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We have you covered

THE ARE YOU READY? ISSUE



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RING, RING: **Volunteers call voters at the Westside Republican Headquarters on Santa Monica Boulevard on Tuesday afternoon.**

Westside Republicans come out

GOP groups want conservatives to know they are not alone

BY PATRICK HOURIHAN
Special to the Daily Press

SM BLVD Contrary to what one might believe, the term Westside Republican is not an oxymoron.

Aiming to encourage conservatives on the Westside of Los Angeles to overcome intimidation and enjoy the party's election year resurgence, the Santa Monica Republican Women Federated (SMRWF) along with Log Cabin-Los Angeles and Westside Republicans all came together this past Sunday to hold "Republicans coming out of the Closet" at the Westside Republicans' Headquarters in Santa Monica.

"The unfortunate truth is that many Republicans on the Westside fear putting a sign in their yard, a bumper sticker on their car or even expressing an opinion at social gatherings," said Donna Block, first vice-president of the SMRWF. "We want Republicans to realize their views are shared by many in our communities and encourage their participation. Westside Republicans need to come out because they are the only ones left in the closet!"

Carole Curry, president of the SMRWF, echoed the sentiment that Republicans need to be heard.

"Electing Obama was the greatest thing to happen to this country," said Curry. "Before, either as a conservative or a Republican, we once were scared to reveal our political affiliations. There was complacency right when Obama was sworn in, but look at things now. We are really coming out now to make a change."

The event was attended by over 100 locals mingling with several Westside Republican candidates up for office; including Chris Bley, a current high school teacher running for a seat on the Santa Monica-Malibu Board of Education, and Chuck Wilkerson, candidate for the 30th Congressional District of California. The day's special guest

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Locals prepare for 'the big one'

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY All around Santa Monica, and throughout California, emergency responders are getting ready to rumble in anticipation of the state's third annual Great Shakeout on Thursday, an earthquake simulation that last year had nearly 7 million registered participants.

In Santa Monica, the drill is a the biggest coordinated test of disaster response systems, officials said, and an important opportunity for various agencies to gauge the effectiveness of emergency protocols. It's set for 10:21 a.m. on Thursday.

Following the simulated 7.8-magnitude

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HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS ROUNDUP

Samohi baseball plans fundraiser

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

SAMOHI For the second straight year, the Santa Monica High School baseball team is planning a celebrity poker tournament and silent auction.

The event, scheduled for Nov. 9 at 6 p.m., will include a number of celebrities including former MLB all-star Jose Canseco. The fundraiser will be held at South on Wilshire Boulevard.

The entrance fee is $50 and includes food and silent auction. The poker buy-in is $100 with no entrance fee if you purchase in advance.

All proceeds will go to support the baseball program.

For more information, visit santamonicadiamondclub.org.

SAMOHI VIKINGS BANGED UP

A number of Samohi football players were injured in a loss to Inglewood last Friday.

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Oct 23	JV	Mayfair Valley C. Tour	MF-VC	TBA
BOYS FOOTBALL				
Oct 22	JV	Salesian	Salesian	4:00pm
Oct 22	Var	Salesian	Salesian	7:00pm

Santa Monica High School

DATE	TEAM	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME
BOYS WATER POLO				
Oct 20	Var	Torrance	Torrance	3:00pm
Oct 20	Frosh/Soph	Torrance	Torrance	4:00pm
Oct 21	Var	Bonita	Bonita	3:00pm
Oct 21	Frosh/Soph	Bonita	Bonita	4:00pm
GIRLS TENNIS				
Oct 21	Var	Culver City	Culver City	2:30pm
GIRLS VOLLEYBALL				
Oct 21	Var	Ingelwood	Ingelwood	3:15pm
Oct 21	JV	Ingelwood	Ingelwood	4:30pm
BOYS FOOTBALL				
Oct 21	Frosh	Beverly Hills	Beverly Hills	3:00pm
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Wednesday, Oct. 20, 2010

Sweet deals
Downtown Santa Monica
Arizona Avenue and Second Street
8:30 a.m. — 1:30 p.m.
Get the freshest fruit and produce available at the weekly Farmers' Market. A variety of prepared foods will also be available.

Who dunnit?
Montana Avenue Branch Library
1704 Montana Ave.
7 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.
Calling all teens, adults and seniors for a mystery book club meeting. This week the group will be discussing Martin Cruz Smith's "Havana Bay."

Thursday, Oct. 21, 2010

'Loveland'
Santa Monica PLayhouse
1211 Fourth St., 8 p.m.
Actress turns grief into hilarity in "Loveland." What's so funny about death? Plenty, if you're award-winning writer/performer, Ann Randolph, renowned for transforming horror into humor. For information, call (310) 394-9779.

Buddhism for addiction recovery
1001 #A Colorado Ave., 7:30 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.
Learn about Buddhist teachings, meditation techniques, and how to change habitual patterns to overcome addiction at the Against The Stream Buddhist Meditation Society.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

PICO BLVD

Artists in training win big

Students in Santa Monica College adjunct art professor John Zarcone's beginning oil and intermediate painting classes swept the cash awards for the Pico Festival's "Paintings of Pico Boulevard Contest," held Oct. 16.

The $300 first place prize went to Yuhao Liao in the beginning class; the $200 second place award went to Omar Solis, also in the beginning class; and the $100 third place prize went to Felipe Ramirez, in the intermediate class. Honorable mentions were awarded to Debora Edmunds, Daisy Perez and Karin Jackson.

The aim of the show was "to call attention to the wide diversity of artistic possibilities available along Pico Boulevard in Santa Monica. From the mountains to the ocean, from the theaters to auto shops, from the flowers to the graves, Pico Boulevard is vibrant, artistic, dangerous, educated, neglected and polished."

The show was judged by a panel of local artists and curators. The paintings were exhibited during the Pico Festival at the Morgan-Wixson Theatre on Pico Boulevard. The contest was organized by Randy Ball of Artistic Picture Frames, 3129 Pico Blvd.



Photo courtesy SMC

NICE WORK: **Santa Monica College student Omar Solis' painting of Pico Boulevard won second place in the Pico Festival's art competition held over the weekend. Solis won $200.**

DAILY PRESS

CITYWIDE

Keeping kids safe at Halloween

Halloween is one of the most exciting times of the year for children, but sometimes the most hectic for parents.

Nearly 94 percent of children between the ages of 4 and 12 participate in Halloween activities each year. Tim Kang, actor from the hit CBS show "The Mentalist" has partnered with the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC) to help educate parents about what they should be telling their children to keep them safe.

"Child safety is vital year round, but Halloween is an especially important time for parents and children to pay extra attention to their surroundings and not let their guard down," Kang said. "Parents need to exercise a few basic safety precautions to help ensure that Halloween is both fun and safe."

Here are some tips:

• Choose bright, flame-retardant costumes or add reflective tape to costumes and candy bags so children are easily seen in the dark. In addition, carry a glow stick or flashlight.

• Plan a trick-or-treating route in familiar neighborhoods with well-lit streets. Avoid unfamiliar neighborhoods, streets that are isolated, or homes that are poorly lit inside or outside.

• Never send young children out alone. They should always be accompanied by a parent or another trusted adult. Older children should always travel in groups.

• Always walk younger children to the door to receive treats and don't let children enter a home unless you are with them.

• Be sure children do not approach any vehicle, occupied or not, unless you are with them.

• Discuss basic pedestrian safety rules that children should use when walking to and from houses.

• Consider organizing a home or community party as an alternative to "trick-or-treating."

• Make sure children know their home phone number and address in case you get separated. Teach children how to call 911 in an emergency.



SHADOW PLAY

Brandon Wise *brandonw@smdp.com*

Long sheets surround the stage as people watch the performance of Mary Jo Deschanel in her one woman-show, 'Dooth on Vonoco,' at the Santa Monica Bay Woman's Club on Sunday night. Directed by Davida Wills Hurwin and written by Deschanel all proceeds from all three nights will benefit a Venice-based nonprofit tutoring center and the club's Women in the Arts Cultural Fund. For more information, visit www.smbwc.org.

Supes OK letter grades for food trucks

JOHN ROGERS
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES Hungry Southern Californians will soon learn if their favorite food truck makes the grade, after Los Angeles County supervisors voted unanimously Tuesday to assign them the same health-board ratings that brick-and-mortar restaurants receive.

The vote gives county health inspectors the authority to conduct surprise visits to the trucks twice a year and give them A, B or C ratings, just as they do now with restaurants. Truckers must post their grades prominently for customers to see, just as restaurants do.

The new law takes effect in 30 days.

Among its supporters were many food-wagon vendors who say they believe it will give people more confidence in the cleanliness of their operations.

"I'm itching to get our grades on our trucks and quiet the skeptics that think we're somehow unregulated," Matt Geller, chief executive officer of the Southern California Mobile Food Vendors Association, has said.

Food trucks are already supposed to be inspected twice a year, once at the commissary where they are parked for cleaning and once in the field.

But they don't receive letter grades, and county health inspectors have said it's sometimes hard to locate them in the field. Under the new law, they'll have to provide schedules.

Dr. Jonathan Fielding, head of the Los Angeles County Health Department, said the explosive popularity of the trucks led officials to push for the new regulations.

More than 4,000 food trucks, selling everything from spicy Korean-barbecue tacos to sweet crepes to vegetarian hot dogs, are licensed to operate in the county. They will be subject to the inspections, as will thousands of pushcarts and other smaller chow wagons.

Fielding has said the new regulation won't result in an increase in fees for the trucks for at least the first year.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Y hurts those on fixed incomes

Editor:

Measure Y, an increase in the sales tax, will cause senior citizens a great deal of financial and emotional stress. I trust Mayor Bobby Shriver's statements that our 911 and emergency services are not at risk if the sales tax is defeated. I am a widow living on Social Security. Last year there was no increase in Social Security benefits, as the federal government is announcing there is no increase in the cost of living. My fellow senior citizens and disabled veterans will therefore not see any increase in their monthly checks.

According to City Hall's website, city employees over the past two years were granted 6.5 percent salary increases. This apparently is the reason city employee unions are supporting this tax increase. They want this tax increase to pay for increased salaries and pension benefits. City Hall would have an extra $6 million to give to schools if the council was not granting employees pay increases during periods when the cost of living has not increased.

So I am asking my fellow citizens to join me in voting no on Measure Y. Don't be fooled by the pro-tax scare tactics about losing your 911 and emergency services. According to Mayor Shriver, the city is rich and there is no way those services will be reduced if the tax increase proposal is defeated. Tell the council if they want to fund schools, funding should come from City Hall's existing, one-half billion dollar annual budget.

Stella Casillas
Santa Monica

Double standard

Editor:

Talk about hypocrisy. Brown's campaign calls Whitman a whore and the National Organization for Women (NOW) fails to come to the defense of the female victim. Instead, NOW throws its full support behind the offender, a left-wing extremist.

Conclusions: everyone is free to call any NOW member a whore – as long as you are a left-wing extremist, of course. Good to know.

One can only wonder what NOW's reaction would be if the offender had been a conservative.

David Long
Santa Monica

Schools enhance the community

Editor:

Funding public schools is an investment, not an expense. Our children are our community's future. The quality and reputation of our schools directly impact the property values in our community. Our great schools make Santa Monica attractive to residents and to businesses. We have an opportunity to preserve quality education for our children. Please vote yes on Measures Y and YY!

