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Olympic High class tackling teen suicide

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

OLYMPIC HIGH With teen suicide a growing concern across the country, students at Santa Monica's Olympic High School are getting an added amount of attention, courtesy of a

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Bley betting on appetite for change

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN Change may be a popular buzz word for candidates in elections around the country this year, but can it work in Santa Monica?

After all, the effects of the recession here have left services largely intact, and even the school district, which has suffered because of the state budget crisis, is weathering the storm better than most, thanks to reserve

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Squirm Night Online

For those of you who were unable to attend the Daily Press' candidates forum, more commonly know as Squirm Night, check out all the action ONLINE at:

www.youtube.com/SMDailypress



SHE KNOWS HOW TO PICK 'EM

Brandon Wise *brandonw@smdp.com*

Caitlin Hachem, 2, looks for the best pumpkin at Shawn's Pumpkin Patch on the corner of Wilshire Boulevard and 23rd Street on Friday afternoon.

New community initiative launched to stem violence

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

CIVIC CENTER Community leaders are embarking on a new mission to stem the violence in Santa Monica by changing the way boys think about manhood, trading traditional views of masculinity that can be harmful to both sexes for an emphasis on positive, non-violent definitions of male strength.

The Male Violence Prevention Project — a community initiative led by Santa Monica Police Chief Tim Jackman, the Westside Domestic Violence Network, Sojourn Services for Battered Women and City Hall's Human Services Division — borrows heavily from the teachings of Dr. Jackson Katz, an internationally recognized expert in the field of gender violence prevention education for males and one of America's leading anti-sexist activists.

Katz was the keynote speaker at a conference held Friday at Rand Corporation entitled "The Macho Paradox: The Next Generation of Domestic Violence Prevention." The conference, which focused on male stereotypes and the influence of the media on boys, was attended by representatives from various nonprofits, public schools, law enforcement and the faith-based community. All groups participated in hopes of reducing the number of violent acts — such as spousal abuse, bullying in

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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA AND SURROUNDS

Saturday, Oct. 16, 2010

Party on Pico
Pico Boulevard, 11 a.m. — 4 p.m.
The fifth annual Pico Festival, resented by the Pico Improvement Organization and the city of Santa Monica, will feature art exhibitions, live art demonstrations, a photo contest, a variety of drawing opportunities for kids, musical performances, food, a classic car show and, for the first time, a sidewalk sale. For more information, visit www.picopassport.com.

Fresh is best
Virginia Avenue Park
2200 Virginia Ave., 8 a.m. — 1 p.m.
Fresh fruits and vegetable galore at this weekly market. For more information, visit www01.smgov.net/farmersmarket.

Make a splash
Santa Monica Bay
5:30 a.m. — 7:00 p.m.
Whether you're an Olympic swimmer or a first-time splasher, head down to the Santa Monica Bay to join in on the OptimisSport Distance Swim Challenge for a 12.6-mile morning workout. Participants will swim between Manhattan Beach and Santa Monica Pier. For those who don't think they can make it the full distance, OptimisSport also offers a 4.8-, 2.4- and 1.2-mile course. Teams can also compete in relays. Proceeds to the event will benefit local charities. For more information, visit distanceswimchallenge.com.

Recycled Runway: Vintage
Santa Monica Civic Auditorium
1855 Main St., 10:30 a.m. — 6 p.m.
Forget about the new and modern. Fashion recycles itself every few years anyway. The Vintage Fashion Expo, which runs until Sunday, throws back to the old days with fashion from the late 1800s. Look out for well-known designers, such as Chanel and Lanvin. Tickets are $10.
For more information, visit

Sunday, Oct. 17, 2010

"Talking to God"
Barnes and Noble
Third Street Promenade, 7 p.m.
Barnes and Noble is hosting a reading and discussion with author Naomi Levy. Levy has written "To Begin Again" and "Talking to God." She will be discussing her latest release, "Hope Will Find You."

Meet Mel Brooks
Aero Theatre
1328 Montana Ave., 7:30 p.m.
In honor of Dom DeLuise, Academy-Award winner Mel Brooks will be introducing DeLuise's double features playing at the Aero Theatre. Prepare yourself for a night watching "The Twelve Chairs," a film about an aristocrat in search of a dining chair with hidden jewels, and "Fatso," a film about a man forced to choose between food and a woman.

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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SMOOTH MOVE

Morgan Genser *news@smdp.com*

Mercy Tejada (left) from Santa Monica College fakes going to her left causing Adriana Blanco from Los Angeles Valley College to over commit and miss the take away attempt in front of Blanco's goal during a match Friday at Santa Monica College. SMC took the conference match by a score of 4-0.

HIGH SCHOOL CROSS-COUNTRY

Samohi adjusts to new coaching set up

BY JESSIE SCHIEWE
Special to the Daily Press

SAMOHI With hopes of improving efficiency and lowering costs, the Santa Monica High School Vikings combined its boys and girls cross-country teams, consolidating their coaching staff to one head coach this season, school officials said.

Tania Fischer is now the head coach of both the boys' and girls' long-distance teams. Previously, there had been two cross-country head coaches with Tom Volstedt coaching the girls and Fischer covering the boys.

For the last 13 years, Fischer has been coaching track and cross-country at Samohi and has led the boys' teams to nine league titles. Because there have traditionally been two coaches for the sport, merging the two teams under one coach is a lot of work, she said, but it does have its benefits.

"The teams motivate each other to run faster and work harder. The girls especially don't want to be slower than the boys," said Fischer.

About 60 boys and 40 girls are on the squad this year and consist of six teams: freshman boys, sophomore boys, junior varsity boys, varsity boys, junior varsity girls and varsity girls.

Coach Fischer explained that while most students join a sport so that they can get out of taking PE class, the students who join cross-country are different.

"Running at least three miles a day takes a lot of discipline, and it takes a special kind of student to be able to do this. Most of these kids are very focused. You get a different kind of student with this sport."

The team captains for this year are seniors Amanda Botfield and Nick Salizar. Both the boys' and girls' varsity teams have seven runners.

Three of the top runners on the girls team are freshmen — Tati Bedi, Rachel Kirkhofer, and Brooke Weiss — which is promising for the successes of future Viking cross-country teams.

"Our standards are getting higher," Fischer said, "and in the next few years, I hope their times are even faster than our best varsity runners now."

Notable runners on the boys' team include juniors Andrew Capron, Arash Assar and Logan Weinberg.

The cross-country season began in September and the Vikings have competed in four meets so far this year. Most recently, the team ran in the 29th annual Central Park Invite in Huntington Beach on Oct. 4.

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HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL

New coach has high hopes for Pacifica Christian

BY PATRICK HOURIHAN
Special to the Daily Press

DOWNTOWN The Pacifica Christian High School varsity girls' volleyball program began a new era this season when first year Seawolves head coach Billy Allen was asked to take over the team this summer.

Allen has the girls off to a great start so far this season, leading Pacifica to their current 9-5 record. He is looking to continue on the success Pacifica has enjoyed in the past. Last season the Seawolves finished with a record of 20-9-2, going undefeated in the league.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

COLORADO AVE

BBB routes, times now available on Google

Ever notice that the bus function on Google Maps doesn't include Santa Monica's Big Blue Bus?

The Big Blue Bus announced Friday it has provided its entire schedule and route information to Google Transit, a Web-based service with information that can also be accessed through Google Maps.

Riders can now enter a starting point, destination and travel times to find step-by-step directions for their trip, making the ordeal of taking public transportation in Los Angeles a little less stressful.

Google Transit also includes information from other Los Angeles County transportation systems, including Metro, DASH, Metrolink, Burbank Bus, Foothill Transit, Thousand Oaks Transit, Long Beach Transit and Amtrak.

"One of the best features of Google Transit is its accessibility through any device with an Internet connection, including mobile phones, which can be really helpful if a person decides to change plans during a trip," said Stephanie Negriff, director of transit services for BBB.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Editor:

I hadn't realized that I had moved to the city of Bell. Not only do we have one of the highest paid city managers in L.A. County, but now voters are being asked to approve a ludicrous new sales tax increase. Measure Y is nothing more than a slush fund for the city manager and City Council. As far as Measure YY goes, what is the point of an advisory vote which is not binding? It all sounds a bit murky to me, which brings me back to Bell.

Who has ever heard of a new tax which is not legally required to be allocated for a specific use and never expires? Sure they could use the money for the school district, but they could also use it to subsidize a developer or to increase City Council and staff salaries. What happens when economic prosperity returns? Do you really believe they will then lower the tax?

At a time when City Hall appears to be able to afford numerous new projects (did you notice they just ripped out and are replacing the Main Library landscaping), they are claiming poverty and are willing to damage local businesses and harm residents. There is a very real possibility that the increase tax rate results in lower Santa Monica retail sales and consequently lower tax revenue than we currently enjoy.

If residents are so concerned about the funding of the schools, then they should give tax deductible contributions to them and make sure the money goes where they want it to. What our school district really needs is leadership and not money. If they got their administrative expenses in line with peer districts and eliminated the $4,000 per non-resident permit pupil cost, the district would have a large budget surplus. Giving money to an irresponsible city manager and his council will surely not benefit our local economy or children.

Linda Fineman
Santa Monica

Voting independent

Editor:

Reading Bill Bauer's column, "Incumbents drop the ball" (My Write, Oct. 11), one has to wonder: Why do such well-educated cities as Santa Monica and Malibu continue to elect such ineffectual school board members? I think it's because only 20 percent of Santa Monica families have children in school. They don't know anything about school board members or candidates, so they vote for the slates of two organizations whose members are pretty much the same people: Santa Monicans for Renters' Rights and the Santa Monica Democratic Club.

These slate voters hold the key to a better school board — if they would just depart from the slates, which perpetuate the dysfunctional status quo. There are four candidates on the SMRR/Democratic Club slate (Ralph Mechur, Barry Snell, Oscar de la Torre, and Laurie Lieberman) and four who are not (Chris Bley, Nimish Patel, Jake Wachtel, and Patrick Cady). The independent candidates would create a board that serves our school children far better.

Larry Flannigan
Santa Monica



On the Beat

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Going online to learn about crimes

Q: I WAS THINKING ABOUT MOVING TO Santa Monica and I wanted to know about the crime incidents in the neighborhood where I am going to move. Is there a way I can look up this information?

A: Yes. The Santa Monica Police Departments' website (santamonicapd.org) has a section titled "Crime Information" where citizens can map crimes based on type and location. The Santa Monica Police Department utilizes a program called Crime View Community. With Crime View Community, anyone can check for crimes reported in the past 90 days. Anyone could search crimes for the entire city, a patrol beat or neighborhood or enter a specific address and search up to a one-mile radius from that address.

Citizens can also look at calls for service and arrests made in the city under the "Community Information" section of the website. The "Calls for Service" report lists all the calls the Santa Monica Police Department received and entered into the computer-aided dispatch system during the 24-hour period specified (from midnight to midnight). The Calls For Service report lists (in order from left to right) the time each call was received, the time the call was completed, the incident number, incident type, address, reporting district, beat, and incident disposition.

The "Arrest Report" constitutes a list of all arrestees entered into the electronic booking system during the 24 hour period specified (from midnight to midnight). The Arrest Report lists (in order from left to right) the date each person was arrested, the time of the arrest, the incident number, arrestee name, birth date, race, gender, and charge(s). Definitions of most charges can be found in the California Penal Code, the California Vehicle Code and Santa Monica Municipal Code.

Q: I walk in Santa Monica quite often and when I cross the street using a marked crosswalk, cars sometimes don't yield for me. Doesn't the pedestrian always have the right of way?

A: Yes, the pedestrian does have the right of way. 21950(a) of the California Vehicle Code states:

"The driver of a vehicle shall yield the right of way to a pedestrian crossing the roadway within any marked crosswalk or within any unmarked crosswalk at an intersection."

With that said, as a pedestrian, this does not give us the right to walk out into the street without exercising some care for our own safety. In fact, 21950(b) of the vehicle code states:

"This section does not relieve the pedestrian from the duty of using care for his or her safety. No pedestrian may suddenly leave a curb or other place of safety and walk or run into the path of a vehicle that is so close as to constitute an immediate hazard. No pedestrian may unnecessarily stop or delay traffic while in a marked or unmarked crosswalk."

