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Postseason is within sight

A win over Hawthorne gets Samohi into the CIF playoffs

BY MELODY HANATANI | Daily Press Staff Writer

HAWTHORNE For Santa Monica High School, an entire football season comes down to the match-up tonight against Hawthorne High School.

Sporting a 2-2 Ocean League record, the Vikings still control their own destiny as to whether they will make the CIF Southern Section playoffs. A victory over

Hawthorne, which sits alone at the bottom of the league, will seal their ticket to the postseason.

James Swain's Hawthorne team comes into the season finale winless, shut out in several games and losing contests by an average of 38 points a game.

But regardless of their past, the Cougars will hold home field advantage in tonight's game against a team that has yet to win on the road.

"They've got some good athletes that can make plays," Samohi head coach Zach Cuda said on Thursday. "We definitely have to show up and play well on Friday."

The offensive unit will be led once again by senior quarterback Ryan Katz who threw four touchdown pass-

es last week against Inglewood High School, including a 35-yard pass to wide receiver Jon Dunn, who made a diving catch in the end zone during Samohi's 44-21 victory.

"Jon just made a beautiful catch in the end zone," Cuda said.

The Vikings set the tone for the game early on, scoring 28 unanswered points in the first half and scoring on four consecutive drives after punting away their first possession. They added to the lead in the beginning of the third quarter when during the first play of the drive, Katz threw a short pass to wide receiver Taylor Wright who

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Key Frances

1432 Fourth St., 9 p.m. — 1:30 a.m.

Key Frances, singer and songwriter, performs his funky, rockin' blues music Friday night at Harvelle's. As a player, Key has shared the stage with many notables, including Buddy Guy, Junior Wells and Albert King. For more information, visit www.harvelles.com.

Saturday, Nov. 10, 2007

Floral fusion

601 Santa Monica Blvd., 2 p.m. — 4 p.m.

Brenda Berkley, proprietor of The Flower Box, demonstrates the principles of Zen aesthetics in creating unique floral designs for the holiday season. Copies of her recent book, "Zen Flowers: Designs to Soothe the Senses and Nourish the Soul," will be available for sale and a signing follows the program.

Grand Master VA

2101 Ocean Park Blvd., 12:30 p.m. — 5 p.m.

Simultaneous demonstration and chess instruction with California's highest-ranking chess player, Grand Master Var Akobian. Register by e-mail to play or attend — akobianlibrary@gmail.com.

'Music with Melissa'

11360 Santa Monica Blvd., 10:30 a.m. — 11:30 a.m.

Sing and dance to new and traditional songs. This West L.A. Library program is free to all.

Indian Summer Art Exhibit

2525 Michigan Ave., 11 a.m. — 6 p.m.

Schomburg Gallery presents "Indian Summer," an exhibition of paintings by Los Angeles born and raised artist, Marlena Chumo. For more information, call (310) 453-5757. To view the exhibit, visit www.schomburggallery.com.

Dockside SoCal Wildfire Donation Drive

13717 Fiji Way, Marina del Rey, 11:30 a.m. — 4 p.m.

Pacific Adventure Cruises has joined with Red Cross of Santa Monica for a special "Dockside Donation Drive." Cash donations, canned food and Hefty bags will be collected to benefit victims of the recent Southern California wildfires. Donations will be collected aboard the Catalina Adventure. Make checks payable to Red Cross of Santa Monica.

Andre Marins in concert

601 Santa Monica Blvd., 2 p.m. — 3 p.m.

Andrew Marins returns to the MLK Jr. Auditorium to perform an acoustic guitar concert.

Conversation with a L.A. planning director

13000 Venice Blvd., Venice, 9:30 a.m. — 3:30 p.m.

The Venice Neighborhood Council will be sponsoring a Town Hall with Gail Goldberg, AICP. The event will be held at the Venice High School Auditorium. There is no charge for this event and it is open to all Venice stakeholders.

Los Angeles Asian & Tribal Art Show

1855 Main St., 11 a.m. — 7 p.m.

This November marks the return of the Los Angeles Asian and Tribal Art Show — now in its 17th year. This event features a wide selection of internationally renowned art dealers/galleries specializing in antique and contemporary Asian and Tribal art. General admission is \$12 per person; call for details regarding the opening night benefit preview. For additional information, call (310) 455-2886, or visit www.caskeylees.com.

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





OH, SNAP!

Crew members for the Director Bureau take a break Thursday during the filming of a television commercial for the cereal Rice Krispies at a house near the intersection of 11th Street and Arizona Avenue.

Brandon Wise news@smdp.com

Rape suspect set for first court date

BY GABRIELLE HARRADINE

Special to the Daily Press

LAX COURTHOUSE The 18-year-old day laborer who was arrested Sept. 28 after allegedly breaking into a Santa Monica condo and raping the owner when she returned home from work will face arraignment on Nov. 21 at the West Los Angeles Airport Courthouse.

Luis Mario Lopez had previously worked for the 42-year-old victim at her home in the 1100 block of Princeton Avenue, police said.

Lopez is being charged with five counts of forcible rape and one count each of forcible oral copulation, sexual penetration by a foreign object, first-degree residential burglary and unlawfully taking the victim's car.

Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Antonio Barreto Jr. found sufficient evidence to allow the case to proceed to trial. Lopez, who was 17 at the time of the alleged attack, is being prosecuted as an adult.

If convicted, Lopez faces multiple life prison terms and would be required to submit to HIV-AIDS testing, according to the criminal complaint.

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Doing the math on the cost of living

Local teachers union makes push for accelerating salaries

BY KEVIN HERRERA

Daily Press Staff Writer

MID-CITY Concerned about the rising cost of housing and its effect on teacher retention, the union representing public school teachers in Santa Monica and Malibu is calling on elected officials to change the pay scale so that educators can earn the maximum salary earlier in their careers, enabling them to buy a home and raise a

family in the community where they work.

Harry Keiley, president of the Santa Monica Malibu Teachers Association, said the cost of home ownership and the limited number of rent-controlled apartments have made it difficult for the district to keep highly-qualified teachers, who are forced to seek employment elsewhere in order to live the proverbial American Dream.

"In the last three years alone, we've lost more than 240 teachers," said Keiley. "Some of them to retirement, but a lot of them simply grew frustrated with the high cost of renting apartments and not being able purchase a home anywhere near where they work."

Keiley said the issue of affordable housing is complex, but one solution could be to lower the number of years it takes to

reach the district's maximum salary — \$86,500 — from 21 years to 12 or 15 years.

"Fifty percent of the teachers in SMMUSD have between one and 10 years of experience," Keiley said, "and if they can't afford to live anywhere near where they work, they're not going to stay here for the next 10 years. We will never be able to afford to pay teachers what they deserve, however, it should not take two decades for classroom teachers to reach the maximum salary."

District Superintendent Dianne Talarico did not return phone calls seeking comment.

Creating more workforce housing has become a hot topic in Santa Monica. This past year alone, representatives from City Hall, Santa Monica College, St. John's, Santa

Monica UCLA Medical Center and the school district have been meeting with other stakeholders periodically to discuss ways in which to create more housing that nurses, firemen, police officers and teachers can afford.

City Manager Lamont Ewell called for the meetings after seeing a need to keep more first-responders in Santa Monica. The housing imbalance also create more traffic congestion as workers living outside the city clog the streets during rush hour.