Jody Brooks
Santa Monica

Listen to the doctor

Editor:

I wish that the City Council, staff and all departments who are entrusted with nature in our city would read your weekly column, "Back to Nature," by Dr. Reese Halter. Perhaps their education in these subjects would make them better human beings. Rather than help destroy all of our natural beauty here with the constant rush to further development, take a step back and preserve what we have. We are all part of nature and we should enjoy it while it is still here. Save the bees!

Herb Silverstein
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That Rutherford Guy

John W. Whitehead — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Horror films reflect troubles of the day

THE GREAT HORROR AND SCIENCE FICTION monsters are considerably more than the sum of their mutilated body parts. Most of all, monsters represent societal repression, generally of the sexual and moral kind. In short, the horror film is a sign that the moral sources of human behavior have been either repressed or forgotten or never clearly acknowledged by the culture. This repression invariably involves the return of the repressed in a disguised form such as film monsters — creatures not bound by the laws of nature as we know them. Indeed, in times such as ours when the sense of moral distinction has faded, societal structures are breaking down and new evils are afoot, the proliferation of horror films and novels — as well as primetime television shows that focus on horror — is an indicator of a massive subconscious confusion.

And there are some definite subconscious themes that flow through such films. With the advance of science and technology, there is a clear and present threat to the very nature of what it means to be human.

There is a pattern reflected in these films that has roots in the culture. For instance, with the post-1960s films and especially those of the mid-'70s, the story of man's desperate attempt to preserve his masculinity in the face of sexual liberation, emerging feminism and related issues such as abortion are pushed to the forefront in horror films. The '80s films often delve into the sacrifice of the soul in the pursuit of pleasures and riches epitomized by the rise of Reaganism. The '90s films onward are populated by ghosts and hobgoblins that follow us wherever we go and even crawl from inside our television sets to kill and maim. More recently, the films "Shutter Island" (2010) and "Splice" (2009) both used the sci-fi/horror format to comment on the breakdown of the family structure and its negative impact on society.

These films invade our minds, drawing on a vocabulary exceeding far beyond the language of the rational. They speak to us of the fears and desires which lie buried deep within the shadows of our subconscious.

The great films of this genre, however, are things of strange and terrible beauty. And although there are many bad ones, there are also films that speak to us in ways that nothing else can. Following are films that I rank as some of the best I have ever seen.

"The Exorcist" (1973). Director William Friedkin presents us with a truly terrifying story of a young girl possessed by a demon. It created mass hysteria when it was released in theaters. This film, as I have written elsewhere (www.gadflyonline.com), effectively halted the death-of-God movement that emerged out of the late 1960s. Very gory and violent.

"Halloween" (1978). A deranged maniac escapes from a mental asylum and returns to his hometown to wreak havoc. The essential message here is that there is an evil so malevolent that it can't be killed. This is a film that you feel more than see. Very violent.

"The Shining" (1980). Loosely based on the Stephen King novel, this Stanley Kubrick film focuses on a writer and his family snowbound and stranded in a huge hotel. Although they believe they're alone, they soon discover that the place is haunted by bloodthirsty ghosts — ghosts that often reside within us. Violent and gory.

"The Thing" (1982). A team of scientists at an arctic outpost discover that they are not alone. A spaceship buried in the ice has brought an alien presence among them. And once the alien invades their compound, it begins a steady process of first possessing and then eliminating each crew member. Very claustrophobic and an excellent foray into what it means to be human. Very violent and gory.

"The Sixth Sense" (1999). M. Night Shyamalan's thriller about a 9-year-old boy who communicates with the dead challenges the perception of what our existence is all about. Well written with a great plot twist at the end. Violent.

"Dog Soldiers" (2001). A British army squad finds refuge in a cabin in the woods, only to be besieged by beasts. This is the best of recent werewolf films and provides a metaphor for the violence and destructiveness of modern warfare. Claustrophobic with quick-paced violence. Very gory and somewhat nauseating.

"Nightmare on Elm Street" (1984). Freddy Krueger is a scarred maniac with a fingered, razor-sharp glove. A vision straight out of hell, Krueger kills teens in their dreams — and subsequently in the "real" world. This film and its sequels undermine the psychological and spiritual divide that supposedly exists between reality and the dream world. Very violent and gory.

"Night of the Living Dead" (1968). Radiation from space experiments causes the newly dead to return to life with a great hunger for human flesh. The focus is on a small group of people trapped in a farmhouse besieged by a multitude of ghouls. This film is in a long line of movies questioning whether our consumer-oriented world is turning us all into zombies. Violent and gory.

"Invasion of the Body Snatchers" (1956). Pods from outer space invade a small California town and begin taking over human bodies. This film reflects the fear that the country was being taken over, or already had been, by alien forces that look just like human beings but were intent on destroying us. That same paranoia in different forms is with us today. Violent.

These films are more than a frightening foray into cinema. They express our repressed fears and expose us to the dark side of human nature — something so destructive that it cannot be controlled. And once it is unleashed, all hell breaks loose.

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Hiding in the Open

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Rainbows, sunshine and unicorns

SO, WHAT IS CONSIDERED GOOD? AS WE get older, it changes every year. A buddy's daughter told me rainbows, sunshine and unicorns are good. I asked a 98-year-old woman this question, and she said it would be good to remember what year to write on a check.

This brings me to politics. I know what you're thinking. What does politics have to do with rainbows, sunshine and unicorns? A great deal, it seems. Today, many of us vote based on our emotions. We like rainbows, so we vote for more rainbows. The politician has a rainbow on their logo. We like rainbows, so we vote for that politician.

In the most recent election in South Carolina, the current Democratic candidate for the United States Senate was some person who had just filled out a form, and he won the primary election in a landslide of over 60 percent of the voters. He hadn't spoken to anyone, and had no platform. He won simply because people liked his name. We know that because they had nothing else to go on.

I don't want to stray too far from the issue of what's good, but the question still needs to be addressed. You see, everyone involved in our government claims to be good, and that their opponent is bad. Last election cycle, I witnessed a person who was walking through a room at a party, who'd noticed the face of a politician being shown on the television. They reacted like one of Pavlov's dogs. Their face went from having fun at the party into a rabid dog barking out obscenities at the television.

When the dog calmed down, I asked them about their vociferous response towards the image presented them. They rattled off a bunch of canned campaign statements. Then I asked them if those statements were true, and if they'd looked into the accusations. They looked at me and started to growl. Then they immediately began to verbally assault me for even asking the question. Are Americans really believing what other people tell them blindly?

Soon after the adrenaline rush passed, the person came back and was much calmer. They'd decided that I needed to understand their particular set of beliefs so I could bark with them. I asked them to make it simple for me and give me two reasons why they feel the way they do. After sharing them with me, we began to discuss the two issues. As the story would unfold, it became clear that the foundation beliefs that caused this reaction were beginning to fall apart.

With each pass, the facts did not support the assertions. A deeper look at the issue showed that the belief was, in fact, a conditioned response people give when subject to propaganda. Master manipulator Adolph Hitler was elected chancellor of Germany during hard economic times. The German people were told that Poland was killing the German speaking people who lived in a part of Poland that was previously German. The media reported Polish terrorist were killing Germans. Germans were coerced to demand their government protect them from these terrorists. France and England did, in fact, declare war against Germany first, and attacked Germany first as well. Why did they not declare on Germany's ally Russia since Russia attacked Poland with Germany. The German people were given half truths as well.

History has a nasty habit of repeating itself. Simply put, the barking at the TV image of a person, the comedy shows' unfair portrayals of various people is what the Nazi party did in the run up to winning the election of Adolph Hitler. If the German people had taken a moment and questioned what was being told to them, we would have saved millions of lives. Had they spent a moment with their friends and neighbors discussing the issues at hand, they wouldn't have been so easy to deceive. Taking the time to understand the opinions of both sides of an argument is the only way to fight this kind of propaganda.

Have you spoken with and tried to understand what the other side believes and why? If you do not take the time to understand both sides you will suffer the same fate as the German people did. Think weapons of mass destruction. If all you watch is Fox News, then you're not understanding the other side of the argument. If you don't watch Fox News, you're committing the same crime. How about you take a walk on the wild side and watch CSPAN for the raw footage of what your elected representative is doing.

DAVID ALSABERY is wishing you rainbows, sunshine, ponies, a cool ocean breeze, little fluffy clouds and unicorns. He can be reached at alsabery@gmail.com.

The Q Line

What's bugging you?

With election season upon us, we were wondering what is bothering Santa Monica residents these days.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
What poses the greatest threat to the quality of life in this city by the sea, and what could be done about it?

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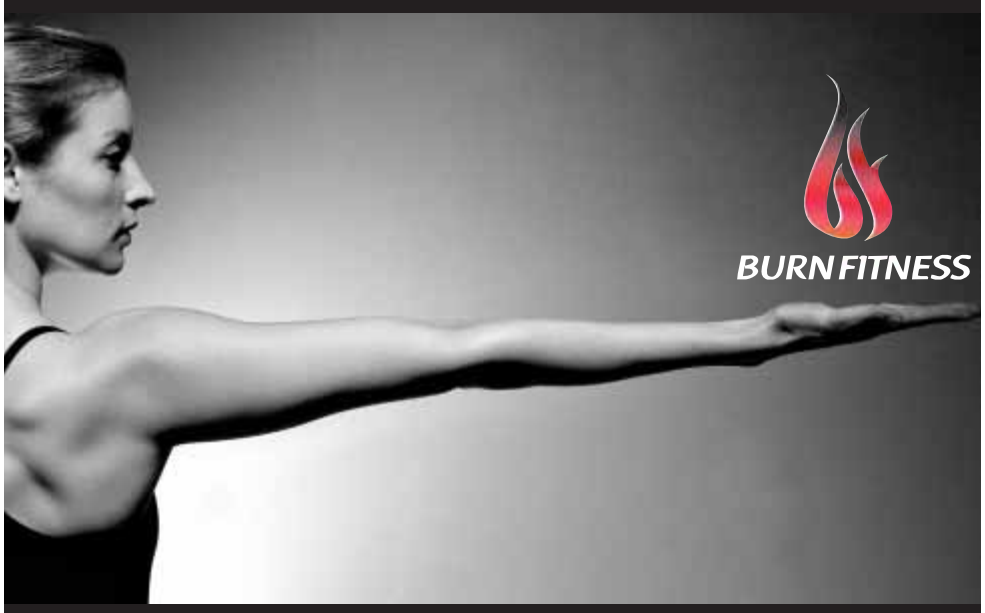
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STATE BRIEFS

LOS ANGELES

Grand jury indicts Vernon's former city manager

A Los Angeles County grand jury has indicted the former city manager of Vernon for conflict of interest and misusing public money.

Donal O'Callaghan was charged Monday with three felonies and could face more than 4? years in state prison if convicted.

Prosecutors claim he was illegally involved in allowing his wife to work for the city. Prosecutor Max Huntsman says she was paid more than $140,000.

O'Callaghan pleaded not guilty Tuesday. He resigned his position last week.

His attorney, Mark J. Werksman, says O'Callaghan was forced out of his job even though the City Council approved the contracts.

Meanwhile, the state attorney general's office in investigating Vernon's finances amid reports that some officials were paid more than $1 million a year. O'Callaghan earned $380,000 a year.

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LOS ANGELES

Lawyer: Octuplets' mom knew dangers of pregnancy

A lawyer for Nadya Suleman's fertility doctor said Tuesday that the doctor consulted the octuplets' mother about the dangers of bearing multiple babies and he didn't refute allegations that she was implanted with 12 embryos, far in excess of national guidelines.