In other words as pedestrians we have to consider the perception and reaction times drivers need when faced with a hazard. Under ideal conditions, the average driver needs about 1.5 seconds or less to perceive and react to something happening ahead of them. If a car is traveling 30 miles per hour that car would travel about 45 feet (30 x 1.5) before the driver begins to apply the brakes. So if a pedestrian steps off the curb and into the path of a vehicle on a street where the speed limit is 30 mph and the vehicle is only 50 feet away, there is a good chance the vehicle won't be able to stop in time to avoid the pedestrian.

Before you step off the curb into a crosswalk ask yourself, "Does this driver have enough time to see me and come to a stop?"

Remember to be safe out there. Let's look out for one another and yield for pedestrians crossing the street. Pedestrians remember, although pedestrians have the right of way once they are in the crosswalk, 21950(b) of the California Vehicle Code is a citable offense!

SECURITY TIP: SECURITY SURVEYS

A security survey is designed to assess the safety of your commercial or residential property and provide you with information on how to decrease the likelihood of a burglary or robbery. A crime prevention coordinator will come to your home, apartment or business to look over items such as lighting, landscaping, locks and alarms, and make suggestions for improvement where necessary. The department offers this service free of charge to residents and businesses within the city of Santa Monica. To schedule your security survey, please contact the Community Relations Unit at (310) 458-8474.

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The columnist who once killed a fly

WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THIS STORY? A guy who has never written a book before decides to write a 10-book series. He completes only three of the 10 before he dies suddenly at the age of 50, not living long enough to see any of them published. The three books become enormous bestsellers, earning millions of dollars.

Then there is a fight over money between the writer's family and his long-time companion, Eva, who would be considered a common law wife in places that recognize common law wives. However, they don't recognize common law wives where Eva lives, so she isn't legally entitled to any of the money. The family offers her a settlement, but she refuses. In another twist, Eva says that the writer was working on the fourth book, and the unfinished work is on his laptop. She refuses to disclose the whereabouts of it.

The writer's best friend confirms that the writer was working on the book on his laptop. The friend adds, rather curiously, that the writer had finished the beginning and end of the book, but hadn't written the middle before he died.

To top this oddity, the late writer's brother reveals that the fourth book was really meant to be the fifth book in the series, but his brother started it before he started the fourth book, because he thought the fifth book would be "more fun" to write than the fourth.

Too hard to follow? Too far-fetched? Too ridiculous? I agree, but as many of you know, it's also the behind-the-scenes story of Stieg Larsson, the author of "The Girl With The Dragon Tattoo," "The Girl Who Played With Fire," and "The Girl Who Kicked The Hornet's Nest." Walk past any bookstore, get on an airplane, or go into that little store at the car wash, and you're bound to see these books. So what do you think? Did somebody make up the story behind the stories just to sell more books?

After the first two books were released and became enormously popular, cynic that I am, I told a friend that if the third book was also popular, don't be surprised if someone suddenly "finds" a fourth book. I never would have guessed all the other twists and turns of the story, but maybe that's why I'm not a successful novelist — or someone who's promoted a book — or someone who's inherited millions of dollars from a book.

I actually think it's one of those stories that is too unbelievable, too convoluted to be made up. It's a "stranger than fiction" story, but that doesn't make it any less dramatic. In fact, I guarantee — repeat, guarantee — that at the very least, a TV movie will be written about "The Unauthorized True Story of Stieg Larsson, His Premature Death, and the Books That Lived on after His Demise."

Larsson's story is fascinating, and it proves once again that some writers are often more interesting than what we write. I'm not bragging, but I have many things in common with Larsson. I, too, use a computer to write. I have a brother. Sometimes I have trouble with the English language.

At the moment, I'm not besieged by fans everywhere I go, and neither was Larsson. Now and then I've seen people at the Starbucks on Ocean Park reading my column, but it's not as if I need a bodyguard. Like many artists before him, Larsson didn't live long enough to enjoy his fame.

I don't see any reason for me to wait until after my death for incredible fame and fortune. I'm a much better writer now than I will be after my death. I'd like to think that the quality of my columns will be what gets millions of people to read my work. However, if that doesn't do the trick, let's just say I have another column on a laptop, and I'm not telling anyone where it is.

If that still doesn't bring me zillions of dollars, I've instructed my best friend to reveal that this column is not the first, but the eighth in a series of 17 columns. It's just that I thought this one would be "more fun" to write.

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The Re-View

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Restaurant snapshot: The Fisherman's House

GENERAL COMMENT: I usually won't drive east of the 405 freeway or north of Malibu Colony for lunch, but sometimes I find a place worth the trip. Usually it's for a particular dish, and so it is with the Fisherman's House in Oxnard. It takes an hour to get there, but the spot shrimp are worth the drive, and I don't know anywhere else where I can find these live delicacies swimming in a tank waiting for me.

WHERE: The Fisherman's House is located in a food court in the Harbor Landing Shopping Center in the Oxnard Marina. It's at the end of Channel Islands Boulevard, which is off Highway 1. The telephone number is (805) 984-3443.

WHEN: Seven days a week, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. or later on Friday and Sat nights.

BEST DISHES: There is plenty of good Korean food here, and a lot of local Korean people are always found eating there, usually in the patio behind the food court. Often I see them eating special seafood dishes not on the menu. Whole fish are swimming in the tanks, and can be ordered in a number of different preparations. But for me, the star is the spot shrimp. These active pink shrimp have a black spot, which is why they are called spot shrimp. The best way to order them is steamed, with the heads taken off and fried. That makes for two distinctive dishes: the fried heads are crispy, with a soft shrimp filling, so delicious. The bodies, once you get the shell off, taste very much like lobster.

BEST FEATURE: The fresh, live seafood is the star here, but Harbor Landing, on a nice day is a very beautiful spot. It's located on the main channel of the Oxnard Marina, next to the Channel Islands Yacht Club, and a block from the beach. A lot of people take their lunch out of the food court and sit outside on the waterfront.

WORST FEATURE: It's an hour drive each way from Santa Monica. And the food court is not very "up-scale," but that's part of the charm of the place: it's really a family run "hole in the wall" but with a nice patio and an outside seating area on the water, with boats going by.

WHAT TO DRINK: I usually have a beer. The iced tea is unusual, but it goes well with spicy foods. And a lot of Korean dishes are very spicy.

PRICES: A pound of the spot shrimp, which is about six large shrimp, is $25, which is enough for two people. This is far and away the most expensive item on the menu, but a whole fish or steamed live crab is also expensive for a food court item. You can eat well off the menu for $10.

BOTTOM LINE: You should try it. And while there, go to the new Mullin antique car museum nearby and see the most beautiful collection of old French cars in the world.

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Your favorite Halloween candy, as a cupcake

BY ALISON LADMAN
For The Associated Press

As one of Halloween's most iconic candies, candy corn seemed worthy of a makeover. After all, we've seen the candy mixed into cookie dough, sprinkled over ice cream, worked into brownies and blondies, even used to infuse vodka for a very adult sort of sticky tricky treat.

But we hadn't seen candy corn reworked as a cupcake, so we decided to give it a try. Truth be told, no actual candy corn is harmed in the making of this recipe. But there would be nothing stopping you from sprinkling a few over the white frosting.

To get these cupcakes to bake up with clear distinctions between the yellow and orange layers of the cake, the recipe uses a pound cake batter, rather than a traditional (and lighter) yellow cake batter. The result is a rich and hearty cupcake.

Candy Corn Cupcakes

Start to finish: 2 hours (45 minutes active)
Makes 16

For the cupcakes:
2 cups all-purpose flour
1/4 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 cup (2 sticks) butter, room temperature
1 cup granulated sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1/2 teaspoon orange extract
4 whole eggs
2 egg yolks
2 tablespoons heavy cream
Yellow and orange gel food coloring

For the frosting:
1 cup (2 sticks) unsalted butter, room temperature
2 cups powdered sugar, sifted
2 tablespoons milk
1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Heat the oven to 325 F. Lightly coat the cups of a muffin tin with baking spray.

In a medium bowl, sift together the flour, baking powder and salt.

In another bowl, use an electric mixer to beat together the butter and sugar. Beat for 5 minutes, until very light and fluffy. Beat in the vanilla and orange extracts.

In a liquid measuring cup with a pour spout, beat together the whole eggs, yolks and cream. With the mixer on medium-high, a bit at a time pour the eggs into the butter-sugar mixture. This should take about 5 minutes.

Using a spoon or silicone spatula, gently but thoroughly fold the flour mixture into the butter and egg mixture.

Divide the batter into 2 bowls, one having slightly more batter than the other. Add several drops of yellow food coloring to the bowl with slightly more batter, then gently mix in until evenly colored. Repeat using orange coloring for the second bowl of batter.

Divide the orange batter between the cups of the prepared muffin tin.

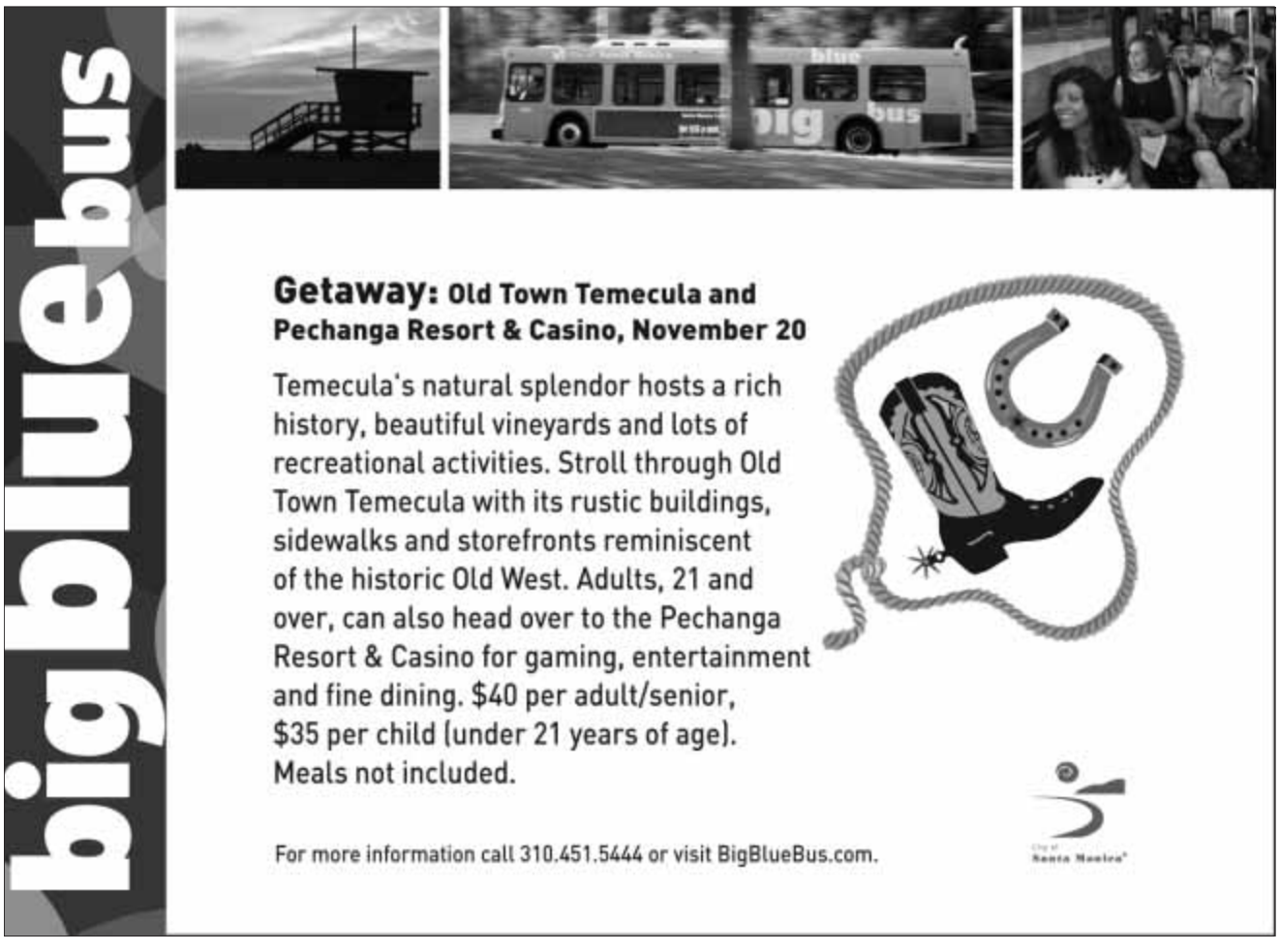
Transfer the yellow batter to a medium zip-close bag. Snip off one corner, then gently squeeze (pipe) the batter over the orange batter in each cup, creating 2 layers of colored cake. Bake for 20 to 25 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted at the center comes out clean. Allow to cool for 5 minutes, then transfer to a rack to finish cooling.

