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Campaigning begins early for council candidate

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL Mayor Pro Tem Pam O'Connor learned a valuable lesson in 2006 — don't wait until the last minute to launch a campaign.

So in her re-election bid to serve a fifth term on the City Council, O'Connor is starting more than a year in advance, allowing more time to raise money and complete some of the smaller yet necessary tasks, such as designing a campaign logo, before the busy season begins later in 2010.

The early decision to announce another run came in part because of time management and money.

"This is a global recession," O'Connor said. "Spreading it over more time, you might be able to accumulate (more money)."

Finances could motivate candidates to declare sooner than they would in a better economy, giving extra time for more fundraisers and donor outreach.

O'Connor kicked off the campaign with a breakfast fundraiser several weeks ago at the Casa del Mar with special guest L.A. County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, bringing in about $5,000, which she said will help cover start-up costs.

Starting early gives O'Connor the advantage of essentially having sole access to the local donor base, Bob Stern, the president of the Center for Governmental Studies, said.

"If she is the only one, she gets the donors early and she will get the money early and other (candidates) might not depending on the donors' budget," Stern said.

While money played a role in the decision to begin the campaign more than a year before the election, O'Connor said it was also a matter of getting as much work done early as possible, noting that her time is stressed between serving on the council, the Metropolitan Transportation Authority and her day job as a consultant in historic preservation.

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GETTING FIT

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Aidan Blain (front) sprints ahead of 02 Max founder Karen Jashinsky (right) and Aleksa Harris at Santa Monica Collage's Corsair Field as Jashinsky prepares the two for the Lexus Santa Monica 5,000 race this Sunday.

The Parlor files appeal with city

BY MELODY HANATANI
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WILSHIRE BLVD. The owners of a popular ESPN Zone-style restaurant have appealed a decision by the Planning Commission last month to reduce the number of seats and hours that the establishment can remain in operation.

Ike Pyun and Silas Gaither are contesting a series of conditions that the commission imposed on The Parlor at 1519 Wilshire Blvd. when it granted both a variance to allow off-street parking and a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to legally permit the second-floor use as a restaurant.

Those conditions include decreasing the hours of operation from 2 a.m. to midnight on the weekends and 11 p.m. on the weekdays, and lowering the valet cost of $5.50 a car to $2 or less to compete with the less expensive city-owned parking lot behind the building. The commission also reduced the maximum number of seats from 225 to 135.

Paul Foley, senior planner with City Hall, said the commission imposed the conditions to reduce the impacts to the surrounding neighborhood where residents have complained about intoxicated patrons, whom they claim have urinated and defecated outside.

Neighbors have also questioned The Parlor's designation as a restaurant, arguing that it operates like a sports bar.

Foley said that The Parlor fits under the restaurant category because it neither has a dance floor nor charges a cover fee, both of which are characteristics of a bar.

The request for the CUP and variance came to the commission more than two years after The Parlor opened in June of 2007, delayed as city staff searched for records that the second-floor of the establishment was ever authorized to be used as a restaurant, which it was when Cinch, the predecessor, was in operation.

It was when the owners came to City Hall to request an Alcohol Determination — which would allow the alcohol license to change hands from Cinch — that city staff realized that the parking variance for the location had expired more than 20 years ago and that the second-floor had been used as a restaurant.

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Riviera Country Club
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The Santa Monica rotary club is a hub for Westside men and women dedicated to improving their local and worldwide communities. It is a melting pot for cultural ideas. Those interested in attending the regular lunch should contact (310) 917-3313 for more information.

Saturday, Oct. 10, 2009

'Illumination'

Bob Poe Gallery — Bergamot Station
2525 Michigan Ave., 5 p.m. — 7 p.m.
Photographer Bob Poe will be holding an opening for his latest work, "Illumination." Poe's exhibit is made up exclusively of photographs taken with his iPhone, in which he demonstrates the impact of light and movement on his subjects. Admission is free. Call (323) 936-1447 or e-mail ali@caapr.com for more information.

Brain clouds

Montana Avenue Library
1704 Montana Ave., 11 a.m. — noon
Dr. Matthew Shtrahman — physician, scientist and founder of the Initiative for the Collective Neuronal Dynamics and Epilepsy — will discuss the science of collective phenomenon and the brain. Admission is free. Call (310) 829-7081 for more information.

'Hopping fun'

Morgan-Wixson Theater
2627 Pico Blvd., 11 a.m. — 12:30 p.m.
Watch this charming play and puppet show based on Sandy Asher's picture book about the joy of reading. It is best enjoyed by children ages 4 through 8. Admission is $6 — $8. Call (310) 828-7519 for more information.

Meet the author

Every Picture Tells a Story
1311-C Montana Ave., 6 p.m. — 7 p.m.
Acclaimed director Werner Herzog will sign his new book, "Conquest of the Useless," prior to introducing a screening of his film, "Fitzcarraldo," at the Aero Theatre. The signing is free. Call (310) 451-2700 for more information.

Sunday, Oct. 11, 2009

Santa Monica 5,000

Ocean Park Beach
First race begins at 7:30 a.m.
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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.



Gov. Schwarzenegger demands water deal

SAMANTHA YOUNG
Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger said Thursday he will veto hundreds of bills unless lawmakers agree on a comprehensive fix for the state's aging water system.

Overhauling California's decades-old water system is a priority for Schwarzenegger, but Democrats and Republicans have not been able to find enough common ground to forge a long-term solution.

"I made it very clear to the legislators and to the leaders that if this does not get done, then I will veto a lot of their legislation, a lot of their bills, so that should inspire them to go and get the job done," Schwarzenegger said in a speech to community college officials in San Francisco.

Legislative leaders have been meeting with Schwarzenegger this week to try to reconcile their differences by Friday. By statute, Schwarzenegger has until midnight Sunday to sign or veto bills.

Democrats, who are a majority in the Assembly and Senate and have sponsored almost all the bills sent to the governor, have characterized the veto threat as silly. They said they expect the governor to consider each bill on its merits.

About 700 bills are awaiting action.

"We all want to solve this problem," said Senate President Pro Tem Darrell Steinberg, a Sacramento Democrat. "We all want to have a breakthrough when it comes to actually achieving something positive here for the people of California, and that's what we're aiming to do."

If the leaders do succeed in reaching a compromise, any upgrade to the state's water system must then win approval in the Legislature.

That will get complicated because individual lawmakers will be pressured by water districts, environmentalists, farmers and others to protect the interests of the regions they represent.

Last month, Democrats presented a legislative water package that was supported by some water agencies, farmers and environmentalists.

The legislation sought to strengthen oversight of how water in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta is used, restore the delta's ailing ecosystem and set aside money for dams, something Republicans and Schwarzenegger have insisted upon. It proposed $12 billion in bonds.

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HERE COMES THE ICE

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Workers from Stages Unlimited contruction company build the wooden base for the annual ice rink on Arizona Avenue and Fifth Street Thursday afternoon. The rink is scheduled to open later this month.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Working out the kinks

Samohi's game against Capistrano Valley a final tune-up before league play

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

MISSION VIEJO With Ocean League play lurking just seven days away, today's road game against Capistrano Valley may be the last time the Vikings have an opportunity to right what ails them.

Coming off a 63-7 drubbing at the hands of Valencia last week, Santa Monica High School's Head Coach Travis Clark is using the loss as a teaching tool for his team that finds itself 1-3.

"(The players) need to learn to respond to adversity," Clark said. "We're still not out of the water."

Samohi has an opportunity to begin to salvage its season this week against Capistrano Valley, a team the Vikings defeated last year.

Clark said that establishing a running game will be crucial for the Vikings not only this week, but also during league play. He's tried a number of combinations including junior Brandon Taylor as the feature back, but has decided to give some of his younger players more carries. Sophomores Kori Garcia and Donovan Citrowski will be looked on to carry the load.

"I'm going to give them the opportunity," Clark said of his underclassmen ball carriers.

If Samohi can consistently gain yards on the ground, Clark said it would make life that much easier for senior quarterback Garrett Safron, who despite the team's record has put together a solid season, drawing the interest of opposing coaches and college recruiters alike.

Capistrano Valley's Head Coach Chi Chi Biehn knows that he has to contain Safron and his group of receivers if his team is to avenge last year's loss.

"Their quarterback may be the best guy we've seen all year," Biehn said. "Safron is a guy we have to contain if we want to be competitive."