Dr. Michael Kamrava's lawyer Henry Fenton said at the doctor's licensing hearing in Los Angeles that Suleman's medical records show she was consulted about the dangers on several occasions.

Kamrava's hard-to-understand records frequently came up during the cross-examination of the state's fertility expert in the case, Dr. Victor Fujimoto, who heads the fertility program at the University of California San Francisco.

Kamrava used uncommon abbreviations and his "scribbles" are indecipherable, making it unclear what consultations transpired before Suleman went on to have octuplets in 2009, Fujimoto said.

"I do not recall any documentation in the record referring to her children and the risks to her children," Fujimoto said, adding that mentions of the risks of multiple gestation and fetal reduction were limited to a few lines.

Fenton didn't refute allegations made Monday that Kamrava had implanted Suleman with 12 embryos, resulting in octuplets.

Kamrava "knew that a 12-embryo transfer was unsafe," said Deputy Attorney General Judith Alvarado, representing the medical board in its effort to revoke or suspend Kamrava's medical license.

There are health risks associated with crowding in a mother's uterus that could endanger the mother and result in premature birth or other ailments for the babies.

The medical board has also alleged Kamrava was negligent in failing to refer Suleman for a mental health evaluation prior to continued treatments.

AP

SAN FRANCISCO

Court: New hearing for convicted toddler killer

A federal appeals court has ordered a new hearing into a death row inmate's claim of attorney misconduct after his trial for the 1988 murder of a Southern California toddler.

A Los Angeles County jury sentenced Ricky Lee Earp to die after convicting him of raping and murdering a Palmdale girl. Earp contends that a prosecutor later forced a jailhouse informant to recant a statement that another man confessed to the crime.

The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals said Monday that U.S. District Court Judge Manuel Real bungled the initial hearing into the matter. The appeals court says the judge improperly allowed a witness to refuse to testify over fear of self-incrimination.

The court ordered a new judge to hear the misconduct allegations.

AP

LOS ANGELES

Adrien Brody sues over release of thriller film

Adrien Brody has sued the makers of a thriller film for more than $2 million, claiming he hasn't been fully paid for the project and the movie is being released in the United States without his permission.

The Academy Award winning actor sued the makers of "Giallo" in federal court in Los Angeles on Thursday, but an emergency petition to stop the film's DVD release was denied.

Sales of the thriller set in Turin, Italy, began on Tuesday. "Giallo" was shot in 2008.

The judge ruled Brody can still seek an injunction against the film's sale, but must first notify the filmmakers.

Brody claims he is owed $640,000 for starring in the film and that its release is likely to cost him at least $2 million in damages.

In a lawsuit and a sworn declaration, the actor says the film's producers lied to him about financing and vastly overstated how much the film's Italian distribution rights were worth.

The filings state Brody has a right to withhold his likeness from the film until he is paid, but the filmmakers have ignored his demands.

"We respectfully dispute his allegations," said A. Raymond Hamrick III, an attorney for defendants Hannibal Pictures and U.K.-based Giallo Productions Limited.

Hamrick said the filmmakers have been trying to work out a deal with Brody for several months, but the allegations in his lawsuit are not consistent with his contract.

AP

MOORPARK

Account of man charged with murder frozen

An Australian court has frozen a bank account linked to a Ventura County gold trader who's charged with murdering his wife.

The Ventura County Star says the Supreme Court of Western Australia issued a restraining order earlier this month for gold, silver and cash in an account held by Goldfinger Bullion Reserve Corp. The firm is one of several businesses involving James Fayed of Moorpark and his wife, Pamela.

A judge says authorities contend the firm accepted money obtained through fraud.

Pamela Fayed was estranged from James Fayed when she was stabbed to death in a Los Angeles parking garage in 2008, one day before a divorce hearing. Fayed and three other men are charged with murder and conspiracy.

U.S. prosecutors also are trying to seize millions of dollars in accounts tied to Fayed's businesses.

AP

Schwarzenegger wants voters to stand up for environment

ROBIN HINDERY
Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger said Tuesday he doesn't just want to defeat the November ballot measure that would suspend the state's greenhouse gas emissions law — he wants voters to trounce it to prompt Washington to create a new national energy policy.

Speaking in San Francisco, Schwarzenegger characterized Proposition 23 as a battle between out-of-state oil interests and environmental progress.

"Now, there's some Texan oil companies, they don't like our environmental laws," the Republican governor told the audience at the Willie L. Brown Jr. Institute annual breakfast. "And so I want to ask all of you to do everything you can to make everyone vote 'no' on this proposition."

The petroleum industry has spent millions to promote the measure, which would indefinitely suspend AB32, California's 2006 law mandating significant emissions reductions by 2020. Supporters say such a move is necessary to protect small businesses and save jobs in a state where unemployment is at 12.4 percent.

Critics say that argument masks greed and self-interest among oil industry executives. They contend AB32 ultimately would create more jobs than it eliminates in the short term.

Schwarzenegger called for voters to send a clear message to Proposition 23's backers.

"It's very important that we push back, and it is important that we do it with a huge victory, a huge margin," he said Tuesday. "Then we can go to Washington and say, 'Let's go and set a national energy policy.'"

The governor's remarks kicked off a series of events organized by Proposition 23 opponents. Later in the day, a group of 68 venture capitalists and investors issued a joint statement against the measure, calling it "shortsighted and counterproductive" and a threat to the state's position as a clean-energy leader.

In the four years since AB32 was approved, $9 billion has been invested in clean technology in California and more than a million Californians are employed in clean-tech jobs, the statement said.

"This isn't about wearing hemp and adopting a totally new kind of lifestyle," said Alan Salzman, CEO and managing partner of the California-based VantagePoint Venture Partners. "Through this innovation, we are driving to make the energy, water and materials we use cheaper and better than today's fossil fuel-based solutions."

The investors, who collectively manage more than $415 billion in assets, warned that Proposition 23 could put that innovation in jeopardy.

"Proposition 23 is a classic example of short-term thinking that could destroy long-term opportunity and growth in California," said Chris Davis, director of investor programs at Ceres, a Boston-based investment network that focuses on environmental sustainability.

A spokeswoman for the Yes on 23 campaign did not immediately respond to requests for comment from The Associated Press.

The campaign reported raising $8.3 million in the first nine months of this year and has raised at least $724,000 since then. The bulk of the money has come from three out-of-state oil companies — Valero Corp. and Tesoro Corp. of Texas, and Flint Hills Resources, a Wichita, Kan., company owned by Koch Industries.

Insurer sues over false wildfire claims

GREG RISLNG
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES Farmers Insurance Exchange has sued a so-called catastrophe chaser and two attorneys, accusing them of submitting false insurance claims relating to a series of California wildfires over the past seven years.

The lawsuit unsealed Tuesday claims Glenn Sims, 56, orchestrated a scam in which he and the lawyers filed either sham or inflated claims for supposed smoke and ash damage suffered by homeowners in several fires dating back to 2003.

The lawsuit filed last month estimates there were more than 270 false claims made to Farmers totaling about $7 million, some of which were paid out. The filings seeks to recover three times that amount as well as civil penalties.

"These people are taking advantage of the system that is designed to compensate people whose homes have been damaged in wildfires," said Dennis Kass, an attorney representing Farmers. "It's unfair to those who suffered real damages to have these false claims gumming up the system."

Sims' attorney, Michael Chaney, says he couldn't comment on the lawsuit because he hadn't seen it.

Sims faces insurance fraud charges in Ventura stemming from a similar alleged scam following the 1994 Northridge earthquake.

Also named in the lawsuit are Southern California attorneys Neil Anapol and Robert Amidon. Both lawyers knew about the scheme, according to the lawsuit. Phone messages left for Anapol and Amidon were not immediately returned.

Kass said Sims portrayed himself as an insurance damage consultant and was aggressively seeking Farmers policyholders to file damage claims. Homeowners would typically get about two-thirds of the proceeds and the rest was divvied up between Sims and the lawyers, Kass said.

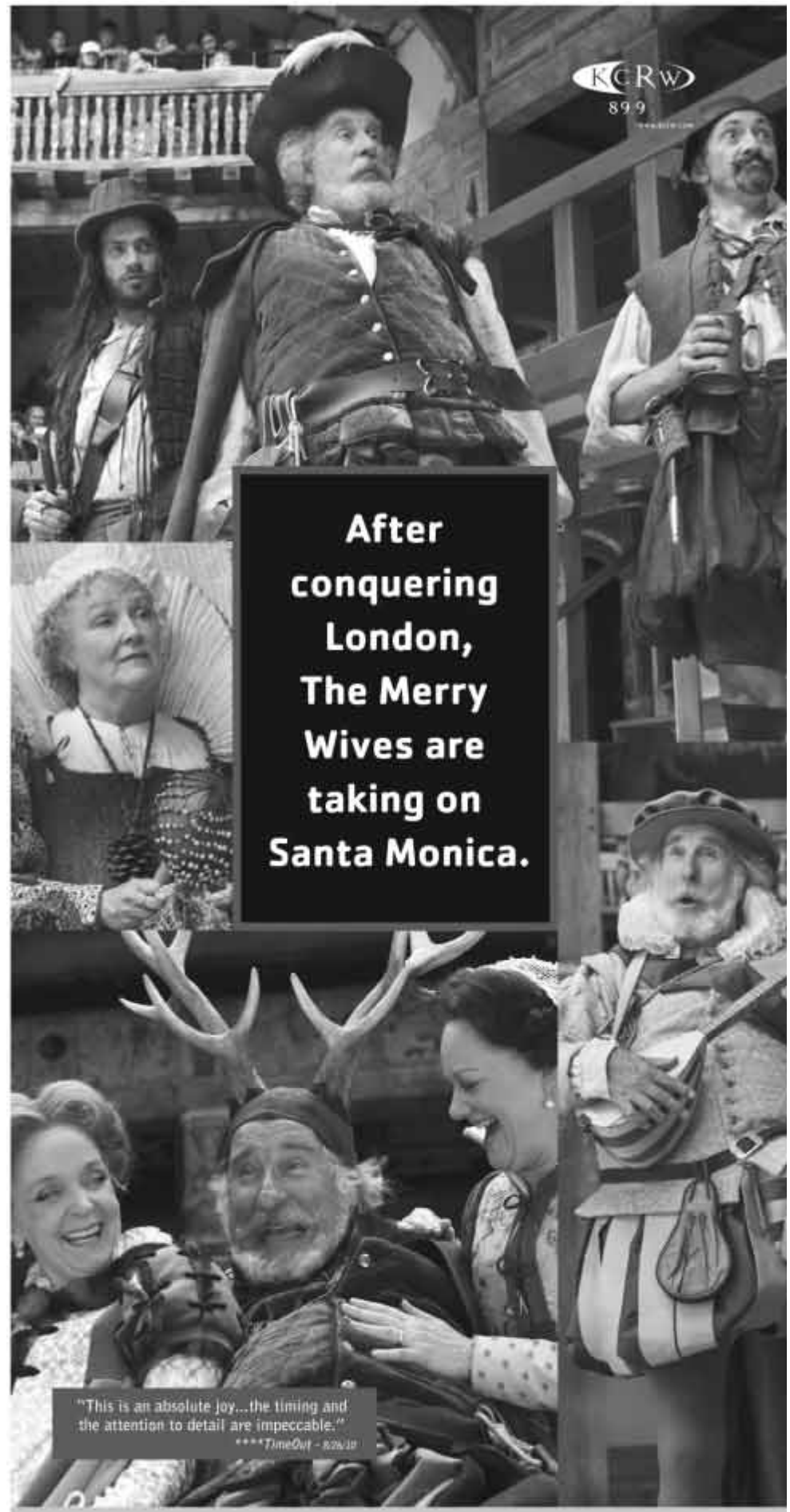
"He represented to these folks that they could send their kids to college or go on vacation with the claim money," Kass said.