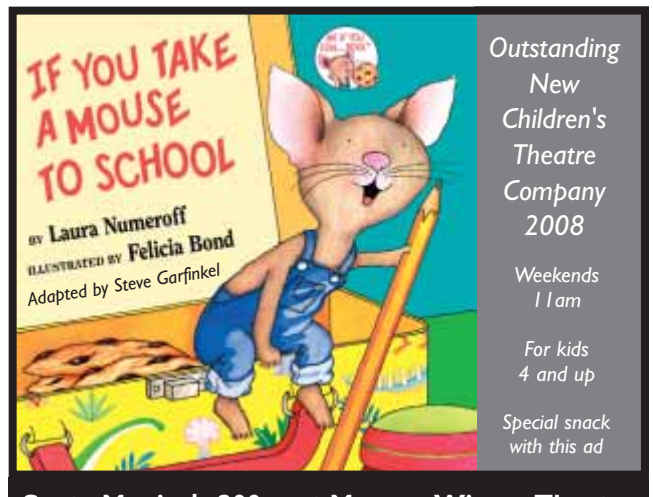
Once the cupcakes have cooled, prepare the frosting. In a large bowl, use an electric mixer to beat together the butter, sugar and milk until smooth and creamy. Add the vanilla and beat to combine.

To finish the cupcakes, overturn them so the bottoms face up. If the tops are too rounded for them to sit flat once overturned, they can be trimmed with a serrated knife.

Transfer the frosting to a zip-close bag. Cut off one corner of the bag, then squeeze the frosting into a slightly pointed mound on top of each cupcake.

Nutrition information per serving (values are rounded to the nearest whole number): 381 calories; 227 calories from fat (58 percent of total calories); 26 g fat (16 g saturated; 1 g trans fats); 144 mg cholesterol; 36 g carbohydrate; 4 g protein; 0 g fiber; 91 mg sodium.







The Q Line

What on Y?

Measure Y, which calls for a half-cent sales tax increase, has been put on the ballot to help City Hall increase revenue to shore up a budget that could be facing serious cuts in coming years. An advisory measure, YY, has also been placed on the ballot to gauge the public's interest in giving up to half of the expected $12M the tax would raise each year to local public schools.

This past week, Q-line asked:
How will you vote on Measures Y and YY, and why?
Here are your responses:

"ABSOLUTELY! WHY WOULD ANYONE hesitate? What are the 'real' options? Who wants to take responsibility when Y and YY don't pass and class size goes up and there are massive teacher layoffs?"

"I PLAN TO VOTE YES FOR BOTH Y AND YY because Sacramento has cut funding to the city of Santa Monica by over $40 million over the past six years and to our schools by $30 million more. The city of Santa Monica has earned the highest national rating for fiscal management so that's not the problem! We need to fund our schools some sustainable way and since we can't do it the way the rest of the nation does, through property taxes (no thanks to Prop. 13), we need to find another way to pay for maintaining quality education in Santa Monica. Strong Schools equal a strong community, higher property value and quality of life."

"I WILL DEFINITELY VOTE YES ON BOTH Y and YY. I moved to Santa Monica and bought a home specifically so I could send my kids to great Santa Monica schools. We have been slammed with millions of dollars of budget cuts from Sacramento. We need to get local control over our funding and I strongly believe Y and YY are the best way to do it."

"I AM A SANTA MONICA RESIDENT AND voter and am voting yes on Y and YY."

"WHY OH Y OH YY WHY? NO OH NO OH no no. Councilman Shriver said our town is too rich and we don't need it. Our nation is suffering from unemployment, property values dropping in the toilet, and poverty. This tax will hurt the poor the most, and others will go a couple blocks to the next town to buy anything expensive like a car."

"I WILL ABSOLUTELY VOTE YES TO Propositions Y and YY at this upcoming election. Not only will this provide vital funding for our city's services, but it will also help ensure my child's education. We were very fortunate to save our teachers this past year. However, we will be looking at further reductions in the spring if our schools do not find a sustainable source of income to provide a stable environment for our children to learn and grow. Propositions Y and YY will do that for not only my children but generations to come. It is the responsible thing for all of us to do."

"OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS ARE THE HEART of this community. They are why so many of us raise our families here; they are why we were spared some collapse of home prices. We are peddling as fast as we can to increase parents' donations, elect school board members who can foster excellence during an era of limitations, and persuade our neighbors that we all have a stake in preserving what we have. I voted Yes on Y/YY because I love our schools and believe these additional resources will offset some of the painful California state budget cuts that are hitting our community hard."

"I WILL VOTE YES ON PROPS Y AND YY because quality schools and city services benefit all Santa Monica residents. Once again Sacramento is letting us down, cutting another $3 billion from public education. Lemonade stands and bake sales are nice, but they won't fix this mess we're in. We need sustainable, local funding solutions. Right now, Props Y and YY are the answer."

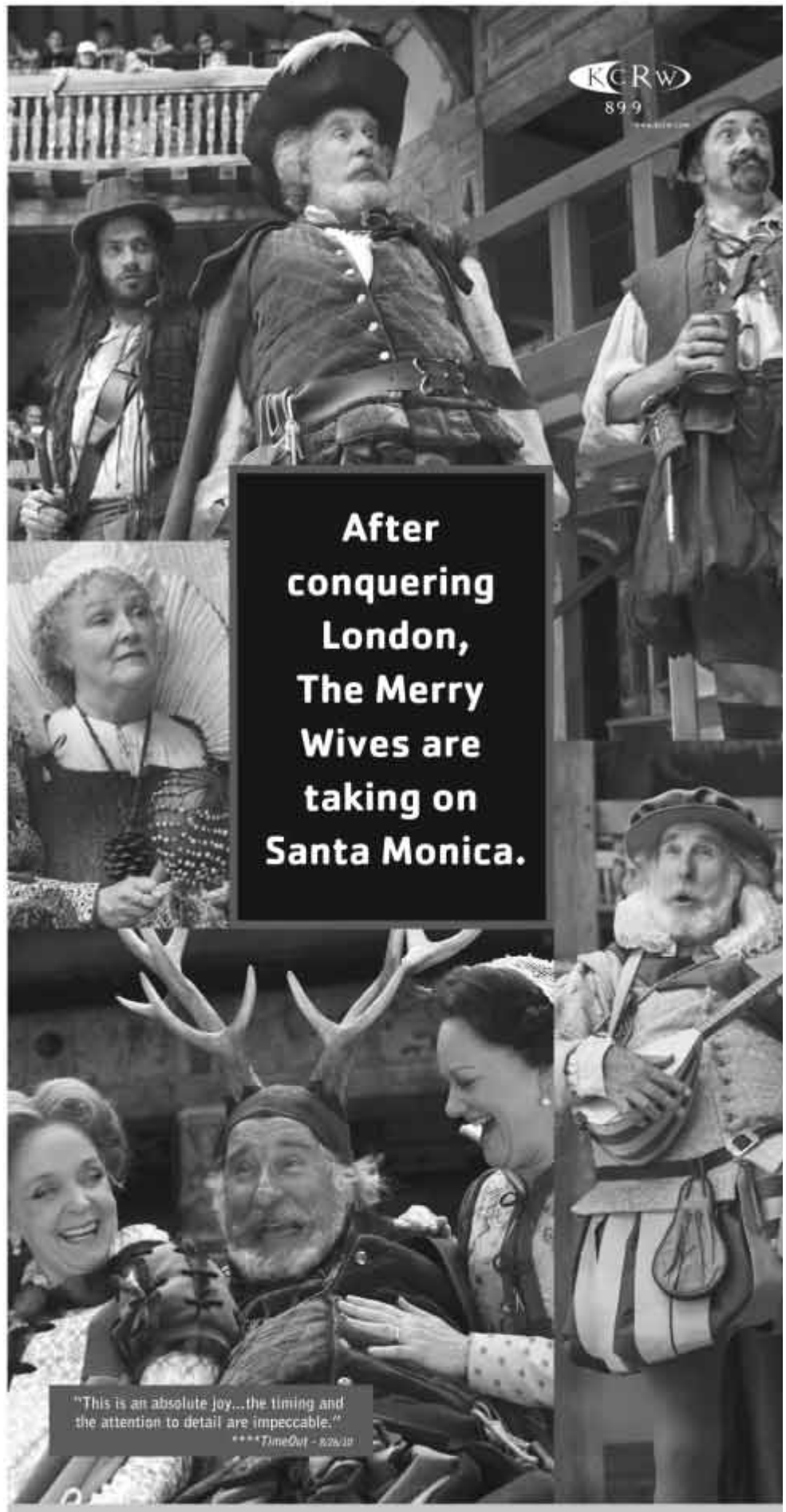
"HAVE YOU BEEN ENJOYING ALL THE services (police, fire, among the many others) that you've come to expect living here in Santa Monica? Do you appreciate our great school system that adds value to our children's education? No one likes being taxed, including me, but this is a time for the residents of Santa Monica to pull together and support the city that we live in and we can still continue to discuss and dissect the budget for those of you that really want to effect change!"

"IS THERE ANYTHING MORE CRITICAL THAN education, fire and law enforcement? Investing in education is the most important thing that we can do in our society regardless if we have children. Starving education funding impacts our economy, our crime rate, our property values and our quality of life. This is an investment and I have a one-word answer to the argument that people are going to stop staying and dining in Santa Monica because of this nominal increase in the sales tax: Ridiculous. Does anyone in their right mind think that someone will check into the beach-front hotel room in Culver City to avoid a few buck in sales tax or a couple will decide to spend $100 on a meal somewhere else because they don't want to contribute 50 cents to our schools? Cut me a break, the people opposed to this measure need to turn off Fox News for a minute and think before they just repeat some asinine no-taxes-ever pledge. I am supporting Y and YY because it is the right thing to do and because we all benefit!"

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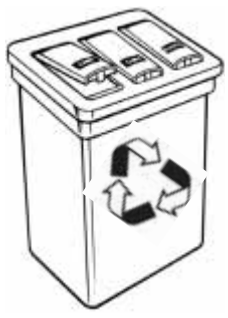
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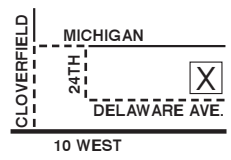


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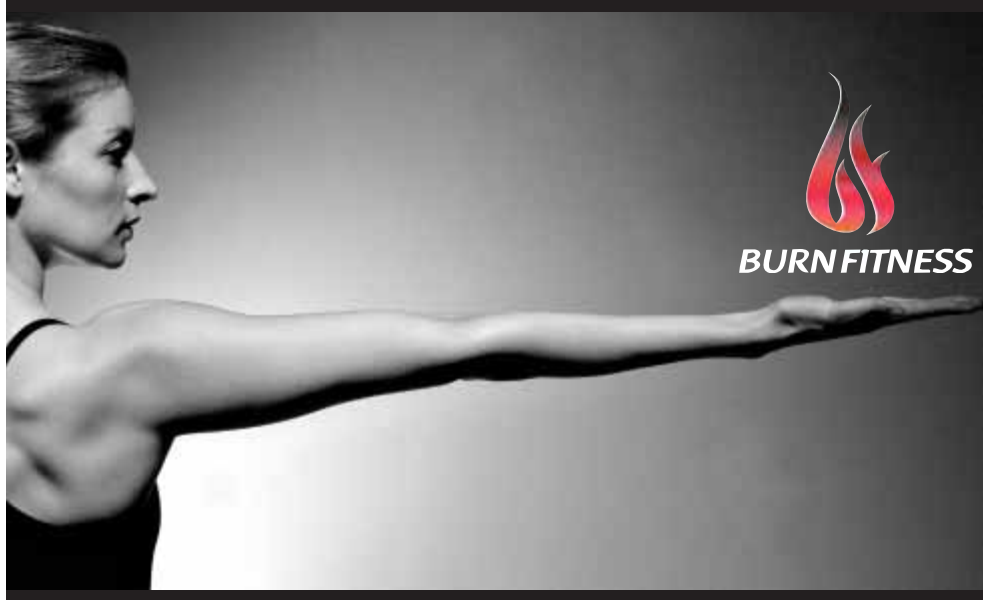
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PREVENTION
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schools, gang violence and rape — that occur in the city and beyond.