Biehn said his team's chances on defense

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Celebrating Americans with disabilities

Editor:

In 1945, Congress enacted Public Law 176 which designated the first week in October as "National Employ the Physically Handicapped Week." In 1962, the word "physically" was removed from the week's name to recognize the employment needs of all Americans with disabilities. In 1988, Congress expanded the week to a month and changed its name to "National Disability Employment Awareness Month." Since then, October has evolved in many cities, including Santa Monica, to become simply Disability Awareness Month as a time to highlight the abilities, skills and contributions of persons with disabilities in our community.

Why do we still have to raise awareness of disability in 2009? The last census identified 51.2 million people with disabilities in the Unites States. Those numbers are expected to significantly increase in the upcoming 2010 Census. People with disabilities represent the one population group that anyone can join at any time throughout their life. With advances in medical science and technology, more people with disabilities are living longer and more independent lives. With disability so prevalent in this country, one would think we would have all the awareness we need. Awareness can't be just about statistics, shared history or even notable personalities.

As a person with a disability who works on issues of equal access every day, I can tell you that my struggles don't end with the landmark legislation of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) or our inclusive California state laws. The attitudinal barriers that people with disabilities face are broken down only through the awareness that allows designers, architects, shop owners, restaurateurs, teachers, legislators, policy makers, neighbors, friends and even family to think in ways that encourage independence and equality in all aspects of our lives.

The Santa Monica Disabilities Commission was established to help ensure that people with disabilities have access to city programs, services and activities, and are able to participate in all aspects of community life. The commission advises City Council and city staff on ways to address a variety of disability related issues that affect our quality of life in Santa Monica. We have been exploring ways to improve access in the city by making recommendations on issues such as universally designed playgrounds, zoning for more accessible homes, improving water line beach access and improving access to transportation.

The commission invites the community to come celebrate Disability Awareness Month through a special film screening of "Body & Soul: Diana & Kathy" at the Santa Monica Main Library, Martin Luther King Auditorium on Saturday, Oct. 17, from 12:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.. The commission will begin the event with a reception art exhibit by partially sighted photographers and will honor posthumously former commissioner and lifelong disability advocate Dr. Samuel Genensky. Come and raise your awareness of disability. The event promises to be educational, uplifting and fun! We also encourage members of the public to attend commission meetings the first Monday of every month from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Ken Edwards Center to share ideas for making Santa Monica a more accessible, friendly and welcoming city for all – disability or not.

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Chair, Santa Monica Disabilities Commission

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Breaking the bad boy cycle

Q: I HAVE A THING FOR "BAD BOYS" but they always break my heart. Is my situation hopeless?

Please advise,
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A: DEAR HOPEFUL,

The most common misconception among women is that we must choose between the excitement and drama of a bad boy and the boredom and stability of a nice guy. Nice guys make us feel secure, but don't trigger feelings of chemistry, while bad boys rock our world, only to leave it in shambles when we ultimately get fed up with their self-centered, temperamental ways. Neither choice is appealing: a nice guy with no chemistry or a bad boy with no compatibility. So what's a sensible woman to do? Think outside the box and choose option three — a man with whom you have chemistry and compatibility. You can't have a lasting relationship without them.

When high-drama relationships don't work out, we often think we must sacrifice chemistry, and the passion and excitement that go along with it, for compatibility. This is not true. You should always and only date people with whom you have chemistry. High drama, however, can serve as a red flag, signaling dysfunctional times ahead. Because dating bad boys can be addictive, a woman must become 100 percent sickened by their negative drama before she's ready to break the pattern of dating them. Eventually, the pain and destruction of dating bad boys outweighs the enjoyment and each woman must reach her own tolerance level for mistreatment before she's ready to make healthier choices. Closing the door on bad boys is a woman's first step toward a satisfying dating life. One's healthiest partner possesses chemistry and compatibility without exhibiting volatile behavior.

The best way to find your healthiest partner is to become the healthiest version of yourself. If you tend to give too much while receiving too little in your relationships, practice setting healthy boundaries to avoid partners who don't give anything in return. Of all the men you feel chemistry with, you get to choose the one that's the best complement for you. This isn't to say that your healthiest mate won't occasionally annoy you. He will. But a healthy mate should only push your buttons enough to keep things interesting, not intolerable. While love with a bad boy may feel bittersweet, love with your ideal partner should contain an element of peace, instead of fear.

Q: DEAR RACHEL,

I've been dating someone for three months and it's definitely more than a booty call, but he won't commit. All he seems to care about is his band. What's the deal?

Sincerely,
Ready to commit!

A: DEAR READY TO COMMIT

You may be dating a man with Starving Artists' Syndrome. Those afflicted with this syndrome (SAS for short) tend to be commitment phobic in romantic situations because their first priority in life is their art. They've spent their entire lives escaping the conventional lifestyle: a 9-to-5-job, a wife, two kids, a house and all the time and responsibility that it entails. They've made sacrifices for their art, and they're not about to sacrifice their art for love. While they desire some of the benefits of a monogamous relationship, mainly the sex and companionship, they worry that committed love leads to the traditional lifestyle they've worked so hard to escape.

Those most commonly afflicted with SAS are actors, musicians and other artists, although one does not technically have to be either starving or an artist to possess this syndrome. Wealthy businessmen and artistic women can possess SAS as well. SAS can appear in varying degrees, some functional, some not, so it's vital to identify its existence and severity in a potential partner. Some with SAS may be workaholics who are reluctant to commit to long-term relationships, while others avoid romantic attachments that last longer than a few weeks or months.

If you sense your partner possesses SAS, communicate with him immediately. Men generally don't volunteer information about themselves that they know is unsavory to women such as, "My career is the love of my life," or, "I never want to settle down," but they'll usually be honest when questioned directly. If you discover that your guy is truly a commitment-phobe, accept this fact and decide whether his behavior/lifestyle is tolerable to you for the long run or not. Don't assume your guy will change. A relationship should not be dependent on change to function. People can change, but not always in the direction we wish. If you decide your partner has a manageable case of SAS, work on compromises that allow both you and him to get your needs fully met.

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Dreamin' of a freeway series

THESE ARE GRIM TIMES MY FRIENDS. THE wars in Iraq and Afghanistan drag on, the economy is in the worst shape since the Great Depression and, in California, we're so broke that we're letting prisoners out of jail early.

But, more importantly, the Dodgers have a commanding two games to none lead over the Cardinals in their National League Division Series! (If writing about baseball during a calamitous period in history appears shallow, please chalk it up to the curse of being a Dodger fan.)

Today the team flies to St. Louis for game three of the NLDS while the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim (I'll never get used to that name) flies to Boston tomorrow for game three of their American League Division Series. In 47 years, the two franchises have never met in a World Series. The odds of that changing this season are extremely remote, but a guy can dream, can't he? Sometimes it sure beats reality.

Speaking of reality, the Angels have met the Red Sox in the postseason four times in the last 30 years and have lost all four. In fact, they've only won a total of four games. The Dodgers have played the Cardinals twice in the playoffs, lost both times and won only three games. Plus, the Cardinals won five of the seven games this season. So would a sane person think there's a chance of a freeway series (that's assuming being a sports fan is a sane activity in the first place)?

But there is some historical optimism for the Dodgers. This season they won the Western Division of the National League for the second straight year. The last time they did that was in 1977 and 1978 and both times they went to the World Series. (They lost to the Yankees each time, but at least they got there.)

Or how about this for superstition? In 1988, the Lakers won the NBA championship and the Dodgers won the World Series (made possible by Kirk Gibson's dramatic ninth inning home run against Oakland). Well, in 2009 the Lakers won another championship, so perhaps it's an omen the Dodgers will follow suit (or an omen that I've lost my mind)?

I've only been to the World Series once, the Dodgers against the Orioles in 1966. I went with my divorced Aunt Amelia (aka Auntie Mame) about whom I've written before. Sandy Koufax was pitching which made it all the more exciting. (Sadly, it would be his last game and, as I look back, the signs of doom were there from the beginning.)

It started as we were going through the turnstiles. Amelia had inadvertently brought the wrong day's tickets. Miraculously, I had gotten through the turnstile but she was stopped. I looked back and realized that I had a split-second decision to make: loyalty to my loving family or get to see Sandy Koufax pitch?

Before I take heat for having chosen Koufax, let me explain my thought process. The ticket taker was a man and Aunt Amelia was very flirtatious with men. I estimated the odds were excellent that she could talk her way out of this jam. Sure, I had no ticket, which meant that there would be no seat, but I was young and could stand the whole game. As far as getting home, I figured I could always hitchhike from Dodger Stadium. (This was three years before Charles Manson would make hitchhiking very unpopular.)