So far the committee has had difficulties coming to terms with what the definition of workforce housing should be and who it should serve. There is also the issue of cost and the lack of available land.

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Save the parks while we can

Editor:

During the next few weeks, Congress has the opportunity to contribute its bare minimum to the health of our environment. With a \$2 billion deficit in national park funding, current proposals call for a \$200 million increase in 2008.

A shortage of funds translates into more than maintenance problems; it means that local beauties can be invaded and ransacked at will. Just last month, Lassen County officials approved a 4,000-unit development project, which would be the biggest in the Sierra Nevada. More frightening prospects also include the world's largest landfill for trash to be built right outside of Joshua Tree Park.

The time to act is now. The chance to break a 30-year spell of environmental neglect is in the hands of our officials, and we urge them to take it.

Emerson Arias

Santa Monica

Bikers should assert their rights

Editor:

(Re: "Cops' crackdown on bikers misguided," Nov. 7)
I completely agree with Roger Swanson that bikes are not the problem, cars are.

Kitty Monsalud

Santa Monica

Symbolic noose is poignant again

Editor:

CNN aired a program called "The Noose" which followed the history of the noose and lynchings in the South. The program began with the recent hanging of a noose on a tree at Jena High School, Ga., and the ensuing controversy. The program showed the grizzly lynchings of blacks in the '20s and '30s. The photographs graphically depicted hangings and the white crowds standing around enjoying the spectacle. Among the crowds were children being indoctrinated to be the next generation of racists. That's the way it works; children learn racism from their parents, they don't teach it in school.

Skip to today and we have the anti-immigration movement and the persecution and targeting of brown-skinned Hispanics, Mexicans and Latinos. Viewing newspaper and TV pictures of anti-immigration protests we see that it is another "white thing." There are no blacks, Hispanics or Asians in attendance. If this isn't racism what is?

Ron Lowe

Santa Monica

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Laughing Matters

Jack Neworth

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No laughs in Lima when Cheney speaks

BACK IN 1999, ONE ASPECT OF presidential candidate George Bush's background that troubled me was his remarkable lack of worldliness. Despite his family's wealth, George had only been out of the country twice — once to Mexico and once to visit his father when he was Ambassador to China. (George later said China was "boring.") Bush wasn't self-conscious about his lack of world travels. In fact, he boasted about it, saying that if he were elected president, the U.S. would not engage in "nation building." And he was also highly critical of Clinton's intervention in Kosovo and Bosnia because they "lacked an exit scenario."

Whenever I think of these two things, I get a migraine.

While campaigning, W's lack of expertise in world affairs soon became obvious. When asked about Pakistan's coup d'etat in 1999, Bush couldn't remember the name of the president, General Pervez Musharraf. Searching his brain, Bush finally referred to him as "The General." It could have been worse. Given Bush's penchant for sophomoric nicknames, he might have called him "Pervie." Musharraf recently declared martial law. So much for the "democracy thang."

Once it appeared Bush would be the nominee, many in Republican power circles were concerned about his lack of gravitas. Some say that was why Dick Cheney was named to head the search committee to find a VP who had some foreign affairs expertise. (Or at least knew Musharraf's name.) Suddenly, Cheney revealed that, as the result of his search, he had decided to recommend himself!

Cheney's vast experience was hailed as the perfect balance to Bush. This, of course, was long before Cheney would become the first vice president since Aaron Burr to shoot someone while in office. Perhaps I'm a little sensitive on this subject because I attended Hamilton High School here in L.A. and it was Alexander Hamilton whom Burr killed.

With Cheney's medical history, the joke during the first term was that George Bush was only "a heartbeat away from being president." But Cheney's health improved, which is more than we can say for his aim while quail hunting. Despite a little birdshot accident (reported 18 hours later), Cheney has become the most powerful VP in history. (Though the subject of his impeachment now sits in the House Judiciary Committee.) We've come to expect Cheney's forceful misstatements about: Saddam's nuclear program (non-existent); his strong ties to al-Qaeda (disproven); WMDs (bogus); and, two years ago, that the insurgency was "in the last throes." (Giving new meaning to the definition of "last throes.")

Even with all his gaffes, nothing prepared me for Cheney's latest one. During a speech before the World Affairs Council on Nov. 2, he severely criticized Hugo Chavez, which isn't unusual. But in his forceful conclusion,

Cheney added the coup de grâce (or as Bush might say, coop de grass), "The people of Peru deserve better in their leadership." The only problem, of course, is that Chavez is the President of Venezuela. Peru is 500 miles south, with Colombia and Ecuador in between. Adding to the irony, the World Affairs Council bills itself as a group dedicated to educating citizens on international issues. One would think that might include geography.

IT COULD HAVE BEEN WORSE. GIVEN BUSH'S PENCHANT FOR SOPHOMORIC NICKNAMES, HE MIGHT HAVE CALLED HIM 'PERVIE.'

Imagine, if Hugo Chavez had said, "The people of Canada deserve better from their leadership than George Bush." Or if Hillary Clinton confused Peru and Venezuela? Or if John Edwards shot a man in the face while quail hunting? Rush Limbaugh's head would explode! (Not such a bad idea.) And while I don't mean to be an alarmist, if I were Peruvian, I might feel a little nervous, as in "Why did Cheney pick us?"

Last week, Bush warned whoever would listen, "If you're interested in avoiding World War III, you ought to be interested in preventing Iran from having the knowledge necessary to make a nuclear weapon." Now it's just the knowledge? News flash — it's already on the Internet! As for Cheney, in 1994, he said invading Iraq would result in "a quagmire" and "destabilize the entire Middle East." Cheney was right then, so what happened? With this Peru faux pas, it looks to me like Bush is rubbing off on Cheney rather than the other way around. Could there be such a thing as reverse gravitas? Or maybe they're both taking the same meds?

Now the dynamic duo is insisting on "defending Europe against the emerging Iranian threat." Since when are the Iranians mad at the Europeans? I'm afraid we've heard this Bush-Cheney tune before and the last line is, "Bomb, Bomb Iran!" Great. Instead of being at war with two Muslim countries, we'll make it three. To me, it's just more madness. Although I suppose it might calm the Peruvians.

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Assisted suicide still a taboo topic

THIS MONTH MARKS THE 10TH anniversary of Oregon's pathbreaking assisted suicide law. But despite legislative proposals in California and elsewhere, Oregon remains the only state to have provided clear procedures by which doctors can help end their dying patients' pain and suffering while protecting themselves from criminal prosecution.

For a decade now, Oregon doctors have been permitted to prescribe a lethal dose of drugs to a mentally competent, terminally ill patient who makes written and oral requests, consults two physicians, and endures a mandatory waiting period. The patient's free choice is paramount throughout this process. Neither relatives nor doctors can apply on the patient's behalf, and the patient himself administers the lethal dose.

Elsewhere in America, however, the political influence of religious conservatism has thwarted passage of similar legislation, leaving terminal patients with nothing but a macabre menu of frightening, painful, and often violent end-of-life techniques universally regarded as too inhumane for use on sick dogs or mass murderers.

Consider Percy Bridgman, the Nobel Prize-winning physicist who, at 79, was entering the final stages of terminal cancer. Wracked with pain and bereft of hope, he got a gun and somehow found courage to pull the trigger, knowing he was condemning others to the agony of discovering his bloody remains. His final note said simply: "It is not decent for society to make a man do this to himself. Probably this is the last day I will be able to do it myself."