The claims averaged between $20,000 and $70,000. Some homeowners participated in the scam, taking ashes from their barbecues or fireplaces in order to file a false claim, Kass said.

Farmers launched its own investigation 2? years ago and has received cooperation from several people who worked with Sims. The allegations have been forwarded to the California Department of Insurance and the Los Angeles County district attorney's office.

The state insurance department declined to comment about any pending investigation. The district attorney's office had no immediate response.

Farmers Group Inc. was sued by more than 1,000 homeowners in August, accused of refusing to pay claims for smoke and ash damages suffered during last summer's massive Station Fire near Los Angeles. The firm that filed that lawsuit is not named as a defendant in the suit unsealed Tuesday.



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Firm: September SoCal home sales drop to three-year low

JACOB ADELMAN
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES Home sales in Southern California last month fell 16 percent from a year earlier to reach their lowest September level in three years, a tracking firm said Tuesday.

San Diego-based MDA DataQuick said the six-county region saw 18,091 sales last month, compared with 21,539 in September 2009, illustrating renewed concerns over the pace of the housing market's recovery. September's sales fell 2.4 percent from 18,541 in August, their third month-to-month decline in a row.

The firm noted that sales generally decline between August and September. The average decline between the two months has been 9.2 percent since 1988, when DataQuick's statistics begin.

"Today's market can be characterized as much by activity that's not happening as by the activity that is happening," DataQuick President John Walsh said. "We're seeing distress-selling, bargain-hunting and entry-level buying, while the rest of the market is still largely on hold."

The median home price in Southern California rose 7.5 percent last month to $295,500, from $275,000 in September 2009, DataQuick said. The increase was up from 4.7 percent in August, when the median saw its slimmest gain in a string of year-to-year increases that began in December.

Last month's month-to-month median price increase — up 2.6 percent from $288,000 in August — also represented an improvement over the July-to-August figures, when the median fell 2.4 percent.

But Richard Green, who directs the University of Southern California's Lusk Center for Real Estate, cautioned that the more upbeat numbers don't necessarily indicate a positive shift in the market, where prices remain depressed and sales sluggish.

"I think the price numbers are just noise right now," he said. "The prices are sort of bobbing along at the same place."

Foreclosures accounted for 33.4 percent of last month's sales, down from 34.5 percent in August and 40.4 percent a year ago.

September's sales dipped to a level not seen since 2007, when there were 12,455 transactions that month. Walsh predicted that buyers would return to the market when banks become more willing to lend.

Although mortgage rates have fallen to their lowest level in decades, it has become harder to qualify for a loan. Banks have been especially reluctant to extend "jumbo" loans — generally defined as loans in excess of $417,000 — to anyone without pristine credit and lots of cash in reserve.

"As many wait for this market uncertainty and turbulence to pass, demand is being generated and is accumulating," he said. "At some point, the mortgage spigot will be reopened and there will be a surge of buying activity."

But Green said the market is being most bogged down by slow sales of high-priced homes and buyers aren't necessarily going to begin snapping up such properties even if they have the credit lines to do so.

While the low rates make it a sound economic decision for some potential homeowners to exchange high rents for affordable mortgages, high-end homes are still seen as a stretch for many buyers in the weak economy.

"People don't need to buy a million dollar house," he said. "How many people are demanding houses at those price points? People may be uncomfortable committing to that amount of money."

MEDIA

Yahoo profit doubles, revenue still lagging

MICHAEL LIEDTKE
AP Technology Writer

SAN FRANCISCO Yahoo Inc. shuffled through another quarter of sluggish growth, a performance that may further test the patience of the Internet company's already restless shareholders.

The third-quarter results announced Tuesday also seem likely to intensify the pressure on CEO Carol Bartz to end a four-year financial funk amid speculation that the company could become a takeover target because of its slumping stock price.

Yahoo made some progress on the earnings front, thanks largely to cost-cutting moves since Yahoo hired Bartz to orchestrate a turnaround 21 months ago.

Net income totaled $396 million, or 29 cents per share, in the three months ending in September. That was more than double earnings of $186 million, or 13 cents per share, at the same time last year.

But this year's figures included a one-time gain of $186 million from Yahoo's sale of its help-wanted site, HotJobs, to Monster Worldwide Inc. If not for that boost, Yahoo's earnings would have been 16 cents per share, a penny above the average estimate among analysts surveyed by Thomson Reuters.

Revenue for the quarter totaled $1.6 billion, up by less than 2 percent from $1.58 billion at the same time last year. The paltry gain contrasted with a 23 percent revenue increase at Google Inc., which competes against Yahoo for online advertisers.

After subtracting advertising commissions, Yahoo's third-quarter revenue was $1.12 billion - about $10 million below analyst estimates.

Yahoo shares gained 11 cents after the third-quarter numbers came out. The stock finished Tuesday's regular trading session at $15.49, down 44 cents.

Yahoo spent $868 million during the quarter buying back 62 million of its own shares. While that helped lift earnings per share, the company's stock price remains down by 8 percent so far this year. And the stock remains far below the $33 per share that Microsoft offered to buy the company in its entirety in May 2008, only to have Yahoo balk at the price.

The third-quarter showing is the latest indication that Bartz's efforts to shake up Yahoo haven't been enough to win back advertisers who are increasingly spending more of their money at Google and trendier online hangouts such as Facebook.

Yahoo has been trying to piggyback on Facebook's rising popularity by connecting more of its services to the social network, but so far the strategy isn't producing a big jump in advertising.

As part of its effort to save money, Yahoo is now relying on Microsoft Corp.'s technology to deliver most of the search results on its U.S. website. In the next phase of the two companies' 10-year partnership, Microsoft will take over the search advertising chores for Yahoo by the end of this month.

REAL ESTATE

Lenders claim foreclosure documents are accurate

ALAN ZIBEL
AP Real Estate Writer

WASHINGTON Big lenders are trying to move past the foreclosure-document mess, saying they're now confident their paperwork is accurate.

Yet they face so much organized resistance that they can't just snap up their briefcases, declare the crisis over and move on.

Consider the opposition:

• Attorneys general in all 50 states are jointly investigating whether lenders violated state laws.

• Lawyers for evicted homeowners are preparing lawsuits against major lenders.

• State judges have signaled they will review the banks' foreclosure documents with skepticism.

• Lawmakers on Capitol Hill plan to hold hearings.

The document crisis, in other words, appears far from over.

Statements on Monday by Bank of America and GMAC Mortgage that they are resuming foreclosures in the 23 states that require a judge's approval brought a wave of denunciations from public officials Tuesday. Attorneys general and other officials said bank officials could face civil — and potentially criminal — charges for flouting court procedures in handling foreclosure documents.

Hundreds of judges around the country have the authority to penalize bank officials who violate their procedural rules. They could also force thousands of foreclosure cases to go to full trials rather than issue a quick ruling.

Judges won't take well to banks that filed erroneous documents with their courts, said Indiana Attorney General Greg Zoeller.

"There could be some serious consequences," including criminal charges, Zoeller said.

Even if there aren't, lawsuits are likely to continue for years, said Guy Cecala, publisher of trade publication Inside Mortgage Finance.

"Some of these plaintiffs' attorneys clearly smell blood in the water," Cecala said.

Bank of America and GMAC say they have yet to find mistakes in the documents they've reviewed so far.

The banks' decisions came several weeks after they began halting some foreclosures. They froze those cases amid allegations that their employees signed but didn't read documents that may have contained errors.

State officials argue that the systems the banks used to process foreclosures were inherently flawed and likely remain so. They are vowing to push ahead in their investigations.

"While they are telling us that they have fixed those problems, we can't just take their word for it," said Patrick Madigan, an assistant attorney general in Iowa who is spearheading the 50-state investigation. "We intend to independently verify whether the problems have been fixed."

Some judges say the document problems are persisting.

Justice Arthur Schack of State Supreme Court in Brooklyn, who's gained national attention for throwing out flawed foreclosure cases, said he's still finding errors. In a stack of foreclosure cases sitting on his desk, he said he found flaws in most of them after a 10-minute once-over.

"It's nice of Bank of America to issue a press release," Schack said. "But they'd better file all their paperwork and makes sure it's done correctly, because they're asking me to take someone's house away."

Florida has been the state most affected by the document mess. Officials there say they're skeptical that banks have managed to resolve their paperwork problems so fast.

Chief Judge J. Thomas McGrady of Florida's 6th Judicial Circuit on Florida's Gulf coast, said judges in his circuit will scrutinize foreclosure documents, case by case.

Peter Ticktin, a Florida plaintiffs' attorney, said, "Pragmatically, it is impossible" for the bank to fix documents so quickly.

Bank of America says it will begin next week to refile documents for more than 100,000 foreclosure cases next week. CEO Brian Moynihan said on a conference call Tuesday that employees who have reviewed the bank's documents have found no inaccurate information that "would affect the plain facts of the foreclosure."

Attention will shift next month to Capitol Hill, where House and Senate lawmakers have scheduled hearings.

Rep. Maxine Waters, D-Calif., said Tuesday that she was "disappointed by Bank of America's rush to resume foreclosures after such a short review." Waters has introduced legislation that would bar lenders from foreclosing without offering homeowners any assistance. Consumer advocates and some lawmakers, meanwhile, argue that banks need to do far more.

ENERGY

Families sue PG&E over gas line blast

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN BRUNO Five families affected by the fatal gas pipeline explosion in a San Francisco suburb have filed separate lawsuits against Pacific Gas & Electric Co.

Attorneys for Susan Bullis, who lost her husband, 17-year-old son and mother-in-law, was among those who filed lawsuits in San Mateo County Superior Court on Tuesday.

The Sept. 9 blast killed a total of eight people and destroyed 37 homes. The cause of the pipeline rupture remains under investigation.

The lawsuits say PG&E's pipeline was "a ticking timebomb" that the utility negligently maintained.

The company already faces at least two other lawsuits related to the disaster.

PG&E spokeswoman Katie Romans declined comment until officials had a chance to review the lawsuits.



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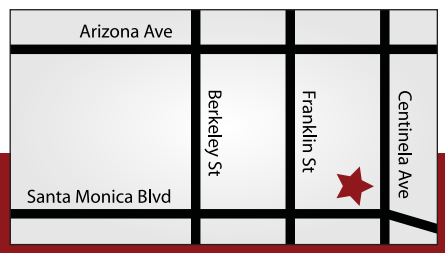
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was KABC-AM talk show host John Phillips.

Robert Kronovet, a current Santa Monica Rent Control Board commissioner who is running for City Council, was there as well and also believes Republicans in Santa Monica and throughout greater Los Angeles need to more strongly voice their opinions so elected officials have an understanding of what issues matter to them.

"We Republicans here in Santa Monica are the loyal opposition — we are looking to serve locals with a strong, unified, singular voice," Kronovet declared. "We believe the voters are entitled to a voice for their concerns."

Kronovet and Republican groups in the area may be on to something. In 2008, the Republican base in Santa Monica was around 15,200. In 2006 that number was only half as many at 7,800, and in 1994 there were only about 3,800. In 16 years, the number of Republican voters in Santa Monica has nearly quadrupled.