SPEAKING OF REALITY, THE ANGELS HAVE MET THE RED SOX IN THE POST-SEASON FOUR TIMES IN THE LAST 30 YEARS AND HAVE LOST ALL FOUR. IN FACT THEY'VE ONLY WON A TOTAL OF FOUR GAMES.

This was the infamous game where Dodgers centerfielder Willie Davis lost two fly balls in the sun, called off Ron Fairly on another (dropped in for a cheap hit) and later made a colossal throwing error. It was so ugly, that, in the seventh inning, when Davis caught a routine fly ball, the crowd burst into a huge, sarcastic cheer.

I didn't have to hitchhike home because I eventually ran into Amelia who, sure enough, had talked her way into even better seats than we would have had. I quickly joined her but by then the game was essentially over. (Plus, she was understandably annoyed that I had abandoned her at the turnstile.)

So, in the memory of my beloved late aunt, I'm asking the baseball gods to deliver the Dodgers and Angels into the World Series. (It's pathetic to be pulling out the "dead relatives" card, but perhaps it's just another curse of being a Dodgers fan.)

If only one of the two teams can make it to the series, I hope it's the Dodgers. (Let's get real, Anaheim is not in Los Angeles!) And I hope that the Dodgers face the Yankees. Then we can all pretend it's the 1950s again when we didn't have wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, the economy was booming and prisoners stayed in jail. A guy can dream, can't he?

When he isn't sweating out a Dodger game, JACK can be reached at Jackneworth@yahoo.com.

The Q Line

Changes at the top

As the retirement date for current City Manager Lamont Ewell approaches, city officials have begun looking for his replacement.

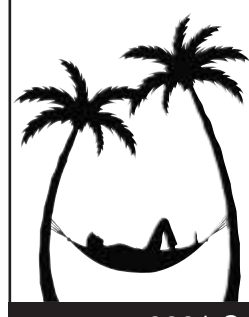
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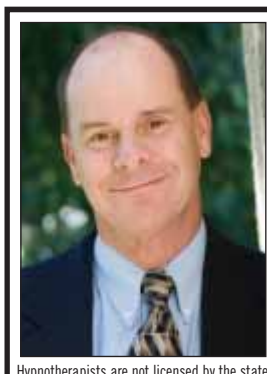
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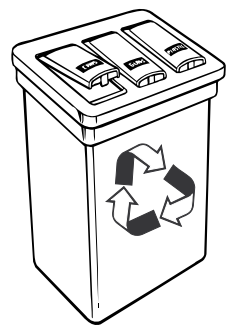
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Meeting Date & Time:
Thursday, October 15, 2009, 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Meeting Location:
Virginia Avenue Park – Thelma Terry Building
2200 Virginia Avenue
Santa Monica, California 90404

For further information on this project, please contact Michael Collins at (310) 434-2611 or michael.collins@smgov.net.

The Thelma Terry Building is wheelchair accessible. For special accommodations, including translation services, please contact Phil Tong at (310) 458-2205 or phil.tong@smgov.net three working days prior to the meeting. TTY/TDD (310) 917-6626.

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CRIME WATCH
BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

Officers weren't playing with this toy gun

Crime Watch is a weekly series culled from reports provided by the Santa Monica Police Department. These are arrests only. All parties are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 30, AT 5:37 P.M.,

Santa Monica police officers on routine patrol in the 600 block of Wilshire Boulevard noticed a suspicious man standing in front of a 7-Eleven. Officers were informed that the man may have a gun. Officers watched the suspect for a short time. The suspect allegedly looked like he was scanning the parking lot as if he planned to rob the convenience store. Officers approached the suspect and told him they were placing him under arrest for warrants that he had. The suspect allegedly became argumentative and uncooperative. As the suspect attempted to reach for his waistband, officers ordered him to stop. Officers searched the suspect and recovered a toy pistol. The suspect was placed under arrest for probable cause robbery and warrants. His bail was set at $51,250.

SATURDAY, OCT. 3, AT 6:40 A.M.,

Officers responded to the 100 block of 18th Street regarding a disturbance. When officers arrived, they made contact with the alleged victim who said her boyfriend would not leave her residence. Officers discovered that the boyfriend damaged some of the woman's belongings and the door to her home, police said. Officers detained the boyfriend as he was trying to leave the location in his vehicle. Officers felt the suspect was under the influence of some controlled substance. They conducted some sobriety tests and, based on statements made by the suspect, determined he was under the influence of methamphetamines. The suspect, Ronnie Palma, 41, of Santa Monica, was booked for felony vandalism, being under the influence and a probation violation. His bail was set at $20,000.

SATURDAY, OCT. 3, AT 7:46 P.M.,

Officers responded to the 2600 block of 17th Street regarding a fight. When officers arrived, they saw two people fighting. Officers were able to separate them and identify the victim and the suspect. The victim said that he confronted the suspect, an employee at a local business, for not paying his share of proceeds as agreed upon. The suspect allegedly became agitated and physically confronted the victim. The two began to fight. The suspect allegedly attempted to grab a knife. The victim was able to disarm the suspect and hold him until police arrived. The suspect was placed under arrest for assault with a deadly weapon. He was identified as Michael Lopez, 48, of Valinda. No bail was set.

THURSDAY, OCT. 1, AT 1:05 P.M.,

Officers responded to the 900 block of 10th Street regarding a report of a burglary that just occurred. As officers drove to the scene they were advised that the victim was following the suspect. Officers located the suspect at 14th Street and Santa Monica Boulevard. During their investigation, officers were able to determine that the suspect was in possession of stolen property. Police said the suspect entered a subterranean garage and laundry room and removed items from vehicles and the laundry room. The suspect, identified as Melvin Thomas, 44, a transient, was booked for burglary and possession of stolen property. His bail was set at $50,000.

THURSDAY, OCT. 1, AT 5:40 P.M.,

Officers responded to the 300 block of the Santa Monica Pier regarding a distraught female. When officers arrived, they made contact with a female that appeared to be upset. One of the officers said that when she contacted the individual, the woman threw two boxes into a trash can. Officers searched the trash and recovered the boxes, which were addressed to a residence in the 1700 block of Ocean Avenue. The boxes allegedly contained female clothing. The woman stated that a friend had given her the boxes. Officers went to the location where the boxes were supposed to be delivered. Officers were able to determine that the boxes had been delivered that day via Fed-Ex. The residence is a secured facility and can only be entered by using a key. The suspect was placed under arrest for burglary. She was identified as Juliette Suh, 24, of Los Angeles. Her bail was set at $50,000.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 30, AT 1:10 A.M.,

Officers were patrolling the area of Ninth Street and Santa Monica Boulevard when they observed a vehicle driving at a high rate of speed and slam on its brakes before committing a vehicle code violation. Officers conducted a traffic stop and determined the driver was impaired. Officers had the driver perform a series of sobriety tests. Upon completion, officers placed the suspect under arrest for DUI. The driver was identified as Daniel Mayhew, 32, of Santa Monica. His bail was set at $15,000.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 29, AT 12:03 P.M.,

Officers responded to the area near the corner of Ocean and Colorado avenues regarding a fight. When officers arrived, they located a witness who told them the victim was involved in a fist fight with three suspects when one of them pulled out a knife and stabbed the victim. The suspect then gave the knife to another suspect as the victim fled. All three suspects were detained. They were identified as Jessie Williams, 21, a transient; Jeffrey Brown, 37, a transient; and Ryan Harper, 19, of Santa Monica. They were booked for assault with a deadly weapon. Their bail was set at $30,000.

MONDAY, SEPT. 28, AT 3:30 P.M.,

Officers responded to the 1300 block of Palisades Park regarding a report of counterfeiting. When officers arrived, they spotted a man believed to be involved in the counterfeit report. Officers made contact with the suspect and during a weapons search, officers discovered marijuana. Officers placed the suspect under arrest for possession. He was identified as Jonathan Stewart, 22, a transient. His bail was set at $75.

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Boy Scouts reaches out to Latinos

JULIANA BARBASSA
Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO The Boy Scouts are making their debut "en espanol," with an advertising campaign launched Thursday and a soon-to-come Spanish-language Scout Handbook intended to draw Latinos to the ranks of the nearly century-old organization.

The Spanish-language campaign, called "Valores para toda la vida," translated as "Values for life," includes television, radio and online spots that speak to the nation's largest minority in their language.