What lawmakers must grasp is that there is no rational basis upon which the government can properly prevent any individual from choosing to end his own life. When religious conservatives enact laws to enforce the idea that their God abhors suicide, they threaten the central principle on which America was founded.

The Declaration of Independence proclaimed, for the first time in the history of nations, that each person exists as an end in himself. This basic truth — which finds political expression in the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness — means, in practical terms, that you need no one's permission to live, and that no one may forcibly

obstruct your efforts to achieve your own personal happiness.

But what if happiness becomes impossible to attain? What if a dread disease, or some other calamity, drains all joy from life, leaving only misery and suffering? The right to life includes and implies the right to commit suicide. To hold otherwise — to declare that society must give you permission to kill yourself — is to contradict the right to life at its root. If you have a duty to go on living, despite your better judgment, then your life does not belong to you, and you exist by permission, not by right.

For these reasons, each individual has the right to decide the hour of his death and to implement that solemn decision as best he can. The choice is his because the life is his. And if a doctor is willing (not forced) to assist in the suicide, based on an objective assessment of his patient's mental and physical state, the law should not stand in his way.

Religious conservatives' opposition to the Oregon approach stems from the belief that human life is a gift from the Lord, who puts us here on earth to carry out His will. Thus, the very idea of suicide is anathema, because one who "plays God" by causing his own death, or assisting in the death of another, insults his Maker and invites eternal damnation, not to mention divine retribution against the decadent society that permits such sinful behavior.

If a religious conservative contracts a terminal disease, he has a legal right to regard his own God's will as paramount, and to instruct his doctor to stand by and let him suffer, just as long as his body and mind can endure the agony, until the last bitter paroxysm carries him to the grave. But conservatives have no right to force such mindless, medieval misery upon doctors and patients who refuse to regard their precious lives as playthings of a cruel God.

Rational state legislators should regard the Oregon law's anniversary as a stinging reminder that 49 of the 50 states have failed to take meaningful steps toward recognizing and protecting an individual's unconditional right to commit suicide.

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BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

Cop chopper comes in handy

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WEDNESDAY, OCT. 31, AT 11:30 P.M.

Officers in the 500 block of California Avenue received a report about a bicyclist trying to run into a vehicle driving along Wilshire Boulevard. Officers detained the suspect, but could not convince the victim in the car to drive back to the scene and identify the bike rider. Officers questioned the suspect anyway and discovered that he had outstanding warrants. He was detained, and during a search of his belongings, officers found less than an ounce of marijuana. He was arrested for the warrants and possession of marijuana. He was identified as Derron Claude Sutherland, 30, a transient. His bail was set at \$3,471.

THURSDAY, NOV. 1, AT 10:10 A.M.

Officers responded to the corner of Fifth Street and Arizona Avenue after receiving a report about a homeless man who was throwing glass bottles at a group of landscapers. When officers arrived, they spoke with the landscapers, who said they were working when the suspect threw a bottle at them. The bottle nearly hit one of the worker's heads, police said. The suspect then allegedly threw a cup of hot coffee at them. Officers detained the suspect and placed him under arrest for assault with the deadly weapon – the glass bottle. The suspect was identified as Andrew Rotman, 57, a transient. His bail was set at \$30,000.

FRIDAY, NOV. 2, AT 6:50 P.M.

Officers responded to the 2700 block of Pico Boulevard regarding a strong arm robbery that had just occurred. Officers said three suspects entered a home to visit some acquaintances. While there, the victims told police that the suspects stole nearly \$700. As the three were leaving, one of the victims noticed a purse was open and the money was missing. They tried to get the suspects to stop, going so far as to jump on the hood of their car, but the suspects drove off. The SMPD helicopter was in the air that night and got a visual of the suspects' car parked in a parking lot at Lincoln Boulevard and Marine Street. Officers responded to the area and detained the three suspects and recovered the money. The three were charged with robbery. The suspects were identified as Carolyn Lee Eastwood, 46, from Sherman Oaks; Lisa Ann Coleman, 32, and Takeysha James, 28, both of Los Angeles. Bail was set at \$50,000 each.

FRIDAY, NOV. 2, AT 9:20 P.M.

Police responded to the 800 block of 11th Street regarding a residential burglary that was in progress. When officers arrived, they spoke with the resident who made the report. They said an unfamiliar man was in the laundry room messing with a coin machine. Officers went to investigate and found a suspect in the laundry room. Police searched him and discovered a knife, screwdriver, flashlight and a hypodermic needle commonly used to shoot-up drugs. The suspect was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia and for suspicion of burglary. He was identified as Edward Anthony Mason, 34, a transient. His bail was set at \$75,000.

SATURDAY, NOV. 3, AT 4:20 P.M.

Officers responded to the 2600 block of Lincoln Boulevard – Albertsons – regarding a strong arm robbery suspect in custody. When officers arrived, they spoke with store employees who said they observed the suspect walk into the grocery store carrying a backpack. They watched as he placed more than \$100 worth of over-the-counter drugs, such as antacids and Advil. Employees detained the suspect, who tried to run out of the store. Officers placed him under arrest for robbery. He was identified as Michael Daniel Mulholland, 31, a transient. No bail was set because the suspect was on probation, police said.

SUNDAY, NOV. 4, AT 11:25 P.M.

Officers responded to the 2800 block of Santa Monica Boulevard – The Comfort Inn – after receiving a report of a woman who refused to leave the motel. When officers arrived, they tried to talk with the suspect, but her friend kept interfering. After he was told several times by police to leave the scene, the friend reached into his pockets as if he was about to grab a weapon, police said. Officers wrestled the friend to the ground and placed him under arrest for interfering with an investigation and resisting arrest. Officers searched the friend's car and found an illegal Billy club. The suspect was identified as Hester Mitchell, 64, of Los Angeles. His bail was set at \$20,000.

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ODD COUPLE

Photo courtesy State of California
Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger visits Shamu Stadium at Sea World in San Diego on Wednesday, which has remained open amid the recent wildfires. The governor spent time this week trying to bolster state tourism in areas unaffected by the fires.

STATE BRIEFS

LOS ANGELES
Authorities arrest 19 in three-day marijuana bust

A Los Angeles County sheriff's spokesman says 19 people have been arrested and 300,000 plants uprooted in a three-day sting targeting marijuana cultivation. Steve Whitmore says the operation in the San Gabriel Mountains involved state and federal law enforcement officers. He says the number of plants destroyed exceeds the previous area record of 83,000. Those arrested were booked on suspicion of marijuana cultivation. Whitmore says of the crops: "These grows not only use chemicals that can pollute streams. They create mounds of human waste and thousands of pounds of camp trash."

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LONG BEACH
Two pit bulls roaming neighborhood killed by police

Two pit bulls roaming an east Long Beach neighborhood were shot to death by Long Beach police officers responding to calls of a woman and her dog being attacked. The woman wasn't hurt but her leashed dog was mauled by the pit bulls and taken to a veterinarian hospital for surgery. Sgt. Dina Zapalski says officers found the dogs in the front yard of a home midmorning Wednesday and they tried to corral the animals. But one of the pit bulls turned aggressively on one of the officers and both pit bulls were shot to death. Before officers arrived, several residents tried in vain to stop the attack, including an elderly woman who beat one of the pit bulls with her cane.