"Whether it's in the home or on television, in video games or ads in magazines, it's generally accepted that men are violent. End of story," said Pat Butler director of Sojourn, a project of OPCC.

"So many people say rape or violence against women is a woman's issue," Butler added. "[Katz] says it's not. … When you look at violence and victims of violence, the vast majority of people who perpetrate violence are men and the mass majority of victims are men. It's obvious that violence kills and hurts men more than it does women and girls. What Katz does is he finally brings men into the conversation."

Katz said men will often tune out when asked to discuss domestic violence or gender issues, believing the topics only apply to women; however, he believes men are critical to the discussion.

Various community leaders, led by Jackman, have been meeting for the last year to develop an action plan. City Hall has dedicated $30,000 to the effort, paying for training city staff and employees at the Virginia Avenue Park Teen Center and plans to expand the effort by using nonprofits, business leaders, school and public safety officials, said Julie Rusk, City Hall's Human Services manager.

The goal is to make institutional changes that reflect a new definition of masculinity.

"Unfortunately we live in a violent society where boys are taught that being tough and violent is a way to define one's manhood," said Oscar de la Torre, director of the Pico Youth & Family Center and a member of the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Board of Education.

"We have a crisis in education in regards to how our boys are doing. When you look at suspension rates, incarceration rates and who is a victim of homicides … all of this points to a crisis on many levels."

To alleviate the issue, De la Torre aims to create a peace academy at Santa Monica High School where students collaborate with police officers and elected officials on ways to create a nonviolent society. He believes more school districts should institute a curriculum that decreases homophobia, bullying, sexism and racism.

SMPD Capt. Wendell Shirley, who oversees the police department's Youth and Family Services Division, was a counselor working with at-risk youth before joining the force and has seen first-hand the devastating effects of domestic violence in the home on youth. He believes strongly in a child's ability to be resilient despite dire circumstances.

"If you take a kid who has been in trouble and you inject that kid with confidence, support and faith, and you let them know that despite what they have done that you still believe in them, you would be amazed by their transformation," he said.

Shirley said the SMPD is committed to violence prevention and is taking a leadership role in the initiative. The SMPD works closely with at-risk youth through the Police Activities League, a non-profit after-school program, and has partnered with students at Santa Monica High School to create a video on cyberbullying. To be successful, Shirley said it is critical that those in positions of power get involved.

"This has to be a top-down approach, meaning leaders have to have a paradigm shift first," he said.

Getting involved can be as simple as speaking up when you hear a friend or colleague speak inappropriately about women, homosexuals or other minority groups, Katz said.

"Silence is compliance," he said. "Men need to challenge each other in how they view manhood. That means getting fathers to be more emotionally invested in their children. There are so many barriers to making that happen. We live in a culture that rewards the opposite of empathy, that emphasizes the dog-eat-dog mentality and the rugged individual."

By having conversations like the one Friday, Katz said change can happen, but it will be a struggle. He praised Santa Monica for embracing this challenge, and said he has never seen a city commit to change like Santa Monica.

"This is cutting-edge and to have a police chief who is engaged, you just don't see that," Katz said.

To learn more about the Male Violence Prevention Project and Katz' work, go to www.smgov.net/hsd/ or www.jacksonkatz.com.

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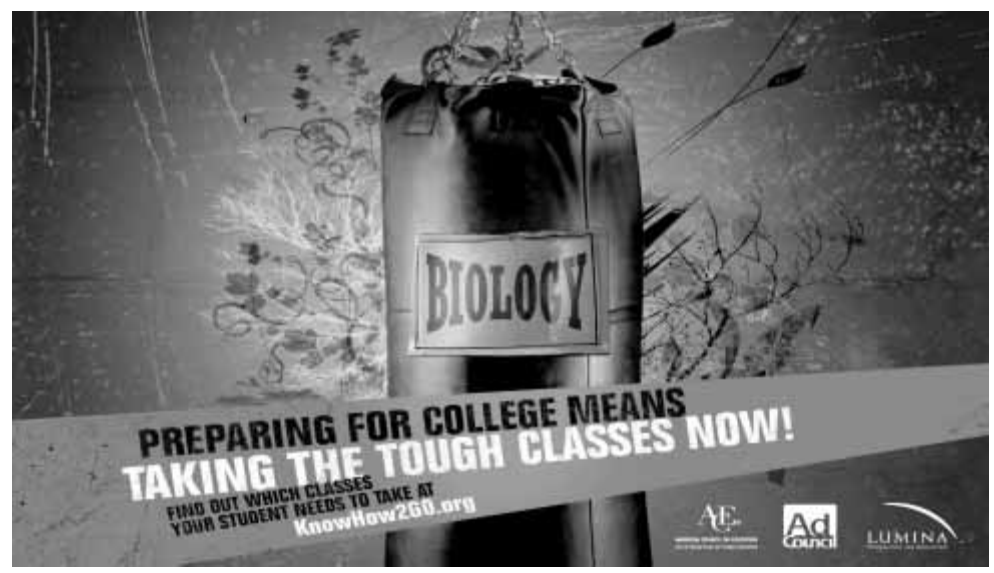
COACH
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Most of the seniors were absent from the race due to SAT test-taking, said Fischer, but this didn't stop the freshman teams from giving the race their all. Freshman Arden Lasalle finished sixth out of 234 runners with a time of 17 minutes and 37 seconds and freshman girls, Brooke Weiss and Alice Wasserman, placed in 13th and 16th place respectively out of 289 runners.

Both Fischer and Assistant Coach Barbara Parker agree that merging the two teams under one coach was a smart move.

"Running together in groups helps the students to push each other more," Fischer said. "Our team is only going to get better the more we practice together."

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SUICIDE
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couple of UCLA graduate students with plans to make a difference in the mental health field.

After being awarded an Albert Schweitzer Fellowship, Ashley Roberts and Anne Sutkowi, both master's degree students in UCLA's Department of Community Health Sciences, co-founded a program for youths they call STRIDES.

Launched a month ago as a pilot program at Olympic High, the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District's continuation campus, the goal is to give kids at risk of falling into bad habits that can eventually lead to suicide new strategies for dealing with stress and depression.

The curriculum, which is taught twice weekly during students' regular health class, has both a psychological and a physical component. Lessons focus on topics from goal setting and stress management to things like nutrition, anatomy and old fashioned physical fitness.

"We hope that this program will bridge that gap that seems to exist in most high school health classes that focus on physical health but don't incorporate mental health as much," Roberts said.

The co-founders' ambition is to do their part to prevent suicide — the third-leading cause of death among teenagers — but they also hope the lessons they're teaching will have a broader impact on promoting healthier lifestyles.

"The class is technically a suicide prevention program, but all of the issues we're talking about are relevant in these kids' lives," Roberts said.

To Marcia Gecht, a teacher at Olympic for 35 years, welcoming STRIDES into her health class is an example of how curriculum flexibility at the continuation school benefits students.

"It's always good to have additional programs that come to us without costing money," she said.

While the subject matter may not seem earth shattering — and indeed, Gecht said she's taught similar lessons to health students before — it can have a big impact.

One 17-year-old in the class, she said, had never gone on a jog until she was encouraged by Roberts and Sutkowi to participate in group runs.

The students, she said, have responded to their teachers' enthusiasm.

"[The kids] actually look forward to it, because they're making them rise to the occasion," she said.

Another of STRIDES' goals is to raise awareness among the broader public that teen suicide is preventable.

Toward that end, the course will culminate with a 5K run/walk event on Nov. 21 at Dockweiler Beach in Playa del Rey that is open to the public. Organizers said 200 people are expected to participate.

For Roberts, who hopes to continue the program after the initial 10-week course at Olympic, there have already been personal growth benefits to the project as well.

Getting a skeptical group of high school students on your side, she's learned, is a difficult undertaking.

"They don't necessarily welcome you with open arms," she said. "It's been a challenge trying to break through and build that trust, but it's really rewarding when they do come around."

For more information about the STRIDES and the 5K event, go to www.strideslosangeles.blogspot.com.

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VOLLEYBALL
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"Kasia Eatherton was our coach last year and she just had twins and decided it was too difficult to coach with having babies just before the season," explained Athletic Director Kevin Kelsey. "Billy Allen coached our JV team a few years ago and did a great job. He has also coached varsity before in the past, so he was a natural choice to bring in as the new coach this season."

Pacifica trails Milken Community High School by one in the win column in the California Interscholastic Federation Southern Section Heritage league — Pacifica has a 2-0 record after starting league play last week while Milken leads the league with three wins and no losses.

The five-team Heritage league also includes Faith Baptist, Hillcrest Christian, Santa Clarita Christian.

Pacifica is ranked seventh in the CIF-SS Division 4A, which is impressive considering the team lost four starters and two all-CIF players last season to graduation. They have also moved up from being a Division 5 school for the last four years to now being in the tougher Division 4.

"We're looking good, it's my first year as head coach so every game I have to ask the girls about the next team we're facing," Allen said. "As far as our team, we've been doing good. We have a pretty young team, with only a few seniors that are stepping up and making it easy for me to come in as a first year coach and a pretty talented group of underclassmen who are playing pretty well."

Drawing from a student population of just 182 students, the 12-player varsity roster at Pacifica includes three seniors, four juniors, four sophomores and one freshman. The three seniors on the team are Brittney Clemens, Hannah Hamilton and Monica Miller.

"Our upperclassmen are working very hard, and are enjoying playing well," said Allen. "We do have some younger girls that are up and coming that are pretty talented, so we should have a strong program at [Pacifica] for the next couple years."

Allen lists among the team goals making the CIF-SS playoffs again, hopefully winning their first round game and challenging Milken for the top spot in the league. Milken is generally the toughest team in the league, however Pacifica beat the Wildcats twice last year.

"From what I hear Milken is good, they are pretty deep and they work hard and kind of scramble for everything, they have a never-give-up attitude," said Allen. "Yea, they'll definitely be a tough team."

Pacifica's next game is Saturday, Oct. 16 at 7 p.m. at home against Hillcrest Christian High School from Granada Hills.

The Seawolves play rival Milken on Tuesday, Oct. 19 at the Crossroads High School gym 6:30 p.m.

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There's also the hard-to-ignore fact that student achievement is high and continues to get better.

School board candidate Chris Bley, though, is betting that voters are fed up and ready for some (somewhat) radical change.

A private school teacher in Brentwood who narrowly missed winning a seat on the school board last election, Bley has, perhaps more than any other challenger, made the need for a new direction the theme of his campaign.

He wants tougher oversight of the budget and would vote to hire a new development director at the front office who would be in charge of raising millions of dollars per year through donations and corporate partnerships.

"We've got Sony, MTV — nobody can explain to me why those groups have not wanted to help education," he said this week. "I don't deny we're a good school district. We are, but that doesn't excuse the misallocation of funds or a budget that's not prioritized in the classroom or a lack of revenue generation."

Not enough of the administrative budget has been trimmed, he said, at a time when scores of teachers are receiving pink slips — a charge incumbents have dismissed as baseless, noting reductions in the number of administrators over several years.

So far, his aggressive stand against the status quo has failed to gain traction with mainstream school advocacy groups.

A member of the group LEED, which has endorsed two newcomers for the school board but didn't consider supporting Bley, told the Daily Press this week Bley is too aggressive and hasn't expressed a policy vision for improving the district.

"He's playing to a Tea Party, Republican audience, and this is not a Tea Party, Republican electorate," the person said. (To put that characterization in perspective, it should be noted that Bley has been an organizer for the national Democratic Party and is supporting Measures Y and YY, which would increase the local sales tax by a half percent.)

LEED is instead backing challengers Laurie Lieberman and Patrick Cady — candidates the group says will bring to the board new voices along with nuanced understandings of the system.

> **"WE'VE GOT SONY, MTV – NOBODY CAN EXPLAIN TO ME WHY THOSE GROUPS HAVE NOT WANTED TO HELP EDUCATION."**
>
> Chris Bley,
> School board candidate

But it's yet to be seen whether Bley's message will resonate with the average voter.