The outreach is intended to keep the Scouting movement relevant and growing as the country's cultural landscape shifts, taking a toll on Scout ranks. Boy Scouts of America is still the country's largest youth organization, with 2.8 million members, but that is half its membership in its peak year, 1972.

There is more competition for the attention of boys now. The country also looks different than it did 30 years ago, and the Scouts haven't kept up with the change. Latinos make up one in five children in the United States, according to the U.S. Census, but they are only 3 percent of Scouts.

The organization hopes to double its Hispanic membership by their centennial in 2010, and the campaign is a key part of that push, said Bob Mazzuca, Chief Scout Executive.

In the ads, boys and girls in uniforms explain what they like about Scouting — perspectives that Scout leaders hope will introduce the venerable organization to a new audience while resonating with Latino values and culture. The children in the ads say Scouting taught them to help others, but they also talk about the soccer games they love, and how their family can take part in activities as well.

The Scouts are making changes designed to accommodate Latinos, based on information gathered with the help of a Washington-based media and marketing company and a committee of Hispanic leaders.

One example: including family members in traditional scouting activities such as camping trips.

"We recognized in the Hispanic community the absolute importance of family — of doing things as a family," Mazzuca said. "So we've modified our program delivery to include family in many ways that our programs historically didn't."

The approach worked for Concha Roque, whose son, Nicholas, joined the Boy Scouts after meeting them after mass in Montebello, east of downtown Los Angeles. Roque was raising her sons without her husband, who had returned to Mexico, and liked the idea of an organization that gave them role models.

It also pleased her that she was invited along on Nicholas' first camping trip.

Translating the Scout handbook will help other Latinos feel welcome, Roque said.

The book, expected to come out in December, will feature a cover that touches on core Scouting themes — boys rafting in the background, an eagle in the foreground. But it will be a clear sign the Scouts are interested in attracting Latinos, said Nicholas Roque, 17, a high school senior.

STATE BRIEFS

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LAPD chief promotes anti-terror watch

Los Angeles police Chief William Bratton is promoting what he hopes will be a useful new tool in preventing terrorism.

Bratton on Thursday displayed the iWatch initiative, a new program he helped create aimed at increasing public awareness of suspicious activities.

Bratton says the program uses brochures, public service announcements and meetings with community groups to deliver advice on how the public can alert authorities to suspicous activity.

The program provides a toll-free number and Web page the public can use to alert law enforcement.

The national police chiefs association has endorsed iWatch. Bratton describes it as a "21st Century version of neighborhood watch" and says it can be done without infringing on people's constitutional rights.

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Man blows hand off while mixing explosives

A cache of explosives and pot plants were discovered at a state-licensed child care facility in Southern California hours after a man blew his hand off while mixing explosives there, authorities said Thursday.

Authorities were tipped to the home when a local hospital reported late Wednesday that 23-year-old Benjamin Kuzelka said he hurt his hand with a firearm, Riverside County Sheriff's Sgt. Dennis Gutierrez said. However, Kuzelka's wound wasn't consistent with that type of injury, Gutierrez said.

Investigators went to Kuzelka's home and found explosives, a sophisticated marijuana growing facility and evidence that the home on a quiet residential cul-de-sac had recently been used as a child care facility, Gutierrez said.

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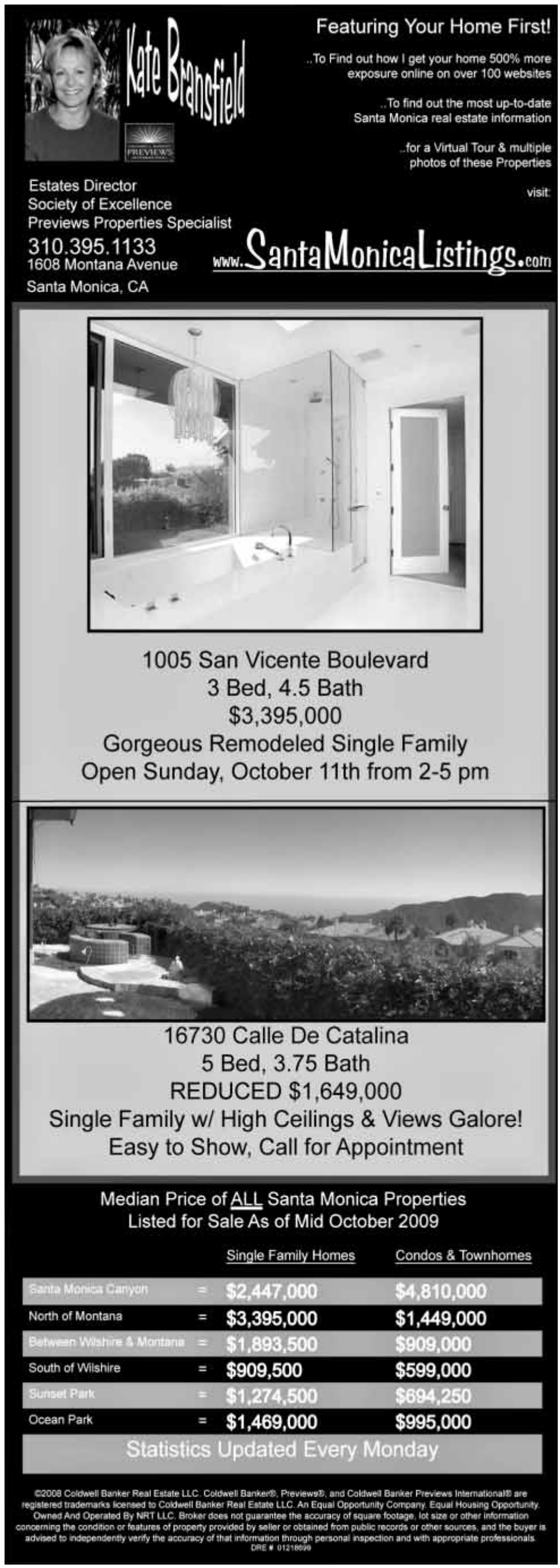
Earth imaging satellite blasts off

A high-resolution commercial Earth-imaging satellite was launched into polar orbit Thursday.

A Delta 2 rocket carrying DigitalGlobe Inc.'s WorldView-2 satellite lifted off at 11:51 a.m. PDT and arced south over the Pacific Ocean.

The satellite separated from the rocket and entered an orbit 477 miles high.

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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA PLANNING COMMISSION

SUBJECT: A Public Hearing will be held by the Planning Commission on the following:

Appeal 08-016 of Fence, Wall, Hedge Modification 08-0004, 227 Bay Street The appellant is appealing the Zoning Administrator approval of a hedge modification to permit a 67-inch hedge within the front yard setback area where a maximum of 42-inches is permitted by Code. On December 11, 2008 the Zoning Administrator approved the modification pursuant to SMMC Section 9.04.10.02.080(e). An appeal of the Zoning Administrator determination was filed on December 23, 2008. [Planner: Gina Szilak] **Appellant: Hali Parlar. Applicant/Property Owner: Anne E. Biege-Pearson.**

Appeal 09-007 of VAR 08-016, 1356 Sunset Avenue. The appellant is appealing the Zoning Administrator's approval of Variance 08-016 that allowed the construction of an additional 1,248 square feet to an existing single family residence, a portion of which will be considered a third story. SMMC Section 9.04.20.10.030(k) permits a variance to allow an additional story which would otherwise not be permitted for an existing residential structure provided certain criteria are met. [Planner: Tony Kim] **Appellant: Margaret Griffin & John Enright. Applicant: Colby Mayes, Inc. Property Owner: Aaron Filler.**

Appeal 09-010 of ARB 09-269, 1924-30 Euclid Street. Appeal of the Architectural Review Board approval of ARB application 09ARB269, a request for the approval of the building design, colors, materials and landscape plans for the construction of a new senior group housing facility with twenty-four (24) individual living quarters. [Planner: Laura Beck, AICP]. **Appellant: Pico Euclid Neighborhood Coalition & Linas Baskauskas. Applicant: Gary Squier, Squier Properties. Property Owner: Doris I. Johnson-Loza.**

Appeal 09-011 of ARB 09-281, 1753 Eighteenth Street. Appeal of the Architectural Review Board approval of ARB application 09ARB281, a request for the approval of the building design, colors, materials and landscape plans for the construction of a new senior group housing facility with eighteen (18) individual living quarters. [Planner: Laura Beck, AICP]. **Appellant: Pico Euclid Neighborhood Coalition & Linas Baskauskas. Applicant: Gary Squier, Squier Properties. Property Owner: James Downey.**