AP

TUSTIN
OC tree trimmer pulled into wood chipper

An Orange County tree trimmer feeding branches into a wood chipper was pulled into the shredding machine and killed. The name of the worker is being withheld until relatives can be located. The Wednesday afternoon accident in Tustin is being investigated by the California Occupation and Safety Health Administration. Police called to the residential area just after 4 p.m. found the landscape worker's body inside the wood chipper. It isn't clear if the victim was a man or a woman. Wood chippers shred branches and tree trimmings into mulch. Thirty-one people have been killed in wood chipper accidents between 1992 and 2002, according to a 2005 Journal of the American Medical Association report.

AP

Simpson could be facing hard time

BY KEN RITTER
Associated Press Writer

LAS VEGAS After going free 12 years ago in one of the most sensational murder cases ever, O.J. Simpson could wind up serving hard time in a Nevada prison for what one legal expert called a "cartoon" caper to reclaim some of his own sports memorabilia. Before a jury gets a chance to decide Simpson's fate, a judge will be asked this

week to determine if there is enough evidence to take the case to trial next year. "This reminds me of the old Mad magazine cartoon, 'Spy vs. Spy,'" said Michael Shapiro, a New York defense lawyer who provided commentary during Simpson's 1995 acquittal in the slayings of his wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, and her friend, Ronald Goldman. "This Las Vegas case seems like almost a comedy of errors, if it weren't for the presence of a gun or guns," Shapiro said.

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current life, leisure & the arts

Friday just got a whole lot more entertaining

House braces for war funding vote

BY ANNE FLAHERTY
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON Under pressure to support the troops but end the war, House Democrats said Thursday they would send President Bush \$50 billion for combat operations on the condition that he begin withdrawing troops from Iraq.

The proposal, similar to one Bush vetoed earlier this year, would identify a goal of ending combat entirely by December 2008. It would require that troops spend as much time at home as they do in combat, as well as effectively ban harsh interrogation techniques like waterboarding.

In a private caucus meeting, Pelosi told rank-and-file Democrats that the bill was their best shot at challenging Bush on the war. And if Bush rejected it, she said, she did not intend on sending him another war spending bill for the rest of the year.

"This is not a blank check for the president," she said later at a Capitol Hill news conference.

"This is providing funding for the troops limited to a particular purpose, for a short time frame."

Democrats are in a tight spot. Since taking control of Congress in January, catapulted to power by voters frustrated by the war, they remain unable to pass veto-proof legislation demanding troops leave Iraq. Democrats are split on whether to continue



Maya Alleruzzo/AP

TAKING A LOOK: Soldiers from Alpha Company patrol Quarghuli village in May.

paying for the unpopular war, with many saying Congress must provide the military with the money it needs so long as troops are in harm's way.

Without another spending bill for the war, the Defense Department would have to drain its less urgent accounts to keep the war afloat.

Several anti-war liberals said Thursday they were willing to get behind the measure, so long as Democrats don't send Bush the money anyway if the bill is vetoed.

"What I don't want to do is get on this merry-go-round where we try to end this war and negotiate it down to a blank check," said Rep. Jim McGovern, D-Mass. "It's time to play hardball."

Lawmakers pushing for parental consent abortions

BY STEVE QUINN
Associated Press Writer

JUNEAU, Alaska Two Republicans are leading a push by state lawmakers to place a constitutional amendment on the ballot next year to determine whether underage teenage girls need parental consent to have an abortion.

Rep. John Coghill of North Pole and Sen. Fred Dyson of Eagle River are among 10 members — or about 15 percent — of the Alaska Legislature who say the state Supreme Court erred in ruling that girls 16 and younger can get abortions without permission from their parents.

"What this court decision did was put the parents out of the loop when it comes to the care, protection, nurturing and decision-making of the child," Coghill said Wednesday at a news conference. "The Legislature did everything it could to protect the privacy of a young child getting pregnant."

Clover Simon, head of Planned Parenthood of Alaska, said lawmakers should focus on more pressing priorities — ethics reform, oil taxes and future construction of a natural gas pipeline — and let the Supreme Court's ruling stand.

"The reality is almost every single teen we've seen come to Planned Parenthood for abortion services, are coming with a parent," Simon said. "The laws are not going to fix the problem of parent-child communication."

Friday's 3-2 decision by the Supreme

Court ended a 10-year battle over the Parental Consent Act passed by the Legislature in 1997.

The majority opinion written by Chief Justice Dana Fabe said the law, "places a burden on minors' fundamental right to privacy."

But in the dissent, Justice Walter Carpeneti wrote, "society has long-standing and pervasive interests in protecting children from their own immaturity."

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The final decision riled many legislators, including Coghill and Dyson, who want to put the question before voters as a proposed constitutional amendment. Lawmakers are now immersed in a special session over oil taxes, so no formal action can be taken until January.



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TO NEW HEIGHTS

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Santa Monica College's basketball teams both scored victories in their season openers Tuesday against visiting Santa Ana. (Above) The Corsairs' Arthur Braswell scores on a layup as several members of Santa Ana can only watch on Tuesday. The Corsairs men's team won in overtime, 98-90. (Below) The Corsairs' Dakiya Covington drives the lane against the Dons' Mariella McElroy at the Pavilion during the womens' 76-59 victory.



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Ride reaches a critical point

Bike riders to file complaint against Santa Monica Police

BY MELODY HANATANI
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CITYWIDE The contentious relationship between the participants of a monthly mass bicycle demonstration and the Santa Monica Police Department has grown more heated, with several frequent riders preparing to take their case to City Council on Tuesday, an action that could lead to a formal complaint being lodged against the SMPD.

Members of Santa Monica Critical Mass are appalled at the increase in police enforcement over their past several rides, which occur on the first Friday of the month. The mission of Critical Mass is to celebrate the virtues of bike riding.

Critical Mass regulars have noted that Santa Monica police officers have been patrolling nearly every ride since the summer, after being relatively nonchalant about the gathering's activities in previous years.

Last Friday, the police department issued 32 tickets to cyclists for infractions ranging from underage riders failing to wear a helmet to bicycles lacking head-lights, which are required according to the vehicle code.

While riders accuse the department of unfairly targeting them when passing motorists are also committing violations, officials with the SMPD contend that they are paying more attention to the ride in order to ensure public safety, after learning that the bicyclists were taking up whole lanes of traffic and violating the rules of the road, such as clogging intersections in order to let the entire ride pass through uninterrupted.

Since June, when a cyclist was arrested after he allegedly failed to ride to the right side of the road and then tried to flee from police, a handful of participants were cited in each of the subsequent rides. This past weekend's issuance of more than 30 tickets represents a considerable crack-down on the cyclist group.

While Critical Mass representatives have met with the Santa Monica Police Department in the past to try and iron out their issues, little progress has been made.

"We've offered many solutions for their issues, but none of them are appealing to the folks that are the spokesperson for the group," said Sgt. Larry Horn of the SMPD. "They don't seem to want to provide any sort of cooperation to get along with the other people that need to use the roads."

Horn rejected the notion that the SMPD was intentionally targeting the riders as an act of aggression, adding that Santa Monica carries the reputation as being a bicycle friendly city.

"This is a very bicycle friendly city with lots of miles with bike roads and we tried to steer them to an area where they can do a bike ride as a group," he said.