So far, he's shown some fundraising prowess, bringing in $25,000 as of Oct. 1, second only to fellow challenger Nimish Patel, although the majority of that came in the form of a $15,000 contribution from his cousin, Richard Winter, a New York financier. ("He believes wholeheartedly in the changes I'm trying to make," Bley explained).

A small group of supporters that includes some current and former students in the meantime is helping spread his message, hitting between 500 to 1,000 houses on weekends, he said.

It's an outreach strategy that showed strength in 2008, when Bley, a special education teacher, rallied around parent anger toward the SMMUSD's special ed program and received 21,240 votes, just behind third-place finisher Jose Escarce, who won a school board seat with 22,107 votes.

Heading into the final weeks of the 2010 campaign, Bley is showing no sign of letting up.

He said he didn't receive support from groups like the Democratic Club of Santa Monica because he's an outsider "who believes in saying things that need to be said and aren't always popular."

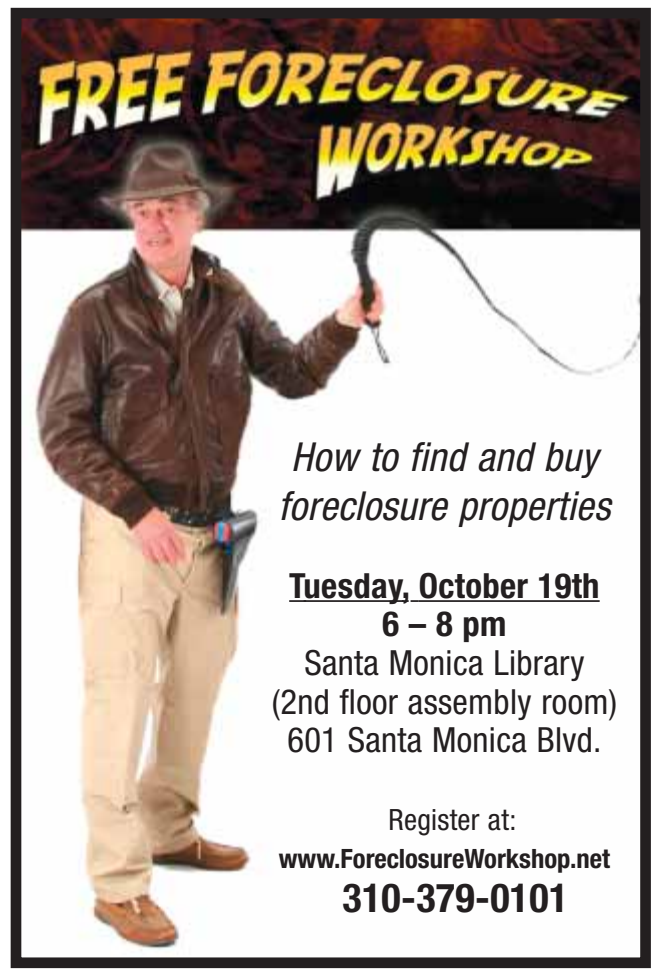
He likes his chances, even without a coalition of education activists behind him.

"Real change," he said, is what his supporters want, and "it's the current group of people [on the school board] that have helped to get us into this budgetary mess."

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GMC's 2500HD pickup carries more swagger than ever before

THE BIGGEST RIVALRY IN THE WORLD IS not between the Yankees and the Red Sox nor the Dodgers and the Giants, but between Ford and General Motors, with Dodge thrown in to add a little spice to the mix.

And nowhere is that mad dog, go-for-broke enmity more powerful in the auto business than between the full-size pickups built by all three of those companies. In markets which are traditionally friendly towards Asian imports, one might see a few more Toyota/Nissan Tundras and Titans on the street, but a lot of them seem too pretty to be heading back and forth from a work site; more likely Nordstrom.

American workers and business owners like, nee love, their American trucks. That's all there is to it. And when companies have been developing their products for around a century or so, buyers can't be blamed for opting for experience rather than what might seem the flash-in-the-pan "pretty boy" import.

GMC's Sierra 2500HD 4WD Regular Cab SLE pickup for 2011 is not all-new this time out (as are some pickups from some main competitors), but sometimes, for customers, experience and high-refinement can make for a sort of "ultimate" expression in sheet-metal, mechanicals and capabilities just before a new model hits the streets.

Also, GMC has done updates in some important 2500 areas: A completely new, fully-boxed frame for added rigidity and strength and new suspension components for a more comfortable ride.

And the big news for work-truck buyers: 2011 GMC Sierra 2500HD can haul over 3,700 pounds of payload and tow up to 13,000 pounds, standard (16,500 pounds with a fifth-wheel connection).

This new Sierra can be had with either a Vortec 6.0 liter gasoline engine manufacturing 360 horsepower and 280 foot pounds of torque, or a Duramax 6.6 Liter V8 diesel. That oil-burner churns out 397 horses and … get this … a massive 765 pounds of torque, quite literally enough to tear pavement off the street when hitting one of those tar-based expansion joints. And when not even trying! Honest!

That heavy-duty engine and six-speed automatic transmission (and it's a real transmission, also marketed as HD, or heavy-duty, and not one of those CVT jobs, thankfully) play well together and the 3.73 ratio in the rear axle allows full use of engine power, no matter which powerplant.

And that's a main point potential buyers must understand: Sierra 2500 (like Ford's F-250 and the more powerful Dodge models) are workers, not movie-goers. These are trucks you buy to haul not only tools and apparatus and components but also the occasional race car or who-knows-what.



GMC 2500HD

As far as handling, the Z85 handling and trailering package helps put Sierra up high in the air and able to handle about as much off- as on-road trash as you can throw at it. On the road, like all other pickups of this ilk, it's not as comfortable as a Cadillac but certainly light years ahead of what trucks were offering, say, just a decade back.

And this is a work truck, make no doubt about that. This is not the truck in which to pull up to a fancy restaurant or the opera, unless you've got almost two tons of beef in the bed for a delivery or all the sets for Aida to drop-off.

This vehicle's height, huge horsepower, ridiculous torque, a somewhat modified-though-workable stalk-mounted shifting system, very high ride height and side mirrors and A-pillars which block out the world make this an all-new experience for most drivers; keep this in mind before buying (and for all trucks of this size and above). But options like heated and cooled seats, Bluetooth, topline audio and a nav system, among other comforts, should make the average driver quickly feel somewhat at home.

Our gasoline-fed tester, at $38,645, came replete with a 36-gallon gasoline fuel tank (as are all GMC 2500 models); mileage has not yet been announced officially but we estimate it to be somewhere around 13mpg average city and highway, on a really good day. But don't take our word too faithfully; wait for the EPA numbers.

GMC has truck-building experience. They've been around in one iteration or another since 1901 and today make pickups, SUVs, vans, light-duty trucks, and medium-duty trucks. In the past, GMC also produced fire trucks, ambulances, heavy-duty trucks (including monster 16-wheelers), military vehicles, motorhomes and city buses.

And are pickups, as some say, old-school? Just remember the success of NASCAR's Camping World Truck Series, one of the sport's three professional-level series, which has created real excitement on certain circles (and certain road courses). This even though everyone knows the vehicles on the track are basically NASCAR stockers using bodies which look, at least, a little like pickups.

And that traditional Big Three rivalry continues unabated on the track!

As with all trucks of this size and strength, there's probably a dealer (from another truck-maker) down the street who will sell you about the same truck, similarly-equipped, for $100 less than your usual dealer is charging.

But in this patriotic and loyal realm, where prices and dealer margins are so close, many people make their buying decision based on past relationships, not just perceived value. And about any way you look at it, this GMC 2500 Sierra stands up to the toughest truck-centric scrutiny — that of those who actually use their truck as a tool along with their belts, compressors, ice chests … and race cars.

STEVE PARKER is a two-time Emmy Award-winner who has covered the world's auto industry and motor racing for over 35 years. Contact Steve through his own automotive issues website at www.SteveParkerMotoring.com.

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Feds oppose Calif. Prop 19

MARCUS WOHLSEN & PETE YOST
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SAN FRANCISCO Attorney General Eric Holder says the federal government will enforce its marijuana laws in California even if voters next month make the state the first in the nation to legalize the drug.

The Justice Department strongly opposes California's Proposition 19 and remains firmly committed to enforcing the federal Controlled Substances Act in all states, Holder wrote in a letter to former chiefs of the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration. The Associated Press obtained a copy of the letter, dated Wednesday.

"We will vigorously enforce the CSA against those individuals and organizations that possess, manufacture or distribute marijuana for recreational use, even if such activities are permitted under state law," Holder wrote.

The attorney general also said that legalizing recreational marijuana in California would be a "significant impediment" to the government's joint efforts with state and local law enforcement to target drug traffickers, who often distribute marijuana alongside cocaine and other drugs.

He said the ballot measure's passage would "significantly undermine" efforts to keep California communities safe.

The ex-DEA chiefs sent a letter to Holder in August calling on the Obama administration to sue California if Proposition 19 passes. They said legalizing pot presented the same threat to federal authority as Arizona's recent immigration law that spurred a federal lawsuit.

If California voters approve the ballot measure, the state would become the first to legalize and regulate recreational pot use. Adults could possess up to one ounce of the drug and grow small gardens on private property. Local governments would decide whether to allow and tax sales of the drug.

The state has clashed with federal authorities over marijuana since 1996, when voters approved a first-of-its-kind ballot measure that allowed people to grow and use pot for medical purposes. Thirteen other states and the District of Columbia have legalized medical marijuana.

Under federal law, marijuana is still strictly illegal. The U.S. Supreme Court has ruled that the federal government has the right to enforce its ban regardless of state law.

During the Bush administration, retail pot dispensaries across the state faced regular raids from federal anti-drug agents. Their owners were sometimes sentenced to decades in prison for drug trafficking.

Yet the medical marijuana industry still grew, and has expanded even more since Holder said last year that federal law enforcement would defer to state laws on using it for medicinal purposes.

Some legal scholars and policy analysts have questioned how much the Justice Department could really do on the ground to halt a state-sanctioned recreational pot trade.

Nearly all arrests for marijuana crimes are made at the state level. Of more than 847,000 marijuana-related arrests in 2008, for example, just over 6,300 suspects were booked by federal law enforcement, or fewer than 1 percent.

Los Angeles County's top law enforcers said Friday the federal government would still have help from them regardless of the vote's outcome on Proposition 19.

County Sheriff Lee Baca and District Attorney Steve Cooley said at a news conference that the law would be unenforceable because it is trumped by federal laws that prohibit marijuana cultivation and possession.

"We will continue as we are today regardless of whether it passes or doesn't pass," Baca said. His deputies don't and won't go after users in their homes, but public use of the drug will be targeted, he said.

A spokesman for Attorney General Jerry Brown declined to comment on how the Democratic gubernatorial candidate would respond as governor to a federal crackdown if Proposition 19 passes.

San Gabriel mayor arrested after purse snatch ride

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN GABRIEL, Calif. A suburban Southern California mayor has been arrested after a purse-snatching and a wild ride through streets with a woman clinging to his sport utility vehicle, police said Friday.

San Gabriel Mayor Albert Y.M. Huang was booked early Friday for investigation of felony assault, felony robbery and misdemeanor battery, police Lt. Ariel Duran said.

Huang, who was released on $100,000 bail late Friday morning, said the incident was the result of a misunderstanding.

"As a public official and a former Boy Scout, I hold myself to the highest standard of conduct. On last night's incident, it was a great misunderstanding between friends. As a result I am confident I will restore my reputation and prove my innocence in court," he told The Associated Press in the second of two e-mails sent to the news service.

He also thanked his family and friends for their support.

Police were called to a restaurant at about 1:30 a.m. after reports of a couple embroiled in a heated argument. Duran said the 35-year-old mayor and the woman were squabbling over money in the restaurant parking lot.

Huang took the woman's purse containing her car keys, cash and personal belongings and got into her car, police said. When the woman tried to prevent him from leaving, Huang pushed her away and got into his own car, a Nissan SUV, Duran said.

The woman then reached through the passenger window while standing on the SUV's running board as Huang sped away, investigators said.