Conditional Use Permit 09-007, 395 Santa Monica Place, #308. The applicant requests approval of a Conditional Use Permit (09CUP007) to allow the on-site sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages (Type 47) in conjunction with a full-service restaurant in the Santa Monica Place. Xino Restaurant and Lounge occupies 8,577 square feet and consists of 189 indoor seats and 87 outdoor seats. [Planner: Grace Cho] **Applicant: Xino Santa Monica, LLC. Property Owner: Macerich Santa Monica, LLC.**

Tract Map 06-004, 1531-37 Tenth Street. The applicant requests approval of Vesting Tentative Tract Map 06TM-047 (No. 67858) to subdivide two lots into fourteen airspace parcels in conjunction with a proposed fourteen-unit residential condominium development pursuant to Santa Monica Municipal Code Section 9.20.04.020. [Planner: Steve Mizokami] **Applicant:/Property Owner: SM Pacific, LLC.**

Tract Map 09-004, 1028 Twenty-First Street. The applicant requests approval of a tentative tract map for a five-unit residential condominium subdivision (4 market rate + one density bonus unit). Pursuant to Santa Monica Municipal Code Section 9.20.02.090, the Planning Commission is the responsible authority to approve, conditionally approve, or deny tentative subdivision map applications. [Planner; Gina Szilak] **Applicant: 1028 21st Street LLC. Property Owner: 1028 21st Street LLC.**

WHEN: Wednesday, October 21, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

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

City of Santa Monica

HOW TO COMMENT
The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. You may comment at the Planning Commission public hearing, or by writing a letter or e-mail. Information received prior to the hearing will be given to the Planning Commission at the meeting.

MORE INFORMATION
If you want additional information about this project or wish to review the project, please contact the Project Planner (310) 458-8341. The Zoning Ordinance is available at the Planning Counter during business hours or available on the City's web site at www.smgov.net. The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible. If you have any disability-related accommodation request, please contact (310) 458-8341, or TYY Number: (310) 458-8696 at least five (5) business days prior to the meeting. Santa Monica "Big Blue" Bus Lines #1, #2, #3, #4, #5, #7, #8, #9 and the Tide Ride service the City Hall. 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.



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Blue jeans as art

BLUE JEAN BABY ELIZABETH BAE WAS raised by parents who both worked in the denim industry, so it's of little surprise that she grew up to become the chief designer of Denim of Virtue, a luxury jeans brand.

Denim is a $13 billion industry dominated by Wal-Mart and Sears, and while apparel sales have declined this year, sales of jeans have increased. Denim is comfort clothing: The fashion equivalent of macaroni & cheese.

Just as chefs have taken inspiration from a cardboard box of noodles and a pouch of powdered cheese to create recipes like smoky black pepper cheese and macaroni with wild mountain chanterelles, designers have taken inspiration from a pair of pants invented for digging in the dirt to create a red-carpet-worthy fashion piece.

"I wanted to pursue a career I felt familiar with and had the urge to perfect the art of fit, style and comfort," Bae says. "My mission is to offer a solution to the common complaints people have about their denim being uncomfortable and unflattering. I place a huge emphasis on tackling those challenges in my designs."

Bae uses stitching to draw the eye upward and away from problem areas like full thighs. She combats wide waists by creating long, lean silhouettes, and she works with four-way stretch fabric.

Denim of Virtue jeans are 52 percent cotton and 48 percent elastane. When I pour myself into a pair, the first thing I notice is how comfortable they are. The fabric is insanely soft. It's also super stretchy, acting as a shaper to smooth my curves and lift my tush.

The tush really is the most important concern when buying a pair of jeans. According to Bae, the larger your jeans, the bigger your back pockets should be. Itty bitty back pockets make your derriere look larger.

Though denim sales have increased overall, the sale of luxury jeans, costing anywhere from $80 to more than $600, have fallen and the decline in sales is predicted to continue into next year. With more than 300 luxury jeans brands on the market, and more coming on the scene every year, each company must find a way to stand out of the crowd.

One of the ways companies do this is through corporate narratology: The story behind the pants. This is what you read when you click on a Web site's "About" button. Take, for example, Evisu.

The Evisu story begins like a fairytale with "Once upon a time …" It tells how Hidehiko Yamane, Evisu's tailor — he doesn't like the word "designer," maybe it's not fairytaleful enough — searched the world over to find quality denim. Yamane is a hero on a quest. He's saving the kingdom with magic pants.

In the early 1990s, Yamane hand painted a seagull on each of the 12 pairs of jeans Evisu produced per day. That was then, before the phrase "inspirational shopper" was coined, before people like me gave ourselves permission to spend the equivalent of two weeks worth of groceries (for two people) on a pair of jeans.

I'm not sold on Denim of Virtue's story. "All styles derive from the principles of 'Virtue' on the notion that it brings love, justice, value, quality, innocence, kindness, hope and character. Denim of Virtue believes that through 'Virtue' one can emerge into the world of finer things."

I have a hard time understanding how a pair of jeans can make someone more loving or more just, but what I am sold on is the jeans themselves. Bae makes a great pair of pants. I look forward to seeing the company grow into its name.

Quick tip

When buying a pair of luxury jeans, wear super low rise undies to the department store and take a belt with you into the dressing room.

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Setzer takes a dark turn

JEFF BAENEN
Associated Press Writer

MINNEAPOLIS Brian Setzer can't keep his fingers still. When he talks about his new CD "Songs From Lonely Avenue," he has to grab his bright orange Gretsch guitar and start firing off the edgy riffs that make up his film noir tribute.

"It always starts with the guitar riff," Setzer said, pausing after playing the slinky intro to "King of the Whole Damn World," which veers from rockabilly to jazz, and singing in a soft, high voice.

The three-time Grammy winner recalls first coming up with one of the riffs and thinking, "That's really cool, that's kind of dark." It sounded like a soundtrack, Setzer said.

"So I got that idea — what if I wrote a soundtrack but songs, you know, like old soundtracks from the '40s and '50s. They're dramatic, they have just the pieces, like that, but they're not entire songs," Setzer said. "'Wow. It'd be cool if I wrote that kind of dark swing and made them into songs.'"

So he did.

A big fan of Robert Mitchum, James Cagney and Alfred Hitchcock, Setzer gave his new CD a story line, just like those downbeat, black-and-white movies from the 1940s and '50s where the antihero is double-crossed by a femme fatale. The result is the Brian Setzer Orchestra's "Songs From Lonely Avenue," which Surfdog Records releases Tuesday in formats that include vinyl and digital download.

"I love all those movies. And the soundtracks are just so great from those movies," Setzer said during a recent interview in his Minneapolis loft.

Sitting on his dark-brown couch, Setzer was natty in a black suit and purple polka-dot tie and had coifed his signature blond pompadour.

He casually strummed minor chords on his gleaming guitar as he explained another song, "Trouble Train," which opens "Songs From Lonely Avenue" on a foreboding note with a frenzied roar of drums, guitar and horns.

More time means more fundraising opportunities

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"I know the kinds of things that can be done early and that is why I am raising money early to get those done," she said.

There will be three full-term seats up for election next year, including those currently held by councilmen Bob Holbrook and Kevin McKeown. The remaining two years of late Councilman Herb Katz' term, which is currently being served by Councilwoman Gleam Davis, will also be open for election.

"I haven't planned any fundraisers yet because most residents don't begin to think about upcoming elections this far ahead," McKeown said.

Holbrook, who was first elected in 1990, typically doesn't make a decision until late spring, though one might come sooner if he goes for a sixth term.

The decision will be based on whether there is a project that he would like to see through.

The early start could be beneficial for the long-serving councilman who, along with other incumbents, is limited in his fundraising ability by the Oaks Initiative, a charter amendment that restricts incumbents from accepting donations from individuals or entities that have received city contracts in which the candidate previously cast an affirmative vote. In the case of corporations and organizations that have received contracts or donations from City Hall, candidates are also barred from receiving donations from any individuals that serve on their board of directors. City Hall also limits donations from an individual to $250 per candidate, per election cycle.

For Holbrook, this also means that he will no longer be able to accept donations from the Kardashian family, which owns Southern California Disposal, the same company that last year received a 15-year contract with City Hall to provide transfer services beginning in 2012.

The Holbrook and Kardashian families have been friends for years.

He estimates that it costs about $75,000 to run a successful campaign in Santa Monica with the bulk of the expenses coming from mailing.