Many of the riders beg to differ and have decided to take their grievances to the City Council on Tuesday night. Depending on the outcome of the meeting, at least one Critical Mass regular plans to file a formal complaint against several of the officers that issued tickets last Friday, and possibly one against the



Photo courtesy Divina Sevilla

SIGN ON THE DOTTED LINE, PLEASE: SMPD officers cited a number of bicyclists during last Friday's Santa Monica Critical Mass ride. Riders contend they are being targeted, pointing to factors such as the police blocking off the bike lane with their motorcycles.

entire Santa Monica Police Department.

Alex Cantarero, who has been riding with Critical Mass since July, said a bias against bicyclists will be the basis for the pending complaint. The Santa Monica resident said several police officers were citing bicyclists last week for trumped up infractions, all the while ignoring motorists that were blocking the bike lane and committing other violations.

riding.

During the ride, a police officer was seen filming some of the Critical Mass participants. Police say the videotaping is meant to document the activity of the riders and some of the infractions committed.

Some riders also accuse police officers of pouncing on cyclists for whatever infraction they could find, even if it's a less serious violation, such as riding at

dreds of cyclists, it can become a dangerous situation once the group disperses and the lone rider is left without a protective light.

"We want to make sure they're safe at all times," Padilla said.

One of the riders that was pulled over for operating without a light was Paul Bringetto, a Santa Monica resident who has been involved with Critical Mass for two years. He was cited for riding without a headlight and riding in the number one lane right after he pulled onto Ocean Avenue from the Santa Monica Pier, which is where the cyclists convene.

"I commute 100 percent on bicycle and I've never been cited for having no headlamp," he said.

Cyclists say they fear the increased enforcement will scare away riders from continuing with Critical Mass.

"I have no doubt it has an effect on whether people show up or not," Santa Monica rider Jeff Maguire said.

The increased enforcement has caused the cyclists to start shifting the location of the rides toward Los Angeles city limits, where they believe the police officers are more lenient, said Alex Thompson, one of the long-time riders.

"We leave for LA because SMPD harasses us," Thompson said.

Sgt. Larry Horn, SMPD officer

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Numerous riders noted that the enforcement last week seemed especially tough, with more officers out on bikes, motorcycles and in cars, following the cyclists throughout their Santa Monica route.

Horn said the PD deployed more officers because of the end of Daylight Saving Time.

The group of riders, which at one time were known to ride in one flow through red lights and stop signs, were extra careful to obey the law in last week's ride, to no avail Cantarero said, adding that he handed out several hundred cards containing the state's vehicle code on bicycle

night without a headlight or taillight.

Ryan Mallery, who lives in West Los Angeles, said he was pulled over near the intersection of California Avenue and Second Street. The officer who pulled him over examined the bike for a light and released him with a warning when he found one, Mallery said.

"It seemed to me like he was pulling me over and trying to find something wrong with me," Mallery said.

But riding without a light on at night is dangerous, said SMPD Lt. Alex Padilla. While one rider without a light might not seem serious if they're in a group of hun-

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Raising funds from the ashes

Red Cross gathers donations for victims of local blazes

BY KEVIN HERRERA | Daily Press Staff Writer

MARINA DEL RAY Just because the smoke has cleared, doesn't mean there aren't still folks in need of assistance following last month's devastating wildfires, which burned more than 400,000 acres and destroyed or damaged more than 2,000 homes.

The Santa Monica Red Cross is teaming up with Pacific Adventure Cruises for a "Dockside Donation Drive," this Saturday from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The donation drive, whose proceeds will benefit victims of the recent Southern California wildfires, will be

accepting cash donations, canned food, canned or plastic contained beverages and Hefty trash bags,

Donations will be collected aboard Pacific Adventure Cruise's newest vessel, Catalina Adventure, a hydrofoil-assisted catamaran that takes 20 passengers from the Marina to Catalina in 90 minutes.

"We wanted to provide a drop-off point that is convenient for people living on the Westside," said Ken Lawrence, a captain with Catalina Adventure, which is located at 13717 Fiji Way, just behind the El Torito restaurant.

The Red Cross will take the donations and distribute them to those in need. Cash is preferred, said Marcia Caldirola, director of development for the Red Cross chapter, which hopes to raise \$200,000 by the end of the weekend.

"We are still seeing families who are coming in with nothing," Caldirola said. "Help is still needed so we can

get these families back on their feet."

In addition to helping with this disaster, Caldirola said donations are needed to prepare for the next disaster.

"We would really like people to consider giving to the Disaster Relief Fund," Caldirola said. "What happens is a disaster occurs and we've used everything up. It's like starting from scratch all over again. We always want to be on the prevention side and be stocked and ready to go."

Following the fire, Red Cross chapters in Southern California served over 22,000 meals in San Diego County and over 95,500 in Los Angeles County. The Red Cross also distributed 5,550 comfort kits in Los Angeles and another 15,517 in San Diego. Comfort kits included things like Band-Aids, flashlights, lotion, antiseptic and eye drops.

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Teachers union wants accelerated pay raises

FROM TEACHERS PAGE 3

Santa Monica High School teacher Don Hedrick, a member of the union's board of directors, said restructuring the teacher salary schedule is "the right thing to do for our students and district."

"The high turnover rate causes instability at schools and within departments, which is not good for students," Hedrick said. "Moreover, it becomes very costly to have to recruit and hire 10 percent to 15 percent of the teaching force every year."

Former Roosevelt Elementary teacher Mr. Eric Paul agrees.

"I loved teaching at Roosevelt, however, when my wife and I decided to have our own child and start a family, we realized we could no longer afford to live and work on the Westside," Paul said. "It was difficult to leave the Roosevelt staff, students and SMMCTA, but it was clear we could no longer afford to stay."

The average starting salary for a teacher in the district is just over \$43,000, Keiley said. The average price of a home just south of Wilshire Boulevard is over \$1 million while condos are going for \$678,000.

Barry Snell, a school board member, said he is open to the idea of restructuring the salary scale, but would first need to see how a change would affect the district's budget. There was some concern in the beginning of the year regarding a raise for teachers and whether or not a district with declining enrollment could afford to

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Eric Paul

Former Roosevelt Elementary teacher

pay the increase.

"Anything we can do to support the teachers and get them to stay in our district is obviously going to be a win for all of us," Snell said. "I'm not sure how condensing the salary hikes will affect that or what it will do our finances. We know that it is difficult to afford to live in this community so I totally support ways to do that, but we need to study this in depth to see what the benefits would be."

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ECONOMICS 101: Concerns over the cost of living in Santa Monica and Malibu have prompted the union representing public school teachers to call on elected officials to change the pay scale so that educators can earn the maximum salary earlier in their careers.

Samohi Vikings hope to make a run deep into the playoffs

FROM SAMOHI PAGE 1

stormed down the field for an 82-yard touchdown.

Cuda noted that the Sentinels tried to avoid throwing the ball during the first half, leaving the Vikings at ease to protect against the rush without worrying too much about the passing game.

"Our linebackers were able to pin their backs and come after (running back David) Freeman," Cuda said.

According to CIF rules, the top three teams in a given league will make the playoffs. Pending a victory tonight, the mix would include Culver City, Santa Monica High School and either Beverly Hills or Inglewood high schools. If the Vikings win tonight, they'll learn on Sunday which team they will face in the postseason.

But before the players can break out the sparkling apple cider, the Vikings will have to get through the Cougar's 52 defensive scheme, a style that they have had trouble facing in the past, including Venice High School, which beat Samohi 33-7 in September.

