid and figure out which numbers are missing. Then, based on the other numbers in the row and column of each blank cell, find which of the missing numbers will work. Eliminating numbers will eventually lead you to the answer.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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



CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Scots toss them
7 Rat's home
11 "Right away, boss!"
12 Understanding words
13 Tittering
14 Strong wind
15 Polygon corner
16 Historic event
17 Artist Bonheur
18 Dish with a crust
19 Film —
21 Break off
22 Perseus' wife
25 Copy tapes
26 Club cost
27 Kansas natives
29 Seed holders
33 Complete
34 Border lake
35 — Rabbit
36 Toy-filled target
37 Neeson of "Taken"
38 Devotee
39 Thanksgiving dish
40 First family of 1842

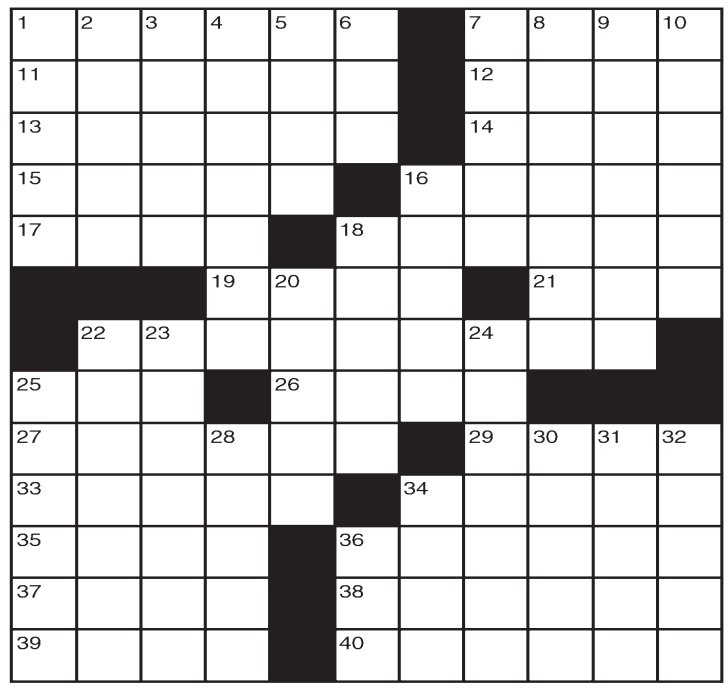
DOWN

1 George Burns prop
2 Acid type
3 Baseball's Wade
4 Oxford setting
5 Annoy
6 Messy room
7 Number part
8 Took by force
9 Sicilian port
10 Stroked
16 Response to an unexpected gift
18 Devout
20 Command
22 Freud's home
23 Magic, for one
24 Talk of Toledo
25 Twice
28 Disinfectant's target
30 Midwest hub
31 Fond fellow
32 Scorches
34 Orderly
36 Contrived

P	O	G	O	S	■	G	O	G	O	S
I	N	E	P	T	■	E	V	E	N	T
S	E	T	T	O	■	T	A	T	E	R
C	I	A	■	P	H	I	■	A	M	I
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A	N	O	S	E	■	A	L	O	U	D
S	I	F	T	S	■	R	A	F	T	S

Yesterday's answer

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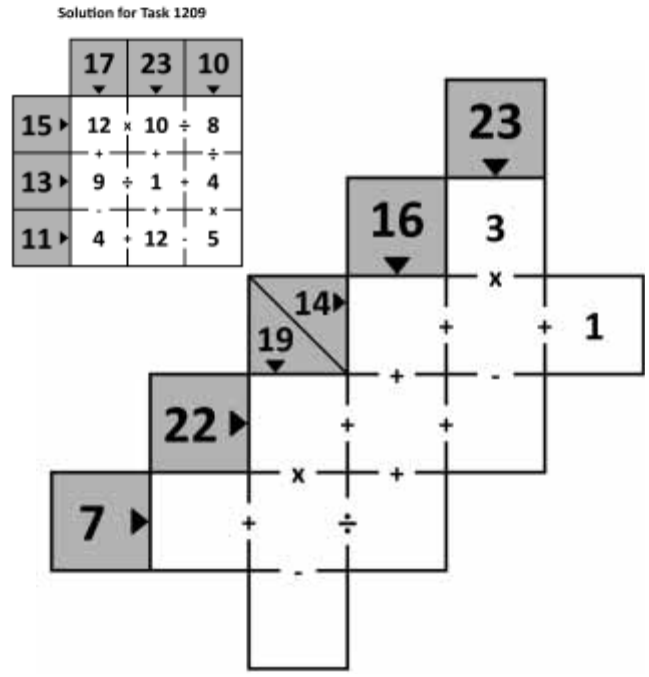
- Fill the grid with the set of given numbers (1 to 12) to satisfy the Equa demands (7 to 24) in the shaded boxes. The Equa demands represent the sum of the digits that you will insert into the empty squares.
- Each horizontal row has one Equa demand to satisfy; each vertical column also has one demand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

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

2, 3, 4, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10, 11

Solution for Task 1209



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FANTASY 5: 11 22 24 33 37

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

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Michael Peterson was convicted in 2003 of murdering his wife, Kathleen, and sentenced to life in prison in North Carolina, but T. Lawrence Pollard, who was one of Peterson's lawyers, has relentlessly offered the alternative theory (though not during Peterson's trial) that Mrs. Peterson was instead killed by a rogue owl one night in her home. Earlier this year, Raleigh's News & Observer wrote a series on deficiencies in the state's original investigation (though not about owls), and Pollard filed affidavits in August -- one by an owl expert that Mrs. Peterson's injuries were consistent with an attack by "a large bird of prey" and the other by scientists who offered to DNA-test what investigators say might be a faint microscopic "feather" from the crime scene.

■ The lawyer for a former Fort Lauderdale, Fla., phone-sex worker announced to reporters in November (1999) that he had won a workers' compensation settlement for his client based on her claim of carpal tunnel syndrome due to being encouraged to masturbate on the job as much as seven times a day. Steven Slootsky said his client (who declined to be publicly identified) accepted the settlement to avoid the embarrassment of testifying, even though the money is not enough to reimburse her for the surgery she required on both hands.

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1929 Jimmy Doolittle performs the first blind flight from Mitchel Field proving that full instrument flying from take off to landing is possible.

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