"If I can find 100 people who would give me $250, I'm only a third of the way there and that is a lot of people who will give you that much money," he said. "Every time I turn around I lose donors just because their company is doing business with the city and anybody who works for that company or spouse can't be a donor."

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Appeal to be heard in December

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The site was designated as a restaurant in 1981, the same time when a limited, nontransferable parking variance was approved for Verdi's, the occupant of the location at the time. Just a year later, the variance was transferred to Cinch, which operated at the site for more than 20 years, according to a city staff report.

The variance expired in 1986, a fact that wasn't discovered until 2007 when The Parlor requested a business license.

"The expired variance had gone undetected since no review of the restaurant operation had been called for," the staff report said.

Foley, who was not employed with City Hall at the time the parking variance expired, said City Hall no longer issues limited variances and part of the reason is because of the difficulty in monitoring them.

"If you did limited variances how would you enforce them," Foley said. "There could be something in the system that pops up (notification) but it's way too problematic."

Pyun said that he was unaware that there was ever a parking variance for the site to begin with.

"That parking variance was over so long ago that there is no way that we could find it," he said.

He added to being unaware that the second-floor was previously unauthorized for restaurant use, noting that the state Alcohol Beverage Control permits it.

"For some reason it was OK by ABC but not [the] city of Santa Monica," he said. "That is the only reason we started to expand — the second floor was being used even before we were here when it was Cinch and Verdi's."

A complaint was filed against Cinch in September 2004 for excessive noise and use of the second-floor deck. A city Code Compliance officer ordered that use of the deck, which was not permitted, be ceased.

The staff report noted that since the deck is only accessible from the second floor, the expansion of the restaurant to the upper level had taken place prior to the complaint.

"They had built a roof patio off the second floor and that was not permitted and eventually was removed," Foley said.

Foley said that since the complaint was about the deck and not the second-floor, the use of the latter did not rise to the attention of the Code Compliance staff at the time.

Since an application for the CUP and variance was filed in a timely manner, The Parlor has been allowed to operate pending the outcome of the requests, the city staff report said.

The restaurant has been the target of criticism by a group of neighbors, who claim that they have seen patrons misbehaving outside.

Pyun said that while he would not refute the claims of public urination, he said that he has seen a homeless person — not a customer — defecating in the alley.

"I'm not going to say that it's our patrons doing that," he said. "I can't see my patrons going out to someone's lawn to do that.

"It doesn't make sense."

Pyun said the restaurant has added extra security with flashlights to look up and down the streets. On busy nights, The Parlor staffs six security guards, some of whom are stationed indoors to keep track of customers who are approaching inebriation.

"If we see someone being close to feeling the effects of alcohol, they look like they're sidestepping or slowing their speech, then I need all the security on the side to tell the waitress or bartender to make sure they are not served anymore," he said.

Not all feelings toward the restaurant have been negative. Many have also praised The Parlor as an enjoyable neighborhood hangout and have criticized the commission for imposing the restrictions on hours.

The appeal is expected to be heard by the City Council in December.

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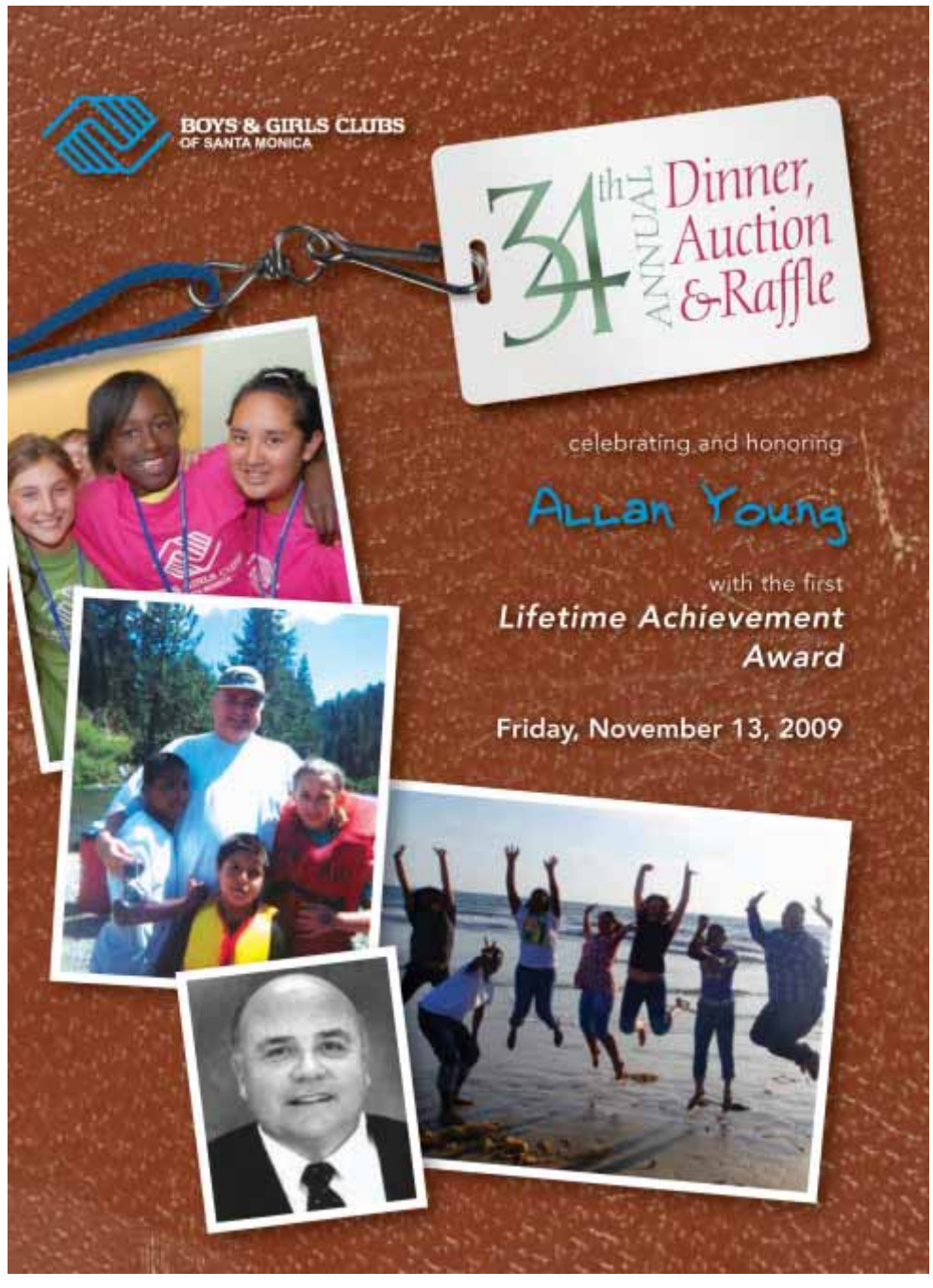
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DA wants to prosecute marijuana dispensaries

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MONTEBELLO The Los Angeles County district attorney says medical marijuana dispensaries in the county are operating illegally and will be prosecuted.

Steve Cooley said Thursday at a narcotics officers training session in Montebello that he and City Attorney Carmen Trutanich believe over-the-counter sales are illegal, based on a state Supreme Court decision last year.

Cooley says his office is already preparing to prosecute a Culver City dispensary called Organica.

The city attorney's office says there are hundreds of dispensaries in the county operating under a 1996 voter initiative that allowed medical marijuana use, and a state law that allows for collective growing of marijuana.

Outside the training session, about 100 medical marijuana advocates protested.

State has $67B in bond debt

FROM WATER PAGE 3

The Democratic plan failed to generate support from Republicans, who complained it did not guarantee money to build new dams. Other lawmakers question whether the state can afford to issue billions of dollars in bonds after the Legislature spent the year cutting tens of billions of dollars from education, social services, health programs and other core state services.

California already has $67 billion in outstanding bond debt, a number that's expected to grow by $44 billion over the next four years, according to an Oct. 1 report released by the state treasurer's office. The amount needed each year from the state's already strapped general fund to pay those bonds will rise to $8.4 billion by the 2012-13 fiscal year.

A water deal requires a two-thirds vote in the Legislature, and thus needs at least some Republican support, because it would include spending money.

Senate Minority Leader Dennis Hollingsworth said lawmakers are discussing a smaller bond, perhaps between $8 billion and $10 billion, but many of the details of the financing remain to be worked out.