Hawthorne has also showed skill on special teams in recent games. Hawthorne's special teams returned a kick-off for a 93-yard touchdown on the opening play against Inglewood, Cuda noted.

While Hawthorne does have a few bright spots, the Cougars have struggled on both sides of the ball, getting shut out in five games. The beleaguered Cougars defense has given up an average of 42 points a game, a total they will have to improve if they are to stay in the game against the high-scoring Vikings.

While the defense has progressed throughout the season, the offense has been taking longer to develop, Swain said. The team suffered a setback early on when the offensive line coach left the team for medical reasons. The problems continued when leading rusher Marcus Allen, who shined in preseason play, was sidelined with an injured big toe. The injury has somewhat affected Allen's game ever since, Swain said.

But despite the mounting losses, the team seems unfazed. "We're 0-6, 0-7 and 0-8 and they keep coming back," Swain said. "It's been a learning process ... and while we do take a step back here and there, for the most part, I think they've learned a lot of lessons well."

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Kermit the Frog was right

I am wearing Lindsay Lohan's lipstick.

No, I am not in rehab with her. (Is that girl still in rehab? I can't keep track.) I am wearing a pink Cargo "botanical lipstick" designed by Lindsay, which the box says, may or may not contain a very un-botanical-looking ingredient called C142090.

The letter-number-combo stands for just one of many "lakes" used by Cargo.

I will now channel my inner-Hooters waitress: "Uh, what's wrong with a lake? A lake is, like, environmental. Hello, it's, like, water with fish in it. This lipstick is totally stopping global warming."

Different lake. A CI is a pigment made by combining an organic dye with an inorganic substance.

Hooters waitress: "Uh, inorganic is, like, bad, right?"

Wrong.

Inorganic doesn't mean unnatural. It does mean that it doesn't contain carbon, which means that it's non-living. (Think about the game 20 Questions. The first question you ask is "Is it an animal, vegetable, or a mineral?") A "lake" is a pigment that is made by combining an organic dye with a mineral.

People have been doing this for millennia. The ancient Egyptians used plant leaves to make Indigo Lake, and the Aztecs used a bug called the cochineal to make Crimson Lake. Now, scientists can synthesize organic compounds.

Hooters waitress: "Good. Lipstick made out of bugs is sick."

Being fashionably green is confusing.

I didn't need new lipstick (and, yes, a girl "needs" lipstick), but this one piqued my curiosity. The case is made out of corn and the box that the lipstick comes in promises, if it's moistened and planted, to sprout wildflowers. It's practically a magic lipstick

box. Why isn't every cardboard box embedded with wildflower seeds?

When I was in third grade, the urban myth was that every time you tore a Styrofoam cup, it released toxic gaseous chemical elements into the air, and that those elements floated up to the ozone layer and used their little elemental fingers to rip the hole in the ozone open even wider.

Sometimes, I think we're all a little bit third grade.

All stars die. In six billion years, scientists theorize the sun will get redder and bigger and hotter until it melts the polar ice caps and causes the oceans to boil. It will keep growing, swallowing up the earth and other nearby planets, before it starts to shrink into a dim white dwarf. So really, there's no actual way to stop global warming.

I'm not advocating people to throw up their hands and accept being char-broiled, or actively make the largest footprints they can. Six billion years is a really long time, and besides, it's just a theory. That's the neat thing about science. It changes. Textbooks get discarded (and hopefully recycled into boxes embedded with wildflowers).

Since the end of World War II, we've been inventing materials that we hoped would withstand a nuclear explosion. We wanted stuff that would last forever. But, stuff that lasts forever is not only bad for the environment, it's bad for a market economy.

Speaking of markets ... In the grocery store checkout, occasionally, I get in the longest line, just so I can flip through the tabloids and check in on Lindsay, without actually having to buy the magazines. (I'm, again, saving the earth here by not

producing waste.) Never, never do I pick up the latest Old Farmer's Almanac (oxymoron, yes). Why? Does it have up-to-the-minute news on celeb scandals? No. But, evidently it does have fashion tips, and I don't mean which overalls are au courant.



West Dressed

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SO TRUE: Kermit the Frog said, 'It isn't easy being green.' Preach on Kermit, preach on.

For your best bet at going fashionably green:

■ **DO SHOP SMALL** boutiques with staffs that know their stock.

It says that people want "fashions impacted by world news ... biodegradable clothing ... socks and scarves made from corn-based yarn and clothing made of plant sugars, bamboo, and crab shells."

What people? Who, when polled, says they want clothing made from crab shells?

Levi's is also in on the eco-action, with their line of green jeans. They're

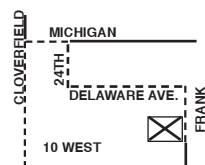
made with organic cotton ... and 2 percent not organic Spandex.

I suppose the most eco-friendly thing we could do would be to get naked. But what would we do with all of our plastic coat hangers?

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It can't often be said that the hippest act in any pop music genre hails from the distant shores of Sri Lanka. This is that one time that the island nation that has seen its fair share of turmoil can make that boast.

M.I.A. is widely considered one of the most innovative acts in pop music both here and across the pond. Her unique blend of rap, dancehall, grime and world music has been demanding attention since she first emerged on the scene some four years ago. This critics darling will be bringing her loud, eclectic stage show to the Wiltern Theatre tonight.

This is a relatively rare Los Angeles appearance for M.I.A. Surprisingly, tickets are still available and can be purchased at either the Wiltern's box office or online at www.ticketmaster.com. The Wiltern is located at 3790 Wilshire Blvd.

DANIEL ARCHULETA



PICASA 2.7

Getting tribal at the Civic

The Los Angeles Asian and Tribal Art Show will be held at the Santa Monica Civic Auditorium on Saturday and Sunday. The show will feature a wide selection of internationally renowned art dealers and galleries specializing in antique and contemporary Asian (Chinese, Japanese, Korean and Central South Asian) and Tribal (African, New Guinea and The Americas) art.

Two contemporary art exhibitions will also be on display. One will feature works of noted craftsman Jon Eric Riis. His tapestries utilize metallic and silk thread, often embellished with freshwater pearls, crystal and coral beads, and have been displayed in major museums including the MET. Riis will unveil a new selection of entirely new beadworks and his trademark tapestry coats.

The second exhibition, curated by the George Billis Gallery, will feature a group show of prominent Asian artists working in oil, latex and mixed media paintings and sculpture.

An informative slide lecture series will provide an opportunity for the general public to meet with and address questions to prominent art media as well as notable art and history experts. A second, less formal set of Dealer/Gallery Talks will allow visitors to meet and discuss with the exhibitors.

The Los Angeles Asian & Tribal Art Show will be open Saturday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sunday from Noon to 5 p.m. General admission is \$12 per person. For more information, call (310) 455-2886, or visit www.caskeylees.com.

MONA DAY

Two for the price of one

Absorb good chi at "Ten Chi," when Pina Bausch, the German-born choreographer and company director, and Tanztheatre Wuppertal share the sounds, sights and paradoxes of modern Japanese culture. It's their first return to Los Angeles in eight years and the show is sure to surprise with its unique blend of genres.