Polly Benson-Brown, former president of SMRWF and current editor and parliamentarian for the Federated club, has lived in Santa Monica for over 40 years and has seen the changes in the area over time. She remembers Santa Monica being very conservative in the 1950s and '60s.

"The thing about being a Republican in this town who's not only registered to vote but who's active and who gets involved is that there is always a challenge, there is always something to do. The more I think about it, being a Republican in Santa Monica, it's nice having a sense that we have something we need to prove," she said.

A West Los Angeles woman named Iris, who refused to give her last name, offered a more personal account of what it's like for her being a conservative in a liberal bastion.

"It's difficult being a conservative here with so many liberals around, they don't want to hear or engage in any discussion," she said. "It's like name-calling, like calling the Tea Party people racist or not knowing much about someone like Sarah Palin and trashing her in front of me. Liberals don't really engage in two-way discussion. It's easy to be a liberal — it's more difficult, more intellectually challenging being a conservative."

One couple in attendance was very familiar with the rise and fall in popularity of the Republican Party in the area; Bill and Greta (who asked to have their surname omitted) from Encino have lived in Los Angeles all their lives. "L.A. is a liberal town in some ways, if you read what's in the papers," Bill said.

"What we need is a balance in power. We think Republicans will be voted in because people are always looking for a way to improve, and with the elected officials in office now we aren't seeing any improvements at any level of government."

The theme of the night, besides urging local Republicans to come out of the closet, was the need for change. Will this need force more Republicans to change and become more vocal on the Westside? We'll just have to wait for election day on Nov. 2 to find out.

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DRILL
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monster quake, fire and police personnel will practice crisis communication procedures and simulate citywide damage surveys, said Paul Weinberg, City Hall's emergency services coordinator.

While the drill's usefulness as a dry-run for emergency professionals is clear, the Great Shakeout is largely aimed at civilians who may not be prepared for the big one.

In fact, 90 percent of injuries during earthquakes are easily preventable, Weinberg said, and could be avoided by simply taking appropriate shelter when the shaking starts.

City Hall, various social service providers, private companies and the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District are all taking part. Some participating groups will be practicing evacuations and simulated "search and rescue" procedures. Others will simply be using their intercoms to encourage people to "Drop, Cover and Hold On."

At the local branch of the Red Cross, Executive Director John Pacheco said his organization plans to run through all the motions of disaster response, interfacing with as many as 50 social service organizations that offer lifeline services and are part of the Santa Monica Organization Active in Disasters (SMOAID).

Local public schools will also be going all out.

"Every school is going to do a full earthquake drill and the central office is going to open and activate its emergency operations center," said Marolyn Freedman, SMMUSD's director of student services.

"EVERY SCHOOL IS GOING TO DO A FULL EQUIVALENT DRILL AND THE CENTRAL OFFICE IS GOING TO OPEN AND ACTIVATE ITS EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER."

Marolyn Freedman,
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The drill both reduces the likelihood of panic in case of the real thing, she said, and provides an opportunity for teachers to explain the importance of keeping a week's worth of emergency supplies on hand — a step City Hall has been promoting through the "Santa Monica I've Got 7" program.

"I think it's really important that everybody has seven days of supplies," she said.

While there's still plenty of unprepared people out there, she said many are growing more cautious.

"I think more and more people are seeing the importance of earthquake preparedness," she said.

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ROUNDUP
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Of the injured, linebacker Justyn Coker injured an already-banged up shoulder. Head Coach Travis Clark said that he intends to rest Coker this week against Ocean League rival Beverly Hills and perhaps beyond depending on how he responds to treatment.

Running back Kori Garcia injured his hand in the game, but said that he expects to play this week.

Tight end Matt Schultz injured his knee, yet his status for this week's game is unknown.

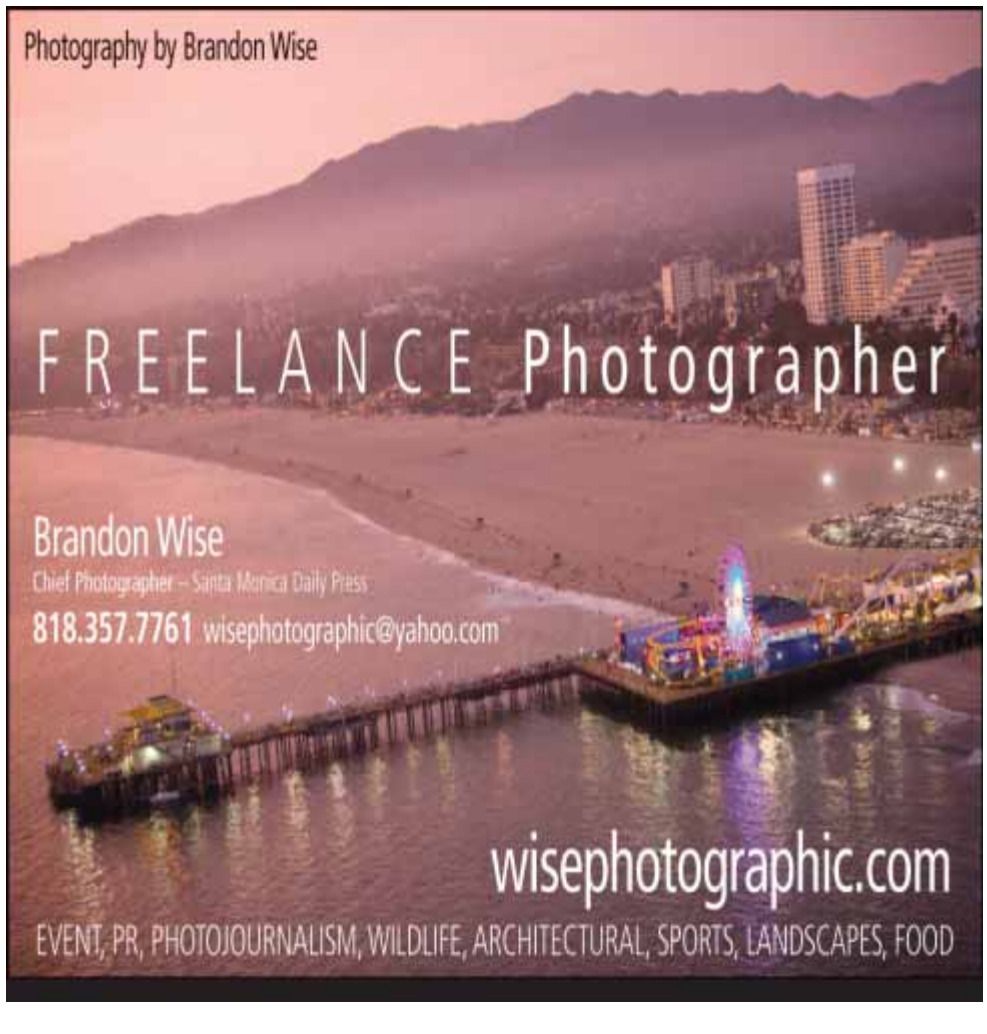
The Samohi Vikings are 3-3 this season and 0-1 in Ocean League play.

LIGHTHOUSE FOOTBALL FALLS TO 3-2

The Lighthouse Christian Saints lost to Rolling Hills Prep, 42-0, last Friday. The loss sends the Saints to 3-2 on the season and 1-2 in Coastal League play.

The Saints will face Pacific Lutheran of Torrance in a league game this Saturday on the road at 2 p.m. The game will be held at Daniel's Field.

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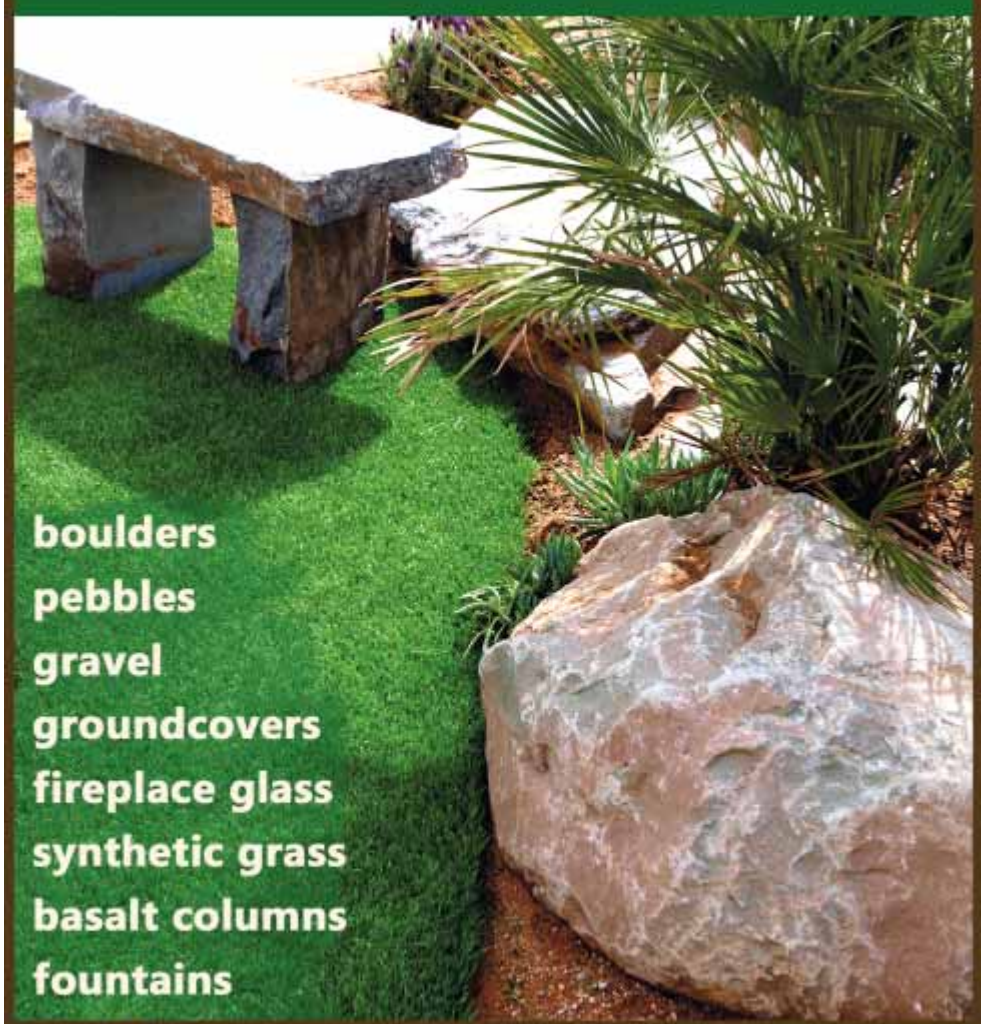


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Beef industry woes may produce subpar meat

CHRISTOPHER LEONARD
AP Agribusiness Writer

AINSWORTH, Neb. In this Great Plains ranching town, cowboys still lasso steers as part of their daily routine and cattle producers like Bob Sears still take pride in the long tradition of raising American beef.

But Sears and many other ranchers say the market for domestic meat has withered to the point where they often receive only a single reasonable bid for their animals — a trend that could eventually mean lesser-quality meat on dinner tables across the United States.

The struggle to get a competitive price, they say, is helping to push thousands of producers out of business and might put pressure on others to sell sicker, weaker cows with less tender, less flavorful meat and smaller rib-eyes, for example.

"When the marketplace is not profitable, the only recourse a producer has is to cut the cost and try to produce more pounds with less money," said Bill Bullard, chief executive officer at R-CALF USA, a Montana-based trade group that represents cattle producers.