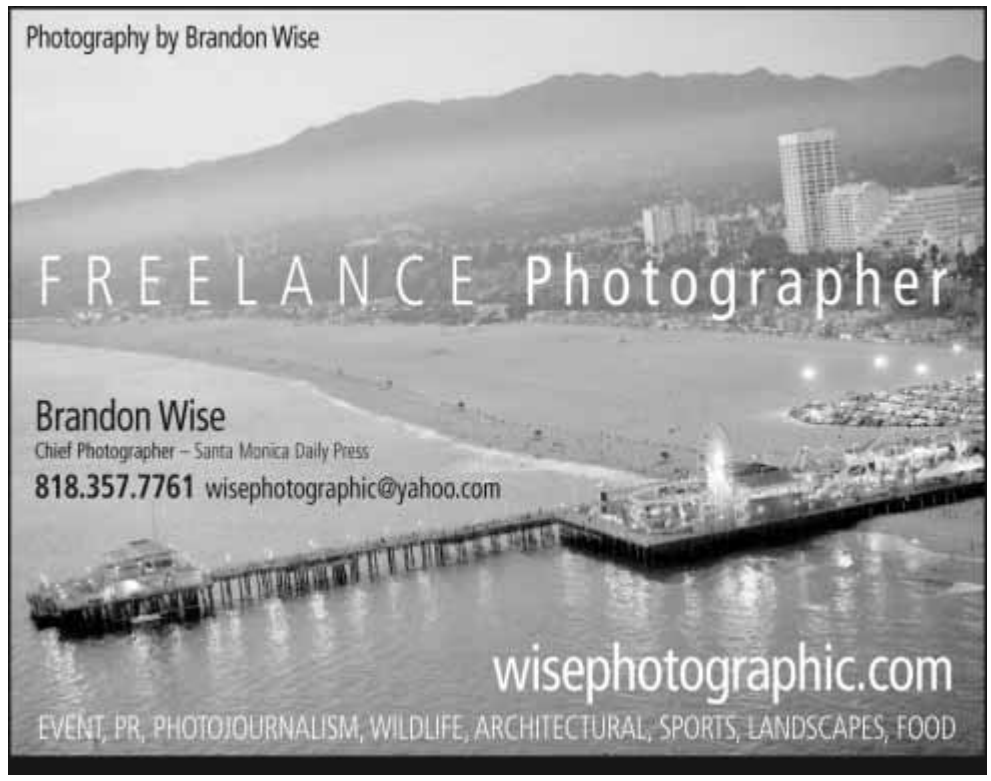
"It's a 25 mph speed limit zone and he's doing 45 with the female hanging on the car," Duran said, adding that Huang drove more than a quarter mile with the woman clinging to the side of the SUV.

A security guard noticed the SUV and detained Huang and the woman until officers arrived. Duran didn't know any details about the security guard's involvement in halting the incident.

There was no indication Huang was intoxicated, Duran said.

The 33-year-old woman, whose name and relationship to Huang is being withheld, wasn't seriously hurt.

A city spokeswoman, Melanie Benson, referred calls to the police department and said there was no other comment.



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CITY OF SANTA MONICA

Public Notice

Pursuant to Government code Section 40804, The City of Santa Monica is required to publish a summary of its Annual Report of Financial Transactions submitted to the State Controller's Office. The following Consolidated Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance/Working Capital for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2010 is drawn from that report.

For further information, please contact the Finance Department at (310) 458-8281.

	Total Expenditures A	Functional Revenues B	Net Expenditures/ (Excess) Revenues C
Expenditures Net of Functional Revenues:			
General Government	$ 20,457,611	$ 15,479,954	$ 4,977,657
Public Safety	121,609,765	17,780,394	103,829,371
Transportation	134,519,566	111,062,278	23,457,288
Community Development	61,199,266	31,960,695	29,238,571
Health	58,354,625	42,302,918	16,051,707
Culture and Leisure	60,374,291	25,089,102	35,285,189
Public Utilities	19,845,223	16,607,306	3,237,917
Other	748,130	-	748,130
Total	477,108,477	260,282,647	216,825,830
General Revenues			General Revenues
Taxes			158,072,302
Licenses and Permits			19,058,022
Fines and Forfeitures			16,500,437
Revenue from Use of Money and Property			12,684,911
Intergovernmental - State			482,232
Other			41,176,677
Total			247,974,581
Excess/(Deficiency) of General Revenue over Net Expenditures			31,148,751
Excess/(Deficiency) of Internal Service Charges over Expenses			7,112,179
Fund Balance/Working Capital as of July 1, 2009			500,000,317
Adjustment			(36,937,301)
Fund Balance/Working Capital as of June 30, 2010			501,323,946
Total Appropriations Limit			864,519,492
Appropriation Subject to the Limit			148,778,121

Court ruling or no, gay troops know not to tell

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ANNAPOLIS, Md. When word came down of a judge's ruling that gays could serve openly in the military, an Air Force officer received joyous congratulations from a comrade. Realizing there was someone in the room who didn't know his sexual orientation, the officer pretended it was a joke and laughed it off.

He figured it was too soon — and too risky — to celebrate.

On Friday, the Pentagon agreed, warning gay troops that in this "legally uncertain environment," coming out now could have "adverse consequences for themselves or others." The warning came a day after the Obama administration asked a federal judge in California to stay her ruling overturning the Clinton-era "don't ask, don't tell" policy while the government prepares an appeal.

Like the Air Force officer, many gay service members interviewed by The Associated Press didn't need to ask if it was OK to tell.

"I'm not coming out yet because of the repercussions I might get," said an Army specialist at Fort Bragg, N.C., who, like others reached by the AP, did not want his name used. "I've got a year and a half left ... and I don't want just one day of me coming out to destroy all of what I worked for. I still want my benefits. I still want the military to pay for my college when I get out."

On Tuesday, U.S. District Judge Virginia Phillips ordered the Pentagon to stop enforcing the 17-year-old ban on openly gay troops. The military promised to abide by the order as long as it remains in place, but gay rights advocates cautioned service members to avoid revealing their sexuality in the meantime.

The Air Force officer was at work on his military computer when news of Phillips' ruling flashed up on CNN. A friend who knew his secret ran in and said, "You can come out of the closet now."

"I had to push him out and kind of laugh it off with the other person there in the office," the officer recalled. "It made me really, really nervous at first, because my first thought was, 'Oh, crap. I just was outed, and I know that the policy is probably coming back. What do I do?'"

For the rest of the day, the officer — co-founder of a support group called OutServe — was worried some other friend might inadvertently say something. He wondered if he should go home until things calmed down.

Then he thought to himself: "This is probably happening across other bases as well."

President Barack Obama has made it clear that he wants the policy to end on his watch. But he wants Congress to make the change, not the courts. And when — or even if — that might happen is unclear. Repeal legislation has passed the House but run into Republican resistance in the Senate.

Under the 1993 law, the military cannot inquire into service members' sexual orientation and punish them for it as long as they keep it to themselves.

Jarrod Chlapowski, co-founder of Servicemembers United, said his office has received dozens of calls from closeted gay military members since Tuesday's ruling.

"We've had people calling us asking us, 'What should I do? Can I come out now?'" said Chlapowski, a former U.S. Army Korean linguist who decided not to re-enlist because of the policy. "All the organizations, including ours, are cautioning service members not to come out of the closet, because everything is still in flux. This injunction could be stayed or not be stayed and it probably will be stayed. We just don't know when."

Even before Phillips issued her order, the Air Force had agreed to delay the discharge of Lt. Col. Victor Fehrenbach.

An F-15 fighter pilot from Mountain Home Air Force Base in Idaho who served in Iraq and Afghanistan, Fehrenbach sued in August to block his discharge. Given his legal challenge, he said he doubts the Air Force will be able to discharge him before his retirement next year, but he wants to see the policy buried for the sake of others.

"Ever since this started in May 2008, ever since my discharge hearing in April 2009, ever since I went public, I've been in the same squadron, doing the same job, with same people, with absolutely no detrimental effect to morale, good order and discipline, or unit cohesion," he said Friday.

"My presence every day here at work proves 'don't ask, don't tell' is obsolete," he said. "I'm living in a post-don't ask-don't tell world already."

Emboldened by the court ruling, Omar Lopez — discharged from the Navy in 2006 after admitting his gay status to his military doctor — walked into an Army recruiting office in Austin, Texas, this week and asked if he could re-enlist. He was up front, even showing the recruiters his Navy discharge papers. He was turned away.

"They just said, 'I can't let you re-enlist because we haven't got anything down from the chain of command,'" Lopez, 29, told the AP in a telephone interview. "They were courteous and apologetic, but they couldn't help me."

Dan Woods, the lead attorney in the Log Cabin Republicans' case that led to the injunction, sent a letter to the Justice Department, suggesting that recruiters who turn away gays could be cited for contempt.

The soldier from Fort Bragg said he believes the ban is on its way out. But until then, he plans to continue "living a lie."

"The day that that does happen, then that's when I'll walk out of the darkness and say, 'This is who I am. I've been serving my country for seven years, and I've done it just fine — being who I am,'" said the 23-year-old, who returned last weekend from a nine-month tour in Iraq. "I just want to shout out to America to open your eyes and know we DO serve America. We DO fight for your freedom."



East Jerusalem housing approval irks Palestinians

ARON HELLER
Associated Press Writer

JERUSALEM Israel has ended its unofficial building freeze in east Jerusalem, giving the green light for hundreds of new homes in Jewish neighborhoods of the traditionally Arab sector of the city — and dealing another potential blow to U.S.-led efforts to salvage peace negotiations.

The Palestinians, who have threatened to quit the just-restarted U.S.-brokered peace talks without a complete freeze on West Bank construction, on Friday condemned the decision as a move that casts doubt on the Israeli government's interest in peace.

U.S. mediators have been scrambling for weeks to keep the talks alive and the Arab League last week gave the sides an additional month to find a way out of the impasse.

It's unclear whether the latest Israeli move — announced late Thursday in an uncharacteristically low-key statement — could be a payoff from Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to hawkish coalition partners for possible compliance with demands from around the world that Israel resume a curb on West Bank settlements.

That so-called "moratorium" expired last month, on schedule but with unfortunate timing — about three weeks after the Obama administration finally coaxed the two sides back into direct talks aimed at ending a century's conflict.

President Barack Obama says he hopes for an agreement within one year, and the Palestinians expect a state in the West Bank and Gaza with east Jerusalem as its capital.

Palestinian negotiator Nabil Shaath said after learning of the approval of new east Jerusalem construction that "the Israelis are going on a rampage" and accused them of "creating one crisis after another."

"This announcement is a very clear-cut indication that the choice of Mr. Netanyahu is settlements, not peace," said Palestinian chief negotiator Saeb Erekat.

Netanyahu's office refused to comment, and there was no immediate comment from U.S. officials.

Israel's Housing Ministry signed off on the construction of 238 new homes in the east Jerusalem neighborhoods of Ramot and Pisgat Zeev as part of a larger announcement allowing developers to bid on thousands of housings contracts across Israel.

Earlier this year, Israel angered Washington when a similar building plan was announced during a visit by Vice President Joe Biden, catching the U.S. administration by surprise and sparking a crisis between the close allies.

The project was then quietly shelved and the result was the unofficial halt of east Jerusalem construction — until now.

This time, Israel discussed the new construction with the U.S. administration and cut the number of planned units by several hundred to temper American displeasure, according to Israeli officials. Washington was unhappy with the decision but was not caught off guard by the announcement, according to the officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity because of the sensitive nature of the issue.

Palestinian government spokesman Ghassan Khatib called on the U.S. to intervene immediately and "convince Israel to halt the expansion of the settlement activity."

"We see in it a strong indication of the lack of seriousness regarding the negotiations and the peace process," Khatib said.

Right-wing Israeli lawmakers, however, suggested the relatively modest number of units approved reflect Netanyahu's attempt to silence internal dissent ahead of a new moratorium of West Bank construction.

Hagit Ofran, of the Israeli anti-settlement watchdog Peace Now, noted that actual tenders have yet to be published — and therefore no potential buyers can offer proposals yet.

"This was only an announcement ... on the intentions, which can still be stopped," she said, adding that it was mainly a "political statement."

Earlier this week, Netanyahu for the first time offered to extend the West Bank restrictions — but only in exchange for a Palestinian recognition of Israel as a "Jewish state," which the Palestinians immediately rejected.