Pick a day at UCLA's Royce Hall and do it quick so you don't have to wait another eight years. This dancing travelogue plays from Thursday, Nov. 8 through Sunday, Nov. 11. Show starts at 8 p.m. every day except Sunday, which is a matinee show at 2 p.m. Ticket prices range from \$38 and \$76. For more information or tickets, call the box office at (310) 825-2101 or visit www.uclalive.org.

GABRIELLE HARRADINE



Singing along to the sound

Santa Monica High School will run the classic film "The Sound of Music" complete with subtitles so everyone can sing along tonight. The event is a fundraiser for the Samohi symphony orchestras, which will be touring Salzburg, Vienna in March of 2008. A small chamber group will perform prior to the running of the movie and an emcee will describe how to participate in vari-

ous parts (think: "The Rocky Horror Picture Show"). Guests will receive a bag of props to use with the movie. The show starts at 7 p.m. at Barnum Hall on the SAMOHI campus. Tickets are \$10 for students and \$20 for adults and can be purchased at www.samohiorchestras.com or www.brownpapertickets.com.

TAYLOR VAN ARSDALE



Not to be mistaken for just talk

Gerry Fialka hosts a panel discussion this Sunday probing the effects of Los Angeles radio in counterculture developments. Participants on the panel will include Reverend Dan of Music For Nimrods, Stary Pop's Stella, and Martin Perlich, as well as some special guests. Come to hear rare contributions ranging from Hunter Hancock and Wolfman Jack to Rodney on the Rocks and Dr. Demento. The discussion starts at 7 p.m. and will be held at Beyond Baroque, 681 Venice Blvd. Suggested donation is \$7, but no one lacking funds will be turned away.

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Unlock your mind with this Key

The Key Frances Band: They're funky, rockin' and psychedelic. Frances lays out guitar licks that will get your body and mind grooving. His poetic lyrics are the added spice to his New Orleans Cajun style. The Real Music Live Magazine in London said Key Frances, "Rewrites the blues manual, tears it up and walks off with the very best elements into another stratosphere." Catch the show tonight, Nov. 9 at Harvelle's Night Club, 1432 Fourth St. in Santa Monica. Show starts at 9 p.m.

GH



Those Sick Puppies will warm you up

Evanescence doesn't need Korn anymore. They're big enough to headline their own show. The success of their latest album, "The Open Door," which has sold nearly 2 million copies in the U.S., is one reason. Their

co-headlining spot on this summer's Family Values Tour with Korn probably didn't hurt either. The other bands warming up the night are Australian modern-rock trio Sick Puppies and elec-

tronic rock act Julien-K. The shows at The Greek Theatre on Saturday, Nov. 10. It starts at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$44.50 and are on sale at the box office, or online at www.ticketmaster.com.

GH

Wear a funky bouffant to watch a 'Bad Hare Day' at the Miles Playhouse

The Virginia Avenue Project presents "Bad Hare Day," a story about a girl with a garden and one rascally rabbit told Rashomon-style. The five short plays, will include 15 young students, who will perform using a variety of genres including comedy, song and dramatic storytelling. Steve Totland, a talented local

playwright, along with Leigh Curran, the project's artistic director, coordinated the sessions that created Bad Hare Day. The goal of the Virginia Avenue Project is to use theater arts and academic enrichment programs to help children discover their full potential. The performance will be Friday

through Sunday at the Miles Playhouse, 1130 Lincoln Blvd. in Santa Monica. Show starts at 7:30 on Friday and Saturday, and has a matinee start of 3 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is a suggested \$5 donation or pay-what-you-can. For reservations call (310) 264-4224.

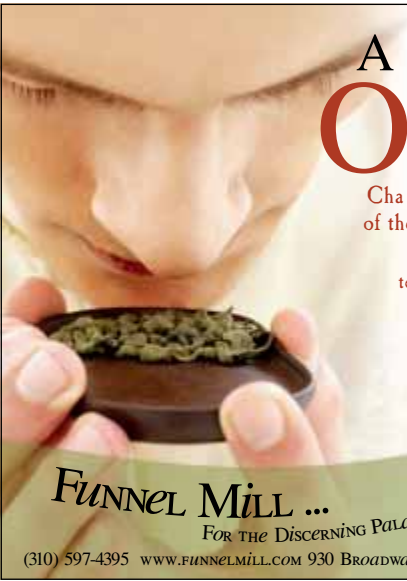
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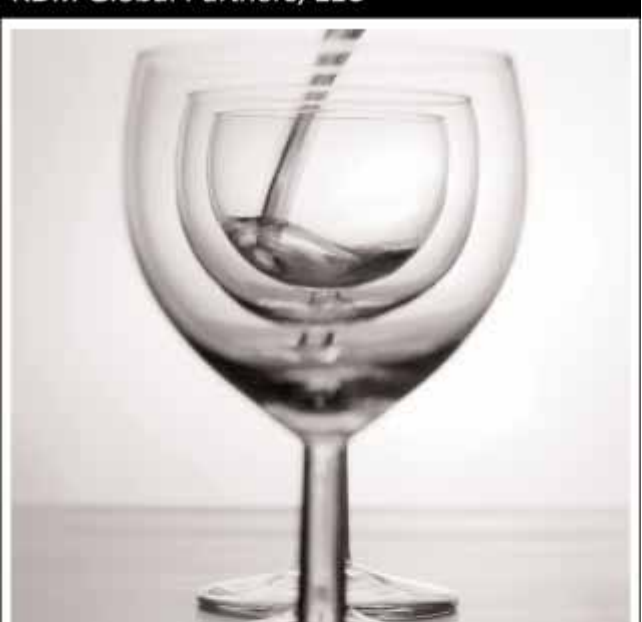
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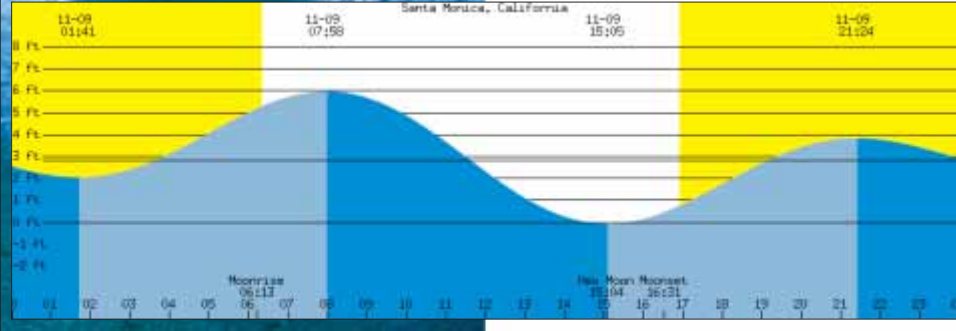


SURF CONDITIONS WATER TEMP: 60°

SWELL FORECAST (3-5 FT)
Today the SW swell should start backing off with 14-second periods bringing size mostly chest+ to south facing breaks. The early AM sessions could still see some head high waves, but these should be rare. Weather is expected to turn heavily onshore Friday with drizzle (maybe light rain?) and onshore winds picking up very early.

LONG RANGE SYNOPSIS
SW BACKS OFF THROUGH WEEKEND...
SW DUE ON THE 18TH...