The cash market for domestic beef has been declining slowly for years. But The Associated Press interviewed cattle producers in the nation's big ranching states who reported having no choice but to sell the vast majority of their cattle to one buyer.

Producers almost never criticize the industry's leading meatpackers because the companies are valued customers. An AP analysis of shipping logs and sales receipts confirmed their accounts.

"There's actually no market. You either give them to these guys, or you have no market," said Sears, who ran one of Nebraska's biggest feedlots until declaring bankruptcy in March.

The complaints have also drawn the interest of federal regulators, who are investigating possible antitrust violations in the meatpacking industry.

Sears and other cattle producers suspect meatpackers are quietly cooperating to keep prices low in an area that stretches from Kansas to Nebraska and South Dakota, the region that dominates U.S. cattle production.

Industry representatives insist there is no collusion and that the dwindling number of bids reflect broader changes in the way beef is bought and sold throughout the nation.

Without a competitive market, experts say, cattle producers could lose the motivation to raise high-quality meat. Some of them might cut corners on medicine, feed and veterinary care.

"Food animal husbandry requires substantial expenditures," said Peter Carstensen, a law professor at the University of Wisconsin and former Department of Justice antitrust attorney. "If you're not going to be compensated for that, your incentive as a farmer to produce the quality just isn't there."

Cattle production is divided into two stages: Ranchers first raise the cattle from birth until maturity, then hand them over to feedlot owners, who "finish" the animals by fattening them up before selling them to meatpackers.

Since 1996, plunging profits have caused about 11,000 ranches to shut down annually, according to one industry group. That has coincided with a 27 percent drop in the number of U.S. feedlots in just 13 years.

The American beef industry has long been dominated by just a handful of major companies. But as recently as a few years ago, producers could expect to sell their animals to a mix of meatpackers. Now the kind of competitive bidding for livestock that once defined the industry has all but ended in many places.

The process often works like this: Several competitors visit a feedlot to place bids for the same cattle. One or two companies might not submit bids at all. Others offer bids that are several dollars per head less than the market price. The fourth meatpacker bids somewhat higher, ensuring that the rancher has little choice in deciding whose bid to accept.

The competitive cash market for cattle has been gradually shrinking since the 1990s, but the pace of decline has quickened in the last few years. In 1999, the cash market accounted for nearly 70 percent of cattle sales to the top meatpackers.

By 2007, it had fallen to just above 50 percent, according to Department of Agriculture figures. The low cash bids also mean meatpackers can reduce prices paid to ranchers who sell meat by contract, a separate sales system.

Those trends are reflected in the sales of several ranchers who opened their business records to the AP.

Missouri rancher B.J. Neill, for instance, said one company tended to dominate buying at each feedlot where he placed his cattle, even if that company offered low-ball prices.

Shelby Jones, a feedlot manager in Dighton, Kan., had an almost identical experience. Sales figures showed that National Beef Packing Co. LLC bought more than 75 percent of his cattle, despite at least three companies submitting bids. Some of those cattle were sold to National under contract, but even on the open cash market National won 58 percent of the bids.

"You get into the cash market, and it's pretty disproportionate," Jones said.

Such examples have prompted the Agriculture and Justice departments to assign antitrust regulators to investigate the way meatpackers buy cattle.

Neill said two USDA attorneys flew this summer from Colorado to meet with him at a hotel in Clinton, Mo., to take his testimony in a deposition.

Neill said he discussed the way meatpackers appear to divvy up feedlots when they bid for cattle and other tactics that appear aimed at keeping prices low, such as buying cattle late at night, when markets are closed and feedlot owners have to guess what the going price of beef might be.

To restore competitiveness, the Obama administration is proposing the most sweeping antitrust rules for meatpackers since the Great Depression.

The AP's reporting found no evidence that meatpackers had engaged in the kind of flagrant backroom deals that are illegal under antitrust law.

But the companies could be engaged in a sort of gentlemen's understanding, simply taking cues from one another and staying out of certain competitive markets, Carstensen said.

"I doubt very much that I could convince a court that that's illegal," Carstensen said, even if the practice undermines the market.

American beef production has remained almost stagnant between 1985 and 2009, growing just 6.4 percent, while the amount of beef from imported cattle has nearly tripled in that time, according to an analysis of USDA figures conducted by R-CALF USA, the trade group that represents cattle producers.

Badly burned Texas man waits for face transplant

JAMIE STENGLE
Associated Press Writer

FORT WORTH, Texas Dallas C. Wiens wants to be able to smile, to smell the rain, to feel his 3-year-old daughter's kisses.

Two years ago, Wiens' face was burned away in a horrible electrical accident that also left him blind. Although doctors were able to transfer skin and muscle from Wiens' back and thighs onto his charred skull, he still doesn't have lips, a nose or even eyebrows. Now, after about two dozen surgeries, the new federal health care law has helped make him eligible to become perhaps the third person in the U.S. to ever undergo a face transplant.

"I do miss my sight," said Wiens, who lost his eyes in the accident. "But I miss the sensation of my face and my sense of smell the most."

Wiens underwent dozens of physical and psychological tests before Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston — one of only two U.S. centers to perform the procedure — approved him as a candidate this month. The federal health care law helped him overcome one hurdle by allowing the 25-year-old Fort Worth man to be covered by his father's insurance to pay for the expensive medication he'll need after the operation. Wiens will likely wait months more, according to doctors, before a donor is found.

"I'm a little nervous as you can expect with any major procedure like this. I'm extremely excited over the possibility of just having a normal life back," he said. "There's no words to describe what that would be like."

Wiens has no memory of the November 2008 accident that took his face. Working as a contractor, he was helping his brother and uncle paint a church when, while high above the ground on a boom lift, he hit a power line.

"I'm told I lost control of the lift and ended up moving directly into the power lines," he said.

He was in a coma for three months and spent a total of six months at Parkland Memorial Hospital in Dallas undergoing surgeries. A smooth layer of skin now covers where his eyes and nose once were and he has learned to get around with the help of a walking stick. Although he has no lips or even teeth, he speaks with a strong, clear voice and is easy to understand.

"I see every day as a challenge, an opportunity for hope and joy. I'm happier now than I think I've ever been in my life," said Wiens, who lives in Fort Worth with his grandparents.

Wiens had no health insurance when he was injured; Medicaid paid for his initial care at Parkland. But he was dropped from the government health care program for the poor when his disability payments put him over its income limits.

He needed his father's insurance to help him pay for anti-rejection drugs he'll need after the surgery, which will cost $1,300 to $2,000 a month, Wiens said. He was able to qualify for his father's insurance because a provision of the federal health care law extends family insurance coverage to adult children until age 26.

Wiens turns 26 in May. As a disabled person, he'll be able receive Medicare by June.

The Department of Defense will pay for the cost of surgery, he said. It's underwriting the transplant with the hope of eventually being able to help soldiers with severe facial injuries.

Dr. Jeffrey Janis, chief of plastic surgery at Parkland Health and Hospital System, said when he met Wiens, his head was "a burned skull." Janis was the one who first told Wiens about the possibility of a face transplant.

"It's really miraculous that he was able to survive surgery, leave the hospital," Janis said.

About a dozen face transplants have been performed worldwide since the first one, a partial transplant in France in 2006. Wiens is currently the only person awaiting a face transplant at Brigham and Women's, a hospital spokesman said. And no one is currently listed for the procedure at the Cleveland Clinic, the only other U.S. center to previously perform the surgery.

A donor must match Wiens' blood type and have a similar skin color and texture, Dr. Bohdan Pomahac said in a statement from Brigham and Women's. Pomahac is among a team of more than three dozen who would perform the transplant at the hospital.

Wiens also knows that after the transplant, it will take time for him to regain feeling and functionality in his face.

He said his daughter — who refers to his facial deformity as his "boo boo" — and his faith have kept him motivated and given him a purpose.

"She says, 'Daddy has a boo boo, but God and the doctors are making Daddy's boo boo all better,'" said Wiens, who is in the process of getting a divorce. "She doesn't care and she never has since day one that I was disfigured."

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States prepare new citizenship legislation

AMANDA LEE MYERS & PAUL DAVENPORT
Associated Press Writers

PHOENIX Lawmakers in at least 14 states announced Tuesday they are working on legislation to deny U.S. citizenship to the children of illegal immigrants, although they weren't specific about how they plan to do it.

Arizona Sen. Russell Pearce said he and the lawmakers have a working draft of their model legislation and have consulted constitutional scholars to change the 14th Amendment and deny automatic citizenship.

"This is a battle of epic proportions," Pearce said Tuesday during a news conference at the Arizona Capitol. "We've allowed the hijacking of the 14th Amendment."

Pearce declined to say how the legislation will differ from similar measures that have been introduced in each two-year congressional session since 2005. None of them made it out of committee.

He and another Arizona lawmaker did argue that wording in the amendment that guarantees citizenship to people born in the U.S. who are "subject to the jurisdiction" of this country does not apply to the children of illegal immigrants because such families don't owe sole allegiance to the U.S.

The efforts by Pearce and the other lawmakers come amid calls to change the U.S. Constitution's 14th Amendment. Supporters cite costs to taxpayers for services provided to illegal immigrants and their children.

Constitutional changes require approval by two-thirds majorities in both chambers of Congress, an impossibility now because Democrats have the majority in both houses and most oppose such a measure. Even if Republicans gain power in November and legislation is passed, an amendment would still need to be ratified by three-fourths of the states.

Paul Bender, a constitutional law professor at Arizona State University, said if the lawmakers focus their argument on the "subject to jurisdiction" wording, they won't get very far because the founders only meant it to apply to the children of foreign diplomats born in the U.S.

"If the British ambassador and his wife have a child in the U.S., that child is not a citizen because he is not subject to the jurisdiction of the U.S. We cannot put him in jail, we cannot even give him a parking ticket," Bender said.

The 14th Amendment "could have easily have said you're a citizen if you owe your allegiance, but our Constitution doesn't say that," he said.

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Peregrine falcons checked for Gulf oil

BRIAN SKOLOFF
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SOUTH PADRE ISLAND, Texas Once nearly wiped from the wild in North America by widespread pesticide use, Peregrine falcons have rebounded across the continent. Now, scientists are studying whether the predators are running into trouble from BP's oil spill.

The research may also help determine the health of species lower down the food chain in the Gulf of Mexico.

The falcons, along with bald eagles and brown pelicans, nearly vanished from the wild before the pesticide DDT was banned in 1972. Since predatory birds are at the top of the food chain, smaller amounts of DDT that tainted their prey built up to higher dosages in their bodies and caused egg shells to thin, threatening reproduction.

All three species have since been removed from the federal endangered list, but scientists are concerned that some migrating Peregrine falcons passing through the Gulf from their nesting grounds in Alaska and Greenland may be affected by remnants of the oil spill.

"They look for a prey species that's handicapped in some way, and they'll go after that bird, so if they would see a shore bird that has oil on it, that's not flying quite right, as a predator, they'll key in on that bird, and kill it first," said Bill Heinrich, a biologist with The Peregrine Fund, a nonprofit group based in Boise, Idaho, that helped restore the birds in the wild through its captive breeding program.

Heinrich worries toxins from the oil spill may wind up contaminating falcon prey and could accumulate in their systems and cause reproductive problems when they return home. He also says if any toxins are found while collecting blood samples from the birds currently migrating across the Gulf, it could be an indicator that other species aren't faring well.

"Being at the top of the food chain, they're an environmental barometer ... You know if something happens to the Peregrine, you know that things further down the food chain, things aren't right," Heinrich said.