"There have been concerns about the size of the bond. That's on both sides of the aisle and both houses," the Murrieta Republican said. "But we've got to make sure the size of the bond is adequate so that we provide the infrastructure that's necessary so that we're delivering more water to California's farms, families and cities."

One aspect of the Democratic package that remains part of this week's discussion is creating a seven-member council that would issue decisions regarding the use of delta water. The makeup of the council and the scope of its authority have yet to be determined.

Some lawmakers who represent the delta region said they are concerned that such a commission would favor farming interests in the San Joaquin Valley and metropolitan water districts in Southern California.

Meanwhile, water agencies in the San Francisco Bay area and Northern California want to maintain their existing water rights. They are concerned that their allocations could be reduced to improve fish habitat in the delta.

While the council's authority has yet to be worked out, it would have little if any say over a process currently under way to route some fresh water from the Sacramento River around the delta so it could be pumped directly to Central Valley farmers and Southern California cities.

Much of California's network of reservoirs and canals dates to the term of Gov. Pat Brown in the 1960s, leading Schwarzenegger and many others to say the system is inadequate for today's population and the millions of people to be added in the years ahead.

Three years of below-average rainfall and lighter-than-average snowfall in the Sierra Nevada, combined with federal pumping restrictions intended to protect delta fish, have created a severe water shortage for much of the state.

Farmers have fallowed thousands of acres, while cities have imposed mandatory water rationing, raised rates or imposed surcharges on their customers.

U.S. Interior Secretary Ken Salazar last week urged Schwarzenegger to call a special session to deal with the crisis, but the governor has been unwilling to do so until the legislative leaders can reach a deal.

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Vikings travel to Capistrano Valley

FROM SAMOHI PAGE 3

hinge on the play of middle linebacker Michael Maierhofer, defensive lineman Dustin Alewine and defensive back Austin Gutierrez. Biehn said that trio will all need to have big games if his unit is to come out on top.

After watching film from various games this season, Biehn said he was impressed by what he has seen and added it only strengthened the way he felt about Santa Monica's offense.

"They look faster," he said. "Also, their schemes seem a little different.

"We're in for one this year."

Biehn added that he isn't fooled by Samohi's 1-3 record.

"Not sure what happened last week against a great Valencia team," he said. "Despite that, I think they are really good. They should be competitive in their league."

Clark agrees with that assessment, but he knows that if his team is going to turn this season around, he will have to search for the right personnel packages.

That is especially true in light of injuries along the defensive line. Senior defensive end Jose Perez is out for the game making Clark's jobthat much more difficult.

"I'm just trying to get the right guys on the field," Clark said. "But, I'm confident in them."

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HOLY DAY

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Rabbi Julie Pelc, (left) director of Hillel of Santa Monica College, makes the 'Blessing on the Lulav' while Rabbi Eli Levitansky, director of Chabad at SMC oversees the ceremony during Sukkot at SMC on Thursday. Sukkot is a harvest festival commemorating the booths in which the Israelites resided during their 40 years in the wilderness.

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SURF REPORT

Surf Conditions **Water Temp:** 67°

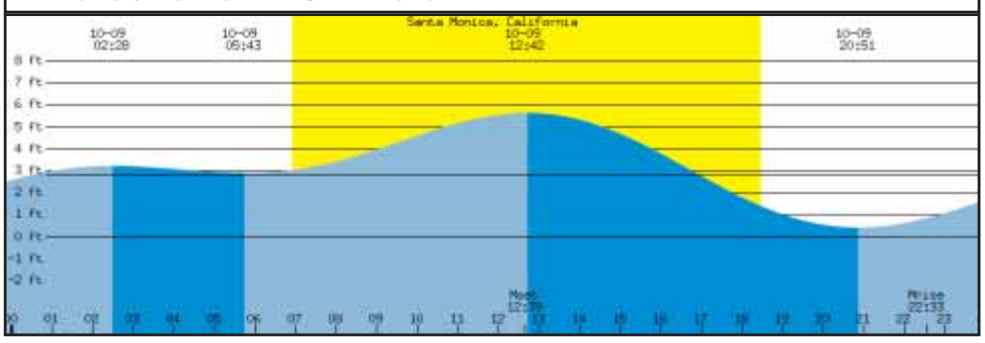
Swell Forecast

The southerly swell should back off to waist high. NW wind swell is looking weak so far, so west facing breaks would likely see just knee high surf.

Long Range Synopsis

Looking rather weak as well, perhaps knee high most everywhere.

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 four weeks up to the ending date of **September 29, 2009**

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QUICK STATS (for the last 28 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 1
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 1
- Number of wet days -- 8
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 42 / ns
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 3 / ns

The Beach Report Card is made possible by Goldhirsh Foundation, the James Irvine Foundation, simplehuman, Ford

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

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Los Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Seguit Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa 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..	A	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.	ns	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	F	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.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	A+	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A+	ns
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	C	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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SPORTS BRIEFS

NBA

Shaq talks up his new team

Even with his four NBA titles, Shaquille O'Neal says this Cleveland Cavaliers team could be better than all the rest.

That would include the 2000 Lakers, when O'Neal and Kobe Bryant led Los Angeles a 67-15 record and a title.

The Cavaliers won 66 games last season, but lost to Orlando in the Eastern Conference finals. O'Neal says he likes having inside players like Zydrunas Ilgauskas and Anderson Varejao with him, along with shooters LeBron James and Mo Williams.

"It's probably the best team I've ever played on, on paper anyway," O'Neal said Thursday. "I've always been on management to get me the power forward I've needed and the shooters I've needed."

To prepare for this season, O'Neal has taken up a new sport — yoga. His first lesson was Wednesday night.

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BOXING

Preliminary hearing set for Roger Mayweather

A preliminary hearing has been set for boxing trainer Roger Mayweather.

The 48-year-old Mayweather is accused of attacking a female boxer he once trained. The woman told police that Mayweather attacked her Aug. 2 at an apartment he owned and was renting out.

He is charged with felony coercion and battery-strangulation.

Mayweather coached his nephew Floyd Mayweather Jr. to victory in a September comeback fight against Juan Manuel Marquez.

The preliminary hearing is scheduled for Jan. 15.

Justice of the Peace Joseph Sciscento on Thursday quashed a bench warrant that was issued after Roger Mayweather failed to appear in court for arraignment on Oct. 2.

Roger Mayweather's attorney, Bucky Buchanan, says his client will plead not guilty to the charges because the incident is a misunderstanding.

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Being There (NR) 2hr 10min
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7:30

AMC Loews Broadway 4
1441 Third Street Promenade

Free Style (PG) 1hr 34min
12:50, 3:10, 5:35, 8:00, 10:20

From Mexico With Love (PG-13) 1hr 36min
2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30

Capitalism: A Love Story (R) 2hr 7min
1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 10:15

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Capitalism: A Love Story (R) 2hr 7min
11:50, 3:10, 6:15, 9:20

Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs (PG) 1hr 21min
11:00, 1:30, 4:20, 6:40, 9:00

Invention of Lying (PG-13) 1hr 40min
11:40, 2:10, 4:50, 7:30, 10:10

Paranormal Activity (R) 1hr 39min
11:10, 1:20, 3:40, 6:00, 8:5, 10:40, 11:15

Toy Story & Toy Story 2 in 3D Double Feature (G) 2hr 49min
10;00, 2:00, 6:00, 9:55

Zombieland (R) 1hr 21min
11:30, 12:30, 1:45, 3:00, 4:30, 5:30, 7:00, 8:00, 9:30, 10:30

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Bright Star (PG) 1hr 59min
1:20, 4:10, 7:00, 9:50

Good Hair (PG-13) 1hr 50min
1:40, 4:40, 7:30, 10:00

More Than A Game (PG) 1hr 42min
1:50, 4:30, 7:20, 9:55

The Boys Are Back (PG-13)
1:30, 4:20, 7:10, 9:40

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Couples Retreat (PG-13) 1hr 47min
11:30, 1:10, 2:10, 3:50, 4:50, 6:30, 7:30, 9:20, 10:20, 12:00