Israel imposed its settlement slowdown in the West Bank last November, saying it was a one-time gesture good for 10 months only. The slowdown meant existing projects could continue, but with some exceptions new ones could not be launched. The restrictions didn't include east Jerusalem, although Israel quietly halted building there as well — with the notable exception of the construction announced during Biden's visit in March.

The fate of east Jerusalem is one of the most sensitive issues in Israeli-Palestinian negotiations. It is home to around 250,000 Palestinians, who hope to make it the capital of a future state.

Around 180,000 Israelis live in neighborhoods Israel built since capturing the eastern sector of the city from Jordan in the 1967 Mideast War and then annexing it, a move not recognized by the international community.

Past peace plans have proposed leaving the Jewish neighborhoods under Israeli sovereignty. But the Palestinians and the U.S. have said Israeli construction there is provocative nonetheless and undermines peace talks.

Egypt's foreign minister, Ahmed Aboul Gheit, said Friday that if Israel continues to build settlements Arab nations might seek U.N. recognition of a Palestinian state without Israel's approval.

Shaath said the Palestinians have not decided on a unilateral statehood declaration.

"So far, the decision is to wait until the first week of November. If the Israelis keep escalating, perhaps this requires other measures," he said.



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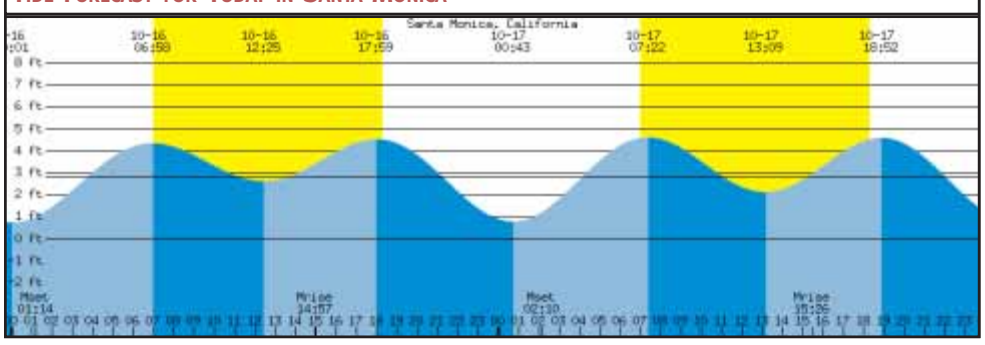
Swell Forecast

Should see a sizable swath of SW swell come ashore, pushing south facing breaks into chest to head high surf. NW energy is looking nil.

Long Range Synopsis

Most south facing breaks seeing chest high sets and head high pluses at standouts. NW energy is looking nil.

Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica



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- Number of sewage spills -- 1
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 4
- Number of wet days -- 4
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 16 / ns
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 6 / 8

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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.	ns	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	ns	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechasa and Las Alina creeks.	A+	ns
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	ns
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	ns	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	ns	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	ns	ns
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	C	ns
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	ns	ns
Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach.	C	ns
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	ns	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	F	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fences.	ns	ns
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	A	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	ns	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.	ns	ns
Pena Creek at Los Tunas County Beach.	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon.	ns	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	A	C
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	D	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	ns	ns

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	ns	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	ns	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	B	F
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	ns	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	ns	ns
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	A	F
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	A	F
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	ns	ns
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A+	F
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	F	ns
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	ns	ns
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	A	ns
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	ns	ns
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St..	ns	ns
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower.	A	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	B	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	B	ns
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	A	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty).	ns	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	F	ns
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant.	ns	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	ns	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

Heal the Bay's Beach Report Card® is based on weekly water quality monitoring data provided by the City of Los Angeles' Environmental Monitoring Division and the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services. Data is analyzed as soon as it is made available to us by the public agencies. Beaches are graded on an A–F scale based on the risk of ocean users becoming ill. Samples are analyzed for bacteria—enterococcus, total and fecal coliforms—that indicate biological pollution. A fact sheet detailing the exact methodology used in determining grades for each location is available from the office or on our web site. The report is not designed to measure the amount of trash or toxins found at local beaches.

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Oregon's rise, USC's fall reshape Pac-10 Conference

JOHN MARSHALL
AP College Football Writer

PHOENIX The tremors started last season.

Southern Cal, the longtime undisputed king of the Pac-10, had its national title hopes dashed with an early loss to Washington, then fell three more times. Oregon, meanwhile, put together a team-on-the-rise season, losing just twice on the way to the Rose Bowl.

This season, USC, saddled with sanctions and little depth, was out of the Top 25 by the midpoint with a tough climb back after Reggie Bush's Heisman Trophy giveback.

The fast-and-furious Ducks have raced up the polls, just below the top spot and in position for a national-championship run. And the rest of the conference, except perhaps one team, has become a tightly packed beat anyone, anytime bunch.

Once so stable for so long, the Pac-10 is the midst of what may be a massive power shift.

"The conference is definitely deeper now than it was," USC coach Lane Kiffin said. "The other schools are doing a great job and it's our job to make it like it was before."

Before was USC on top, everyone else fighting for recognition away from the West Coast.

The Trojans were the Pac-10's dominant team for the better part of a decade, a run filled with national championships, Heisman Trophy winners and conference titles.

Now, the Trojans are falling back to the pack as the Ducks appear to be separating themselves.

Oregon coach Chip Kelly has set the foundation of a program seemingly built for the long run, a 10-win season and a trip to the Rose Bowl followed by this year's climb to No. 2 in the polls.

The Ducks have overflowing talent and speed on both sides of the ball, plenty of depth and a cat-and-canary ability to allow even good teams to think they have a chance just before delivering a crushing blow.

The recent run has turned Oregon, not USC, into the team with the national-title aspirations, the one everyone — even outside the conference — is talking about.

Kelly closed practice this week with all the hubbub flying around, though he insisted it was only because it was what his team "needed."

"We don't run this football program based on outside influences," Kelly said. "People saying you're this or that, whether you're good or bad. I don't think you can do that. We don't as a coaching staff talk about it. We as a group don't talk about it. Our players, when I listen to them talk, they don't talk about it either."

At USC, they're talking about how tough a season it's been.

It actually started in the offseason, when the school was hit with sanctions after Bush was ruled to have received improper benefits. The two-year bowl ban and loss of scholarships were tough, exacerbated by a ruling that allowed upperclassmen to transfer without the usual restrictions.

The exodus has left the Trojans with virtually no depth — 52 scholarship players boarded the plane for Stanford last week — and looking across the line at former or once-potential teammates seemingly every week. Injury problems like they have now or poor play from certain players and the Trojans don't have many options.

"The reality of it is, it's hard to bench someone when there's no one to put in," Kiffin said. "We've just got to make the best of it and improve."

The power shift isn't just at the top. The other eight teams are jockeying for position, all but Washington State — despite its clear improvement — on relatively equal talent footing.

Stanford crushed UCLA, lost to Oregon, edged USC. The Bruins followed the loss to the Cardinal with a decisive win over Texas, backed up with last week's frustrating setback against California. Oregon State rallied from two top-10 losses with wins against Arizona State and Arizona. The Wildcats bumped off No. 9 Iowa, lost to Oregon State.

Washington has wins over USC and Arizona State, an embarrassment against Nebraska at home ... you get the idea.

"There's just no gimmes out there and so much parity," Washington coach Steve Sarkisian said. "To look at all the scores and seen how this thing has all shaken out, who's played who and you're looking at a team gets back-to-back weeks and wins a big ballgame the next week, it's just exciting and frightening at the same time."

Better get used to it; the Pac-10 is in the midst of a seismic shift and it may be a little while before the pieces settle.

MLB

Pelosi and Specter wager chocolate over NLCS

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON (AP) San Francisco Giants partisan House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Philadelphia Phillies booster Sen. Arlen Specter are placing a sweet wager on the teams' upcoming playoff series: chocolate.

The winning lawmaker will get a load of chocolate from the loser of the National League Championship Series, which begins Saturday.

Pelosi has put San Francisco's Ghirardelli chocolate on the line; Specter is offering up Pennsylvania's Hershey's.

Specter says he's not sure which will be sweeter: a third-straight World Series appearance by the Phillies or eating Ghirardeli chocolates while watching it.

Pelosi asked Specter to send her dark Hershey's chocolate when the Giants win, predicting her team will go all the way.

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MOVIE TIMES

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2:00pm

Double Feature
A Fish Called Wanda (R) 1hr 48min
True Lies (R) 2hr 21min
7:30pm

Sunday, Oct. 17

Double Feature
The Twelve Chairs (G) 1hr 34min
Fatso (PG) 1hr 33min
7:30 p.m.

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1441 Third Street Promenade

Secretariat (PG) 1hr 56min
12:30pm, 3:30pm, 6:30pm, 9:30pm

It's Kind of a Funny Story (PG-13) 1hr 41min
11:35am, 2:10pm, 4:45pm, 7:20pm, 10:00pm

Catfish (PG-13) 1hr 34min
12:35pm, 2:50pm, 5:15pm, 7:40pm, 9:55pm

Easy A (PG-13)1hr 33min
11:30am, 2:00pm, 4:30pm, 7:00pm, 9:40pm

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

Legend of the Guardians 3D: The Owls of Ga'Hoole (PG-13) 1hr 30min
11:15am, 1:45pm, 4:25pm, 7:00pm, 9:35pm

Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps (PG-13) 2hrs 07min
12:50pm, 4:00pm, 7:05pm, 10:15pm

Life As We Know It (PG-13)1hr 52min
11:05am, 2:00pm, 4:50pm, 7:45pm, 10:35pm

Social Network (PG-13) 2hr 1min
10:40am, 1:30pm, 4:30pm, 7:30pm, 10:30pm

Jackass 3D (R) 1hr 34min
11:40am, 12:40pm, 2:10pm, 3:10pm, 4:40pm, 5:40pm, 7:15pm, 8:15pm, 9:50pm, 10:50pm

Red (PG-13) 1hr 38min
10:30am, 1:00pm, 3:45pm, 6:30pm, 9:15pm

Laemmle's Monica Fourplex
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Never Let Me Go (R) 1hr 43min
1:50pm, 4:30pm, 7:20pm, 9:55pm

Mao's Last Dancer (PG) 1hr 57min
11:00am

Genius Within: The Inner Life of Glenn Gould (NR) 1hr 49min
11:00am

Nowhere Boy (R) 1hr 38min
1:55pm, 4:40pm, 7:30pm, 10:00pm

Waiting for Superman (PG) 1hr 42min
1:30pm, 4:20pm, 7:10pm, 10:00pm

2012: Time for Change (NR) 1hr 25min
11:00am

Tamara Drewe (R) 1hr 49min
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Stone (R) 1hr 45min
11:45am, 2:30pm, 5:10pm, 7:50pm, 10:35pm

My Soul to Take 3D (R) 1hr 46min
11:35am, 2:25pm, 5:15pm, 8:00pm, 10:40pm

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

Get intimate, Pisces

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★★ Take some time to kick back and enjoy your friends. Whether going from party to party or socializing with a certain friend, you have a good time. A partner could be a little "dark" or moody. Only this person can change his or her mood. Don't try to force him or her to be happy. Tonight: Where the action is.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ You fall into the position of responsibility, whether you like it or not. Get together with friends or loved ones, though a responsibility drops on you in some fashion. The plus about being so responsible is that you can maintain more control. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Keep reaching out for someone at a distance. You might want to think about planning a trip or getting together with family and friends at a distance. You hear a loved one or child loud and clear. Tonight: Opt for something different.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ Relate to each person independently. Try an exercise: Let go of past images of others when relating to them. Suddenly, you see a key friend in a different light. A family member reveals important information. Be direct and caring. Tonight: Focus on a loved one.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ Others can be challenging in that they present so many options. You could feel down and a little dejected. Understanding will evolve if you relax. At the same time, get to the bottom of a key issue reflected in your decisions. You could be surprised by everything that comes out. Tonight: Just be your gregarious self.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ Mellow out. Put your feet up and relax. You could be surprised by a financial opportunity and insight. Discover what is going on behind the scenes. You might want to start a new project. Consider the costs first. Tonight: Go for relaxed.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ You cannot suppress your innate playfulness. Understand what is going on with you and a key relationship. Express your feelings without fear. Tonight: Be yourself.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Understanding will evolve if you relax and just hang in there. You might be overly concerned about a personal matter. Relax and express your views. Another person will understand. Tonight: The action is at your pad.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ You don't want to stir the pot. Consider the fact that you might be slightly overreactive. Could that be possible? Have a discussion while enjoying a meal with a friend. Go to the movies or see an art show. Tonight: Where conversations happen.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Think twice if someone makes you an offer that seems too good to be true. It probably is. Though you can be quite insightful, you could slip up on this occasion. Don't allow another person to pressure you. Tonight: Fun doesn't need to cost.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ You could be taken aback by an older relative who relentlessly keeps on your case. Know that this person wants your feedback. Be willing to minimize the pressure and just handle this matter. Others do make a difference in your plans. Tonight: Go with a unique suggestion.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ A partner shares information that you really need to work through. Don't take this person's feelings on or take his or her comments personally. Take the high road and detach from your immediate reaction. Tonight: Add more intimacy to a relationship.