The Peregrine Fund and other scientists are currently capturing the birds on South Padre Island in Texas, taking blood samples and releasing them back into the wild to make their journey home. It could be several months before test results indicate harmful effects from the oil, if any.

Roger Helm, chief of environmental quality for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, says it's probably unlikely that the falcons will suffer any long-term effects given BP's well that blew out on April 20 spewing more than 200 million gallons of oil has now been capped, and consistent exposure would be needed to severely harm the birds.

However, he said, the research is certainly welcomed and could help answer some unresolved questions.

"Given the fact that it's been hard to figure out where all this oil is, if it's showing up in really high levels in Peregrines, wow, that would be very significant," Helm said. "Even in just a few birds. That would be very suggestive that there's some real significant source of oil out there, and that would be useful information."

Gay applicants to be accepted by military

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The military is accepting openly gay recruits for the first time in the nation's history, even as it tries in the courts to slow the movement to abolish its "don't ask, don't tell" policy.

At least two service members discharged for being gay began the process to re-enlist after the Pentagon's Tuesday announcement.

Meanwhile, a federal judge in California who overturned the 17-year policy last week was likely to reject the government's latest effort to halt her order telling the military to stop enforcing the law.

The Justice Department will likely appeal if she does not suspend her order.

The Defense Department has said it would comply with U.S. District Judge Virginia Phillips' order and had frozen any discharge cases. Pentagon spokeswoman Cynthia Smith said recruiters had been given top-level guidance to accept applicants who say they are gay.

Recruiters also have been told to inform potential recruits that the moratorium on enforcement of the policy could be reversed at any time, if the ruling is appealed or the court grants a stay, she said.

Gay rights groups were continuing to tell service members to avoid revealing that they are gay, fearing they could find themselves in trouble should the law be reinstated.

"What people aren't really getting is that the discretion and caution that gay troops are showing now is exactly the same standard of conduct that they will adhere to when the ban is lifted permanently," said Aaron Belkin, executive director of the Palm Center, a think tank on gays and the military at the University of California Santa Barbara. "Yes, a few will try to become celebrities."

An Air Force officer and co-founder of a gay service member support group called OutServe said financial considerations are playing a big role in gay service members staying quiet.

"The military has financially trapped us," he said, noting that he could owe the military about $200,000 if he were to be dismissed.

The officer, who asked not to be identified for fear of being discharged, said he's hearing increasingly about heterosexual service members approaching gay colleagues and telling them they can come out now.

He also said more gay service members are coming out to their peers who are friends, while keeping their orientation secret from leadership. He said he has come out to two peers in the last few days.

"People are coming out informally in their units," the officer said. "Discussions are happening right now."

An opponent of the judge's ruling said confusion that has come up is exactly what Pentagon officials feared and shows the need for her to immediately freeze her order while the government appeals.

"It's only logical that a stay should be granted to avoid the confusion that is already occurring with reports that the Pentagon is telling recruiters to begin accepting homosexual applicants," said Tony Perkins, the president of the Family Research Council, a conservative advocacy group based in Washington that supports the policy.

The uncertain status of the law has caused much confusion within an institution that has historically discriminated against gays.

Before the 1993 law, the military banned gays entirely and declared them incompatible with military service. There have been instances in which gays have served, with the knowledge of their colleagues.

Twenty-nine nations, including Israel, Canada, Germany and Sweden, allow openly gay troops, according to the Log Cabin Republicans, a gay rights group and plaintiff in the lawsuit before Phillips.

The Pentagon guidance to recruiters comes after Dan Woods, the group's attorney, sent a letter last week warning the Justice Department that Army recruiters who turned away Omar Lopez in Austin, Texas may have caused the government to violate Phillips' injunction. Woods wrote that the government could be subject to a citation for contempt.

The White House has insisted their actions in court do not diminish President Barack Obama's efforts to repeal the ban.

In their stay request, government lawyers argue Phillips' order would be disruptive to troops serving at a time of war. They say the military needs time to prepare new regulations and train and educate service members about the change.

Phillips has said her order does not prohibit the Pentagon from implementing those measures.

Douglas Smith, spokesman for U.S. Army Recruiting Command based at Fort Knox, Ky., said even before the ruling recruiters did not ask applicants about their sexual orientation. The difference now is that recruiters will process those who say they are gay.

"If they were to self-admit that they are gay and want to enlist, we will process them for enlistment, but will tell them that the legal situation could change," Smith said.

He said the enlistment process takes time and recruiters have been told to inform those who are openly gay that they could be declared ineligible if the law is upheld on appeal.

"U.S. Army Recruiting Command is going to follow the law, whatever the law is," he said.

The message, however, had not reached some recruiting stations.

In Pensacola, Marine Sgt. Timothy Chandler said he had been given no direction. "As far as we are concerned everything is the same. The policy hasn't changed," he said, as others in the office nodded.

Chandler said no one had come to the small office questioning the policy or asking about being openly gay and serving.

Recruiters at the Navy office next door referred all media questions to the Pentagon. Air Force recruiters said they were not authorized to talk to the media. Army recruiters referred questions to another office in Mobile, Ala.

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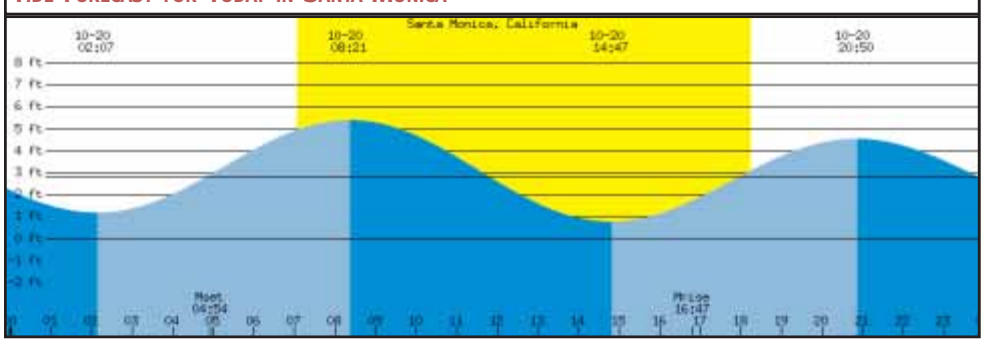
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Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	ns	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Las Alina creeks.	A+	ns
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	ns
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	ns	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	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 fence.	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 Las 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

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NCAA FOOTBALL

UCLA looks for more offense through the air against Oregon

BY GREG BEACHAM
AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES Rick Neuheisel and Norm Chow were willing to do almost anything to get UCLA's running game going this fall, even risking their considerable coaching reputations on the NCAA's latest trendy offense.

That ground game has been fixed by the Pistol — but an even more confounding problem has popped up in its place.

The Bruins (3-3, 1-2 Pac-10) head to Autzen Stadium to face No. 1 Oregon on Thursday night with perhaps the worst passing offense in the nation.

"We have invested heavily in a running game because we felt it was the key to taking the next step in the conference," Neuheisel said. "In no way did we anticipate that in doing that, we would lose our throwing game."

A year after UCLA struggled mightily to run the ball, the Bruins' ground game is purring in the new Pistol offense, racking up 223 yards per game.

Yet their passing game has been reduced to nearly nothing, managing just 95.5 yards amid a weekly slew of overthrown passes, unimpressive route-running and poor pocket protection. If the Bruins fall behind the Ducks, they know it'll be almost impossible to catch up quickly.

It's an embarrassment to Neuheisel and offensive coordinator Chow, who built their reputations on prolific, balanced offenses during their lengthy coaching careers.

UCLA hit the midway point of its season ranked 118th out of 120 FBS teams in passing offense, with only Army and Georgia Tech managing less production through the air this season. The Bruins also are ranked dead last in the FBS in passing efficiency, a statistic that takes into account completion percentage, yards and interceptions.

"It's been tough to throw the ball the way we want to," said Kevin Prince, the oft-injured sophomore quarterback who has started five of the Bruins' six games. "It's tough to swallow sometimes, because you don't want to be that team."

The Bruins haven't passed for more than 128 yards in any game this season, finishing under 100 yards three times — including just 27 in their upset victory at Texas last month. Their quarterbacks are a combined 61 for 132 with six interceptions and just three touchdowns, and none of the Bruins' passes has gone for more than 35 yards.

The Bruins didn't need a prolific passing game to beat the Longhorns, with even Prince chipping in on their impressive 264-yard ground attack. But then the running game crashed to a halt two weeks ago against California, managing just 26 yards in the Golden Bears' 35-7 rout of UCLA.

"We've got to get proficient, and certainly Norm and I have been around proficient offenses in the past," Neuheisel said. "We know what it looks like. We know how to teach, and we're going to get there. But we can't forget what our calling card is, and that's being physical at the line of scrimmage and running the ball."

Still, it's a constant source of frustration for Neuheisel, the former UCLA quarterback who developed prolific offenses at Washington and Colorado before running the Baltimore Ravens' offense three years ago.

It's also a downright stunner for Chow, one of the most respected offensive assistant coaches in recent college football history. After 27 seasons working alongside LaVell Edwards in the innovative BYU passing offense that spawned Steve Young and Heisman Trophy winner Ty Detmer, Chow tutored Heisman winners Carson Palmer and Matt Leinart at USC on the way to two national titles.

Chow sees two main reasons for the Bruins' utter ineptitude through the air: UCLA has been determined to run the ball after managing just 114.6 yards per game on the ground last season, and the passing game was neglected — particularly when Prince missed most of training camp with injuries.

"You dedicate yourself so much to that phase of the game, and in the NCAA, you only get 20 hours to practice every week," Chow said. "We've got young guys who are learning this from the ground up. We don't have a lot of experience, so we have to get that on the job. But we're disappointed. We should be throwing the ball better."

For all of Prince's struggles with accuracy and backup Richard Brehaut's problems with composure and in-game concentration, the Bruins' receivers haven't distinguished themselves, either. Although Neuheisel has landed three highly ranked recruiting classes at his alma mater, the Bruins haven't developed a game-breaking receiver.

Nelson Rosario, who could miss his second straight game with a high ankle sprain, leads the Bruins with just 14 catches for 137 yards. Less-than-speedy starter Taylor Embree has only eight catches for 99 yards, while Josh Smith — the Colorado transfer expected to provide speed — has just three receptions and is suspended for Thursday's game for an undisclosed violation of team rules.

"We don't work at our best unless both phases of the offense are contributing," tailback Johnathan Franklin said. "It's a big change, for sure. You don't expect to start running and stop passing like that, but we're working on it every week."