The Informant! (R) 1hr 48min
11:40, 2:20, 5:00, 7:40, 10:30

Inglourious Basterds (R) 2hrs 32min
12:00, 3:20, 6:40, 10:00

Fame (PG) 1hr 47min
1:30, 4:20, 7:10, 9:50

Whip It (PG-13) 1hr 51min
1:20, 4:10, 7:00, 9:40

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Run errands, Aquarius

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Just when you thought everything was handled for the weekend, a surprise heads in your direction. How you handle this event could define your weekend. Complete rather than initiate. Tonight: Head on home.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ You might feel that you have all the details handled, only to find out otherwise. Difficulties occur involving a meeting, a last-minute snafu and/or a friend with a hassle. Know that you can handle it all graciously. Stay calm. Tonight: Join your pals.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ The best of intentions easily could get waylaid. Stay centered, knowing you want to end the week on a positive note. Trust your decisions, especially around family and home. A boss or higher-up is unpredictable. Tonight: Stay within your budget.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★ Listen, think and say no to a knee-jerk reaction. You might not like what you are seeing. Make that OK, and you will be OK. Listen to what someone says, but also be aware of this person's motives, and perhaps feelings, of which they might not be aware. Tonight: Christen the weekend well.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ Use the daylight hours to the max. Listen and share more of yourself, be it in a meeting or with individuals. Trust in your ability to figure out what is appropriate here. A partner might not be behaving appropriately. Tonight: Take some much needed personal time.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ Everyone looks to you for answers and responses. You know when enough is enough, especially from an unstable partner who drives you a touch crazy. Don't project the negativity you feel; rather, take a walk and rise above a situation. Tonight: Finally doing what you want.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ Keep detaching, and that will help you deal with uproar and a fast change of events. Face it: As inspired as you can be, not everyone sees the wisdom of your ways. Be open to possibilities. Don't take another's actions personally. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Work with a key partner and don't worry so much about the end results. Surely someone might have a difficult time getting this person's logic, but not you. Stay on top of a situation and refuse to let a friend or loved one bring you down. Tonight: Leave the mundane as quickly as you can.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You might discover that others really need you, and if you don't help, you'll incur their wrath, like it or not. How you handle someone and the decisions you make could take an interesting turn. Tonight: Relate on a one-on-one level.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ Get everything done, and be sure a project or situation is tight, as an element of the unpredictable races through this afternoon. Trying to obtain an overview could be close to impossible. Tonight: Celebrate the weekend. Choose from your many invitations.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Someone who you thought you had settled a problem with reactivates. Be careful with your finances, as you could be put in a position where you might have to pick up an expense. Be willing to find another way that works better. Tonight: Run errands on the way home.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Pressure continues from the home front. You wonder how and why you need to put up with a difficult partner. Stop and take in a dose of realism. Think back and go over your initial agreement. Tonight: TGIF.

Happy birthday

This year, you find that staying on a level course takes a fair share of talent. Disruption seems to be a given at work and in your daily life. You often will want to withdraw. Don't let stress make you feel negative. Your creativity flourishes as you rarely have seen before. Learn to flow rather than judge. If you are single, you could meet someone quite special; remember to toss your rose-colored shades. If you are attached, the two of you have a very special tie. Keep the chemistry alive. CANCER pushes you into the limelight.

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

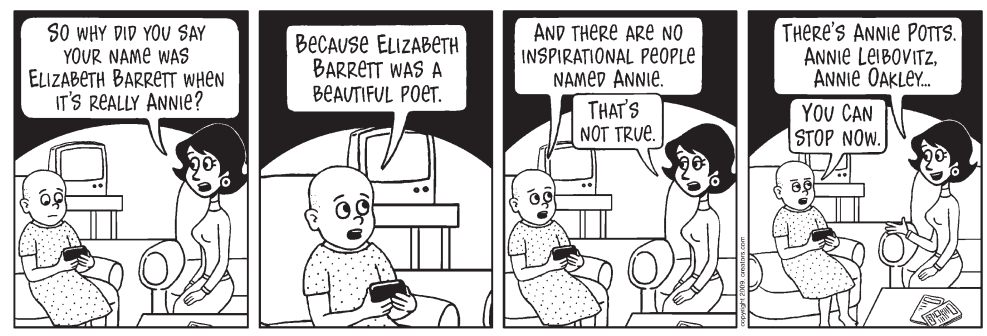
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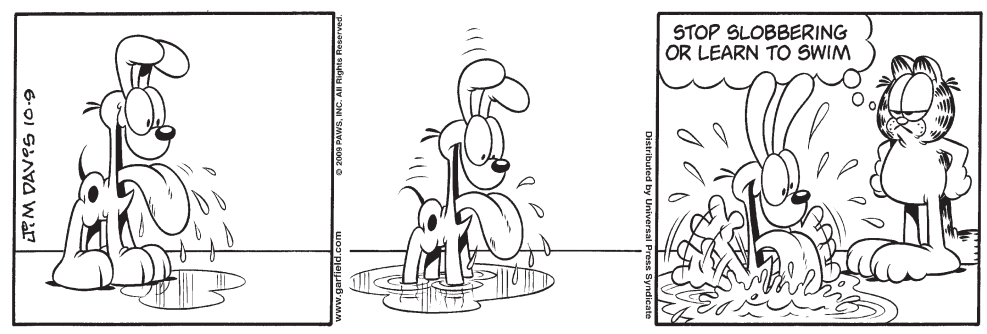
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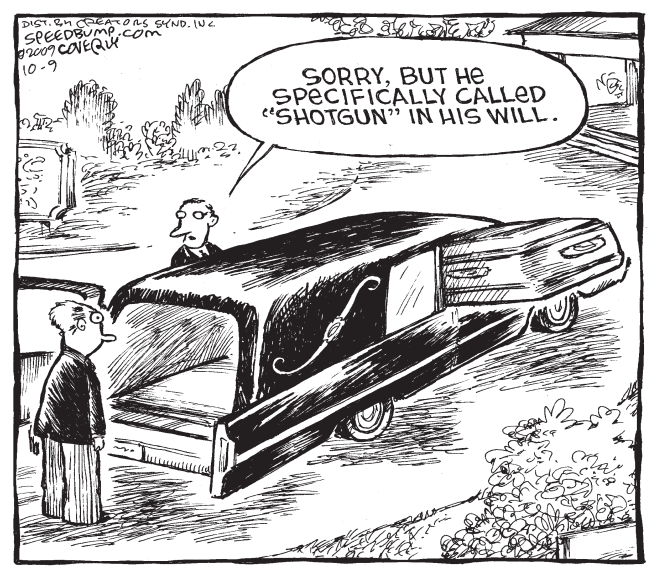
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Difficulty Level ★★★★

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					6			
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	6	8		4		7	3	
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			2					
		6					9	
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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	3	2	9	1	8	6	4	7
1	9	6	2	7	4	5	8	3
7	8	4	3	5	6	1	2	9
8	1	5	4	6	3	9	7	2
3	2	9	1	8	7	4	6	5
4	6	7	5	2	9	8	3	1
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12 French landscape painter
13 Bitter humor
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15 Tipsy
16 Conrad book
18 Planning time
19 "Says —!"
20 Print units
21 Card collection
23 Singer Sledge
25 Frank McCourt book
27 Used a chair
28 Make into tatters
30 Stuffed bread
33 Corp. bigwig
34 Fish eggs
36 Bruins legend
37 Played the wrong suit
39 "Platoon" setting
40 Martini garnish
41 City on the Mohawk
43 More sagacious
44 Studied for a heist
45 Contest form
46 Added

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1 Like a bride
2 Show up
3 Import opponent
4 Physics particle
5 In a matter-of-fact way
6 Mounts up
7 Raucous
8 Theater worker
9 Ground corn
10 Physics particles
17 "Alley —"
22 Sleep, in British slang
24 Grammys category
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31 Shipping inquiry
32 Fleet
33 "Gladiator" star
35 Draw out
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Calvino Inman, 15, is not part of the gothic subculture at his high school in Rockwood, Tenn., but he would be a natural. He has an annoying case of what one opthalmologist called "haemolacria," or bloody tears. The boy seems to bleed uncontrollably from the eyes, up to three times a day, according to a September ABC News report, but so far, specialists, employing ultrasound, an MRI, and a CT scan, are unable to determine the cause.

■ (1) Britain's National Farmers Union issued a general alert in August, after four fatal attacks on people by cows, that dogs should not be walked near grazing fields. "The cattle are interested in the dog, not the walker," said an official. (2) During a three-day period in August near the village of Lauterbrunnen, Switzerland, "dozens" of cows killed themselves by leaping off of a particular cliff. Officials discounted accidents as the cause since cows in the area generally become familiar with the dangers of cliffs.

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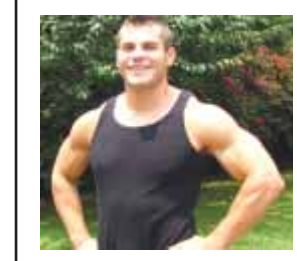


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