Happy birthday

This year, you make a big difference wherever you go. Stay focused on the creative process. Through your ingenuity is where success lies. Drop the word "no" from your vocabulary, and open up to the possibilities. Brainstorming sessions, more often than not, are beneficial. Let your imagination go and seek answers. If you are single, an entourage of admirers surrounds you. Have fun with the dating game! You will have quite a few admirers. If you are attached, you both suddenly start acting like new lovers! AQUARIUS is always refreshing.

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



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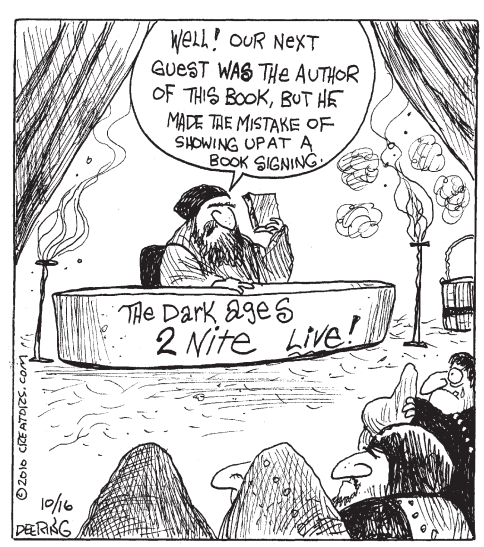
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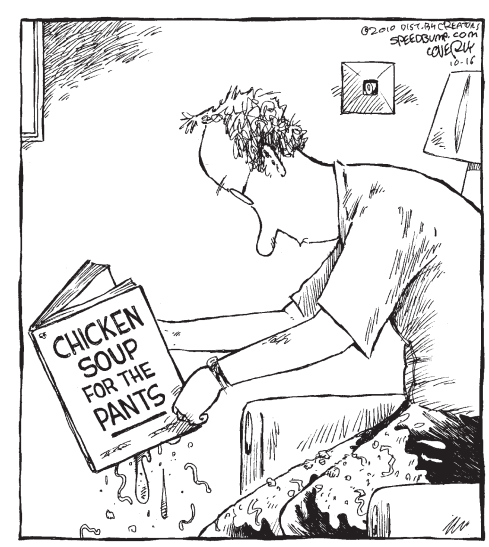
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Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★★★

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GETTING STARTED

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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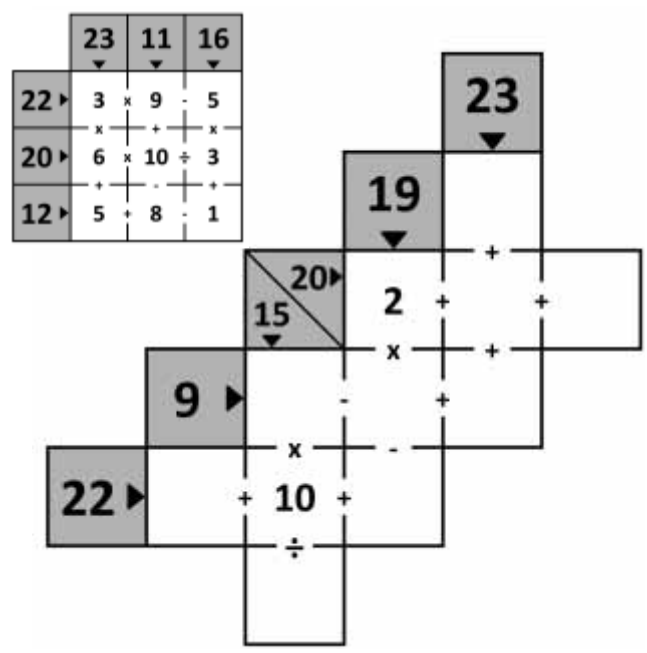
- Fill the grid with the set of given numbers (1 to 12) to satisfy the Equa demands (7 to 24) in the shaded boxes. The Equa demands represent the sum of the digits that you will insert into the empty squares.
- Each horizontal row has one Equa demand to satisfy; each vertical column also has one demand 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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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Mark Smith, 59, was arrested at a bank in Watsonville, Calif., in September after he had allegedly threatened a teller with a bomb (spelled "bom") and demanded $2,000. The teller, apparently skeptical of Smith's toughness, tried to convince him, instead, to borrow the money, and she had him wait while she retrieved an application (during which time she called 911). By the time police arrived, Smith was filling out the loan form.

■ Arrested recently and awaiting trial for murder: Larry Wayne Call, Faith, N.C. (September); Kenneth Wayne Carlson, Hines Creek, Alberta, Canada (August); Timothy Wayne Morgan, Eugene, Ore. (August); Julius Wayne Willis Jr., Minneapolis (July); Scott Wayne Eby, Wilmington, Ill. (May, charged in a 2004 murder); Douglas Wayne Jones, Oxford, Miss. (May); Kenneth Wayne Rogers, Dallas (April, charged in a 2008 murder). Indicted for murder recently and awaiting trial: Gary Wayne Pettigrew, Tarrant County, Texas (August, indicted in a 1983 murder). Pleaded guilty to murder: Edward Wayne Edwards, Akron, Ohio (August, involving a 1977 murder, not the ones News of the Weird listed him for in August 2009). Convicted of murder: David Wayne Alexander, Pittsburgh (July 2009).

■ Innumeracy: In July 2004, a federal appeals court ruled that the leak-safety standards for the long-awaited nuclear waste repository at Nevada's Yucca Mountain were too weak, in that the Environmental Protection Agency could regard the facility as safe for "only" the next 10,000 years (100 centuries). One National Academy of Sciences panel had recommended against the site unless leak safety could be certified for at least 300,000 years. In August 2005, EPA issued a revised durability standard, claiming, somehow, that the site would be free of unsafe leaks for 1 million years. (Perspective: Everything we know about radiation has come in just the last 110 years. Now, imagine a radiation-safety "learning curve" expected to go flat for the next 10,000 -- or 300,000 -- or 1 million years.)

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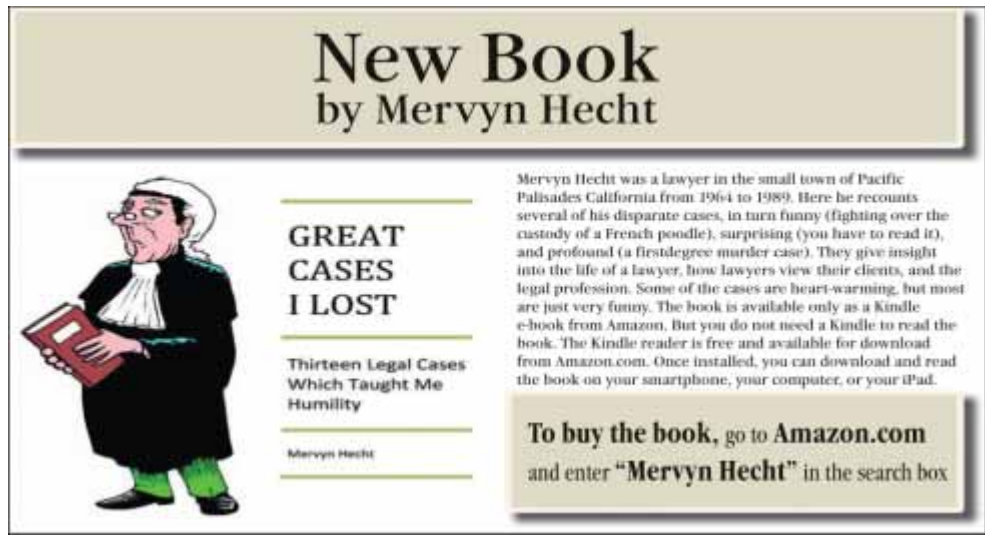
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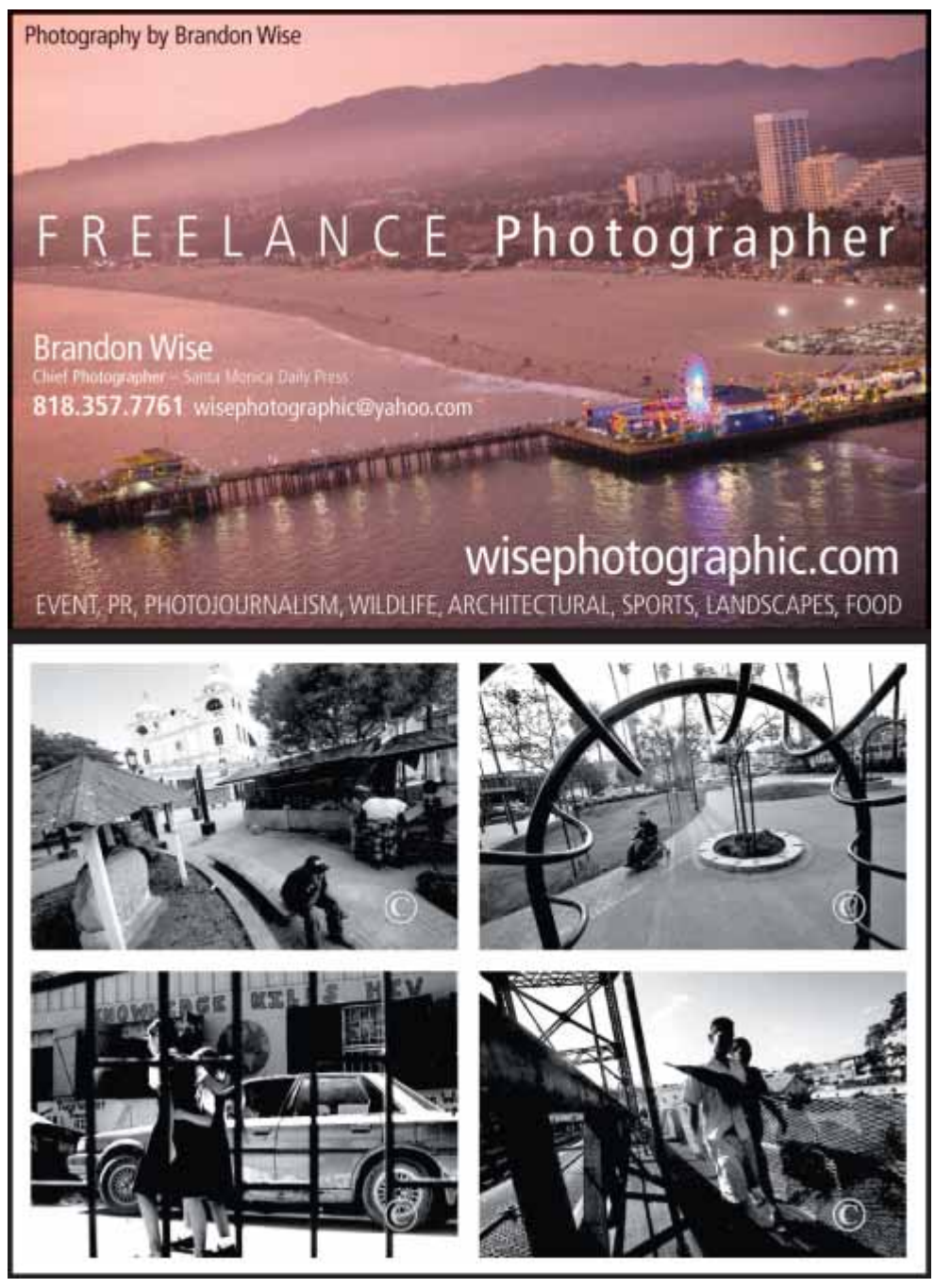
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