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2:10pm, 4:45pm, 7:20pm, 9:45pm

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1:00pm, 3:50pm, 6:45pm, 9:35pm

Catfish (PG-13) 1hr 34min
1:05pm, 3:20pm, 5:35pm, 7:50pm, 10:00pm

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12:50pm, 4:00pm, 7:05pm, 10:15pm

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Tamara Drewe (R) 1hr 49min
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Secretariat (PG) 1hr 56min
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Social Network (PG-13) 2hr 1min
12:30pm, 3:30pm, 6:30pm, 9:30pm

Red (PG-13) 1hr 51min
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Stone (R) 1hr 45min
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ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ You might want to listen more than act in the morning. You will want to move a project forward after you have shored up some of the details. Pressure builds, whether you want it to or not. Still, choose your timing. Tonight: All smiles.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Use the a.m. to your benefit. Though many could be surprised by your actions, or you theirs, you don't see the path through the problem. Do a better job of listening to others' points of view this evening. Tonight: Take some much-needed personal time.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ Many people respond in surprising ways to you taking a stand or assuming more responsibility. Though a meeting could be full of bellyaching or sharing, you'll get a better lay of the land. You have the drive to complete a project. Tonight: Where the action is.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ You could understand a lot more of what is going on behind the scenes. You'll see much more than in the past if you kick back and observe. Take action in the afternoon. Others respect how you approach a situation. Tonight: A must beginning.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ Together with a close associate you open up new doors and possibilities. Don't take anything as given unless it is written and signed. Check in with an expert or two if need be. You will find answers. Tonight: Take in new vistas.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Others will dominate the scene. Whether you fight them or join in is your choice. You will discover that by going along with their program, they can see how strong their ideas are. Have a conversation late in the day. Tonight: Dinner for two.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You know what you are doing and where you are heading. An unexpected bump in the road could cause a problem, but it doesn't need to be an obstacle. Network and socialize later today. Tonight: Say "yes" to an offer.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ Allow your creativity to flow and flourish. Your ability to understand what is happening helps you find a solution. Understanding evolves if you can remain stable and direct. Tonight: Relax in a favorite way.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Be sensitive to a domestic matter. You might want to shake loose, but have no possibility of it. Allow greater flow between you and those close to you. Not everything can be about work. Tonight: Let your hair down.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Keep expressing your ideas, even if you get an off-the-wall reaction. You are laying the foundation for a new venture. Lie back in the afternoon, and see what comes toward you. You are changing, and people are changing with you. Tonight: Head home.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Reach out for someone at a distance or an expert whom you trust ultimately. You might change your mind about a situation with the more information you get. Follow through on what is happening behind the scenes. Tonight: Visit with friends.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ You are all smiles and willing to give 100 percent. The unexpected occurs. You have the ability to deal with whatever comes along. Second thoughts occur in a meeting, and you might want to reverse your course. Tonight: Your treat.

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★★★ Average



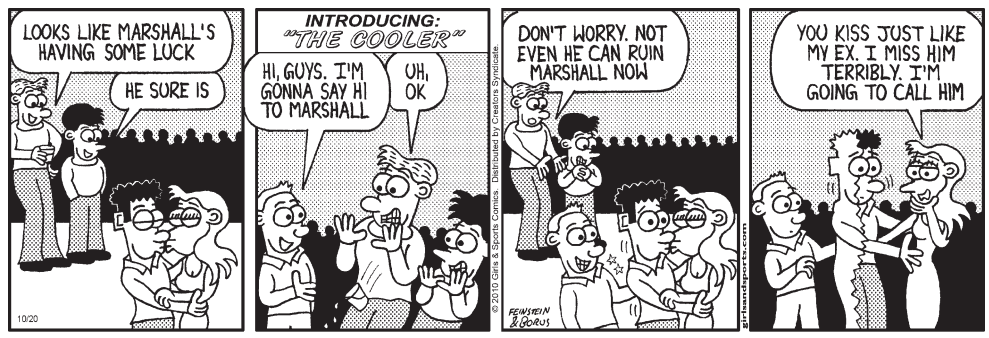
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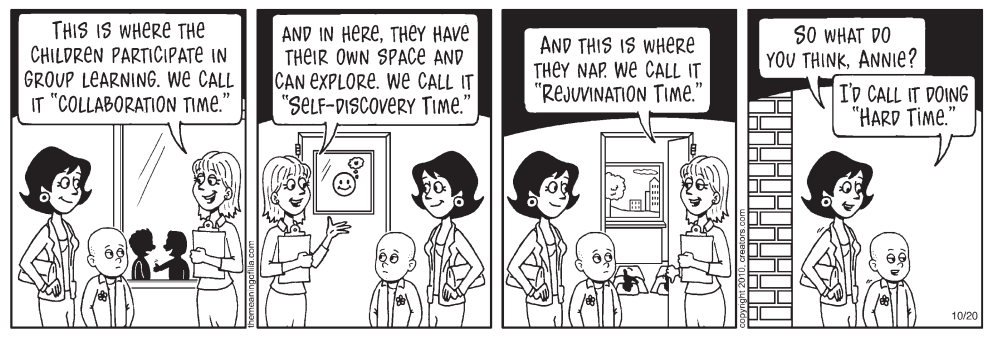
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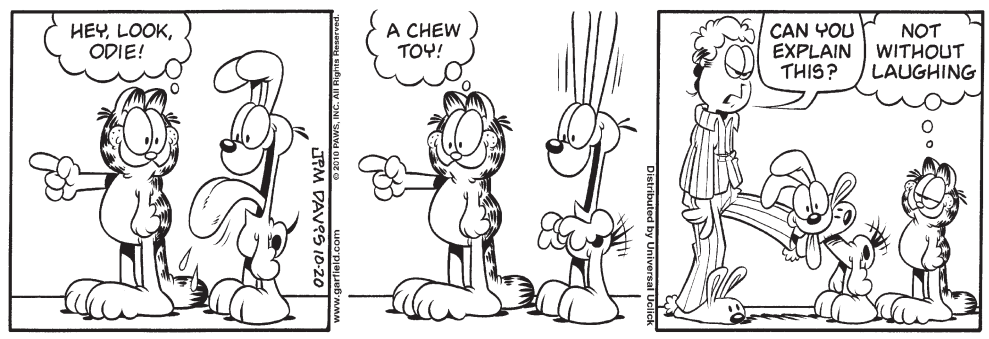
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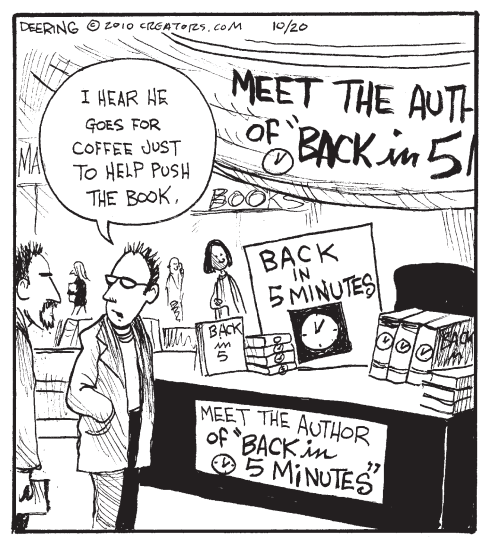
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Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★★

	1	7			9	3	6	8
4			6		1			2
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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

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

1 Family member, familiarly
6 Emulate Buffy
10 Studio sign
11 Confiscate
12 "Divine Comedy" writer
13 Ryan's daughter
14 Coup d'—
15 Full grown
16 Relay section
17 Decline
18 Corral
19 Catcalls and the like
22 Assess
23 Ford creation
26 Difficult to forget
29 Spot to jot
32 "The A-Team" star
33 Letter after sigma
34 Craps roll
36 Crazes
37 Name for a dog
38 Singer Shore
39 Face parts
40 Burning
41 Sentry's command
42 More polite

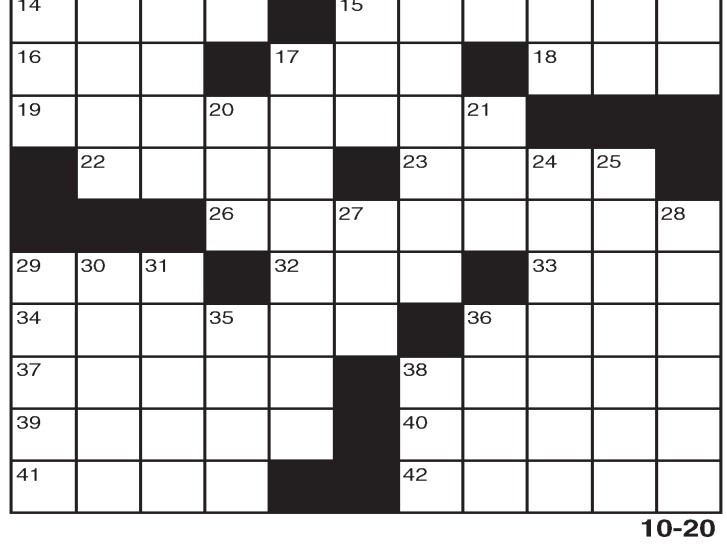
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1 Ford creation
2 Carousing
3 Central American capital
4 Catcher's need
5 "— we there yet?"
6 Pants part
7 Became cheerful
8 Sky hue
9 Saudi Arabia neighbor
11 Still
15 Month after "avril"
17 Clambake fare
20 Utmost
21 Stomach
24 Best Picture of 1997
25 When challenged
27 Coffee dispenser
28 Oil field strike
29 Bar in a cage
30 Honolulu hello
31 New Jersey player
35 Let off steam
36 Name for a poodle
38 Newsman Rather

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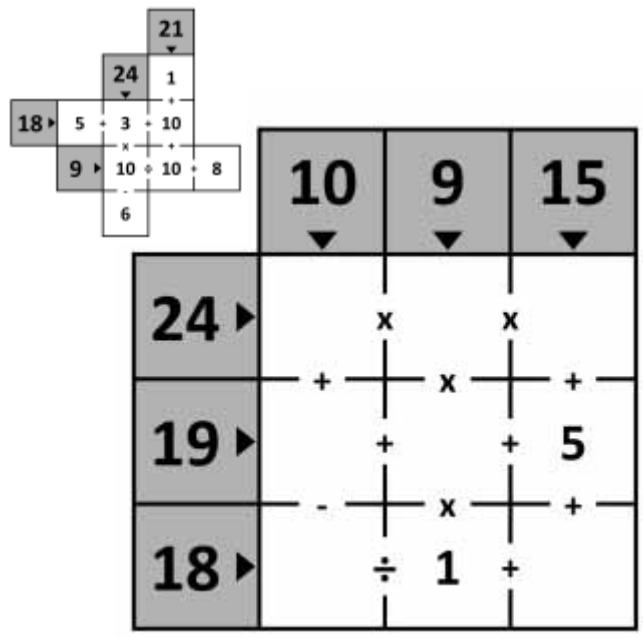
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Jennifer Tesch's daughter, Kennedy, was kicked off her cheerleader squad (supporting a youth flag-football team) in Madison Heights, Mich., after complaining to her mother about the saucy language of one of the cheers in the girls' repertoire: "Our backs ache!/Our skirts are too tight!/We shake our booties!/From left to right!" Kennedy and Jennifer thought that was inappropriate, considering that Kennedy is 6 years old. The team, given the chance to renounce the cheer, voted in September to keep it and instead to punish Kennedy for taking the dispute public.

■ The older the religion, the seemingly more likely its practitioners are to adopt clever workarounds to theological obligations that modern society has rendered inconvenient. Orthodox Jews are among the most creative, as News of the Weird has demonstrated, reporting their imaginative treatments of divorce rituals and expanding the concept of the "home" in which practitioners must remain during the Sabbath. In September, in preparation for the Yom Kippur holy day, caffeine addicts -- traditionally hard-hit by the day's fasting requirement that prohibits ingesting anything "by mouth" -- reportedly made a run on drug stores in Jewish neighborhoods in Brooklyn, N.Y., to buy caffeine suppositories.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1944 The Soviet Army and Yugoslav Partisans liberate Belgrade, the capital of Yugoslavia

1944 Liquid natural gas leaks from storage tanks in Cleveland, then explodes; the explosion and resulting fire level 30 blocks and kill 130.

1944 General Douglas MacArthur fulfills his promise to return to the Philippines when he commands an Allied assault on the islands, reclaiming them from the Japanese during the Second World War.

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