TIDE FORECAST FOR TODAY IN SANTA MONICA



BEACH REPORT CARD



NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous four weeks up to the ending date of **October 29, 2007**

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QUICK STATS
(for the last 28 days)

Number of sewage spills -- 3

Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0

Number of wet days -- 5

Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 38 / 33

Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 10 / 12

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

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sepul Creek mouth (Jencanilla)	A+	A+
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth	A+	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lachusa and Las Alitas creeks	A+	A+
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach	A+	A+
Dread Beach at Trancas Creek mouth	A+	A+
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth	A+	A+
Walnut Creek, projection of Wilshire Rd., (private)	A+	A+
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth	F	F
Escalante Creek, just east of Escalante State Beach	A+	A+
Laguna Canyon Creek mouth	A	A
Selkirk Canyon at San Blas County Beach	A+	A
Puerto State Beach at creek mouth	A+	A+
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerto Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	D	A+
Sunridge Beach at Malibu Calvary fence	A+	A+
Sunridge Beach (beach location)- daily	A	A
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east	C	B
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon	A+	A+
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (joint zone)	A+	A+
Big Rock Beach at 15948 PCH stairs	F	F
Pine Creek at Los Tunes County Beach	A+	A+
Tuna Canyon	A+	ns
Tepanga State Beach at creek mouth	A	A
Castroville Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	A+	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at 17280 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain)	A	A+

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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NEW DVD RELEASES

BY RANDY WILLIAMS



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GROOVE THING: 'That '70s Show' focuses on a group of Wisconsin kids back in the day.

‘That ‘70s Show - Season Seven’

This Emmy-winning groovy comedy set in Wisconsin and revolving around a group of teenage friends, their mishaps, and their coming of age comes in four-discs. All 25 episodes, audio commentary, flashbacks, and a look at the writing of the series are included. Keeping in rhythm with the times, all the episode titles are named after Rolling Stones songs. Working titles for the series included “Teenage Wasteland” and “The Kids are Alright,” both references to songs by The Who. (Fox)

‘Help!’

The Beatles very successful follow-up to their film debut (“A Hard Day’s Night”), finds the lads on the run from London to the Alps to the Bahamas as they become passive recipients of outside plots revolving around Ringo’s possession of a sacrificial ring that he’s unable to remove from his finger. The witty script and a fine assortment of British character actors make this silly mayhem as amusing today as it was four decades ago, plus there are terrific music interludes. The two-disc offering (there is also a deluxe box set being released at the same time) includes over one hour of bonus material. The cast and crew reminisce, and director Richard Lester is featured in a documentary taking us behind the scenes of The Beatles on the set. Theatrical trailers and radio spots are also included. (EMI)

‘I Now Pronounce You Chuck and Larry’

Best friends and fellow firefighters, Chuck and Larry (Adam Sandler and Kevin James) enter into a domestic partnership to ensure Larry’s kids get his pension. The levity comes through the adjustments attempted by Chuck, a flagrant ladies’ man, when they’re forced to convince all they are partners. Outtakes, deleted scenes with director commentary, and a look at the many star cameos are included in the bonus material. (Universal)

‘Deck the Halls’

Danny DeVito and Matthew Broderick star in this holiday comedy centered around the true meaning of Christmas as two neighbors in a small New England town go to war when one of them decides to decorate his house with a so many Christmas lights that they are visible from space. Kristin Davis stars as Broderick’s wife, whose real-life spouse is Kristin’s co-star from “Sex in the City”, Sarah Jessica Parker. (Fox)

‘Magnum P.I., Seventh Season’

Tom Selleck returns for 21 episodes as the charming detective, Thomas Magnum. Joining him in his escapades on the Hawaiian Islands are Higgins (John Hillerman), TC (Roger Mosley) and Rick (Larry Manetti). Frank Sinatra, in one of his last major roles, is among the guest stars on this five-disc set. Bonus material from this multi-E Emmy winning series includes a feature on the “Murder, She Wrote” crossover episode from this season. (Universal)

‘Twin Peaks-Definitive Gold Box Edition’

For fans of David Lynch and Mark Frost’s groundbreaking murder mystery series centered in “a town where everyone knows everyone and nothing is what it seems,” comes this ultimate DVD. All 29 episodes plus the American and international versions of the original pilot are included. A gold mine of bonus material spread over 10 discs include: a feature length documentary, an interactive e-map, rare photos, a dozen “Twin Peaks” postcard greetings, a music video, and features with cast and crew. (Paramount)

‘America’s Game- Pittsburgh Steelers Collection’

One of the most dominant teams in NFL history, this five-disc glossy production from NFL Films features the years of the Steelers’ Super Bowl appearances: 1974, 1975, 1978, 1979, and 2005. The first franchise to win four Super Bowls, the Steelers added another defeating the Seahawks in 2005. Exclusive interviews with stars Mean Joe Greene, Jack Lambert, Franco Harris and Lynn Swann among many others are included. (Warner Bros.)

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CHANNELSURFING

BY JACK NEWORTH

‘Back to You’ appeals to the over-30 crowd

During the radical 1960s there was an expression in the youth culture, “Don’t trust anyone over 30,” coined by longhaired Anti-Vietnam war activist Jerry Rubin. (Not to be confused with no-haired Jerry Rubin, the Santa Monica Treesavers activist). But when Rubin the hippie hit 30 he suddenly changed his politics and became an entrepreneur. (An early investor in Apple Computer!) I mention this having just viewed the pilot for Fox’s new sitcom, “Back to You” which has comedy talent whose work dates back to the ‘60s. “Back to You” is predictable and middle-of-the-road, but it’s also very funny. Especially if you’re over 30.

“Back” is an old fashioned sitcom, which makes sense given the players. Actually it’s heartening that, in this youth culture, old pros are still playing the game. (I hope the ratings prove me out, and I also hope it’s a harbinger of a trend away from reality TV.) The executive producers, Steve Levitan, Christopher Lloyd and James Burrows, have credits that would fill this entire column, ranging from “Mary Tyler Moore” to “Taxi” to “The Larry Sanders Show.” The stars, Kelsey Grammer and Patricia

Heaton, are also veterans of classic sitcoms including “Cheers,” “Frasier,” and “Everybody Loves Raymond.” That’s some pedigree. The two work so well together they make up for some of the show’s deficiencies.

The story takes place in a newsroom in Pittsburgh, WURG-TV News 9. I like the locale because I’m bored with L.A.- or New York-based shows. (Many are filmed in Burbank anyway.) Grammer plays Chuck Darling, an egocentric, preening news anchor who climbed the market ladder from Pittsburgh to Los Angeles by way of Denver, Minneapolis and Dallas. His career came to a crashing halt when his obscenity-laced tirade he thought was off the air, wasn’t, and wound up on YouTube. (His “Macaca moment?”)

Out of work, Chuck winds up back at his old anchor job at WURG, although he’s not exactly welcomed with open arms. He’s reunited with co-anchor Kelly Carr (Heaton), with whom he had a one-time fling. When the two catch up, Carr informs Darling that she’s a single mom with an eight-year old daughter named Gracie. Only later do we (and he) find out that Gracie is 10 and he’s the father!



Photo courtesy Fox

THIS JUST IN: (From left) Kelsey Grammer, Patricia Heaton and Fred Willard star in ‘Back to You.’ The cast makes up for some of the show’s shortcomings.

The other characters are also well cast. Fred Willard (who always kills me) is Marsh McGinley the friendly, politically incorrect sports anchor. Gary Crezyzewski (Ty Burrell) is the field reporter who dreams of being an anchor but always gets the loser assignments. (A police taser demonstration from which he’s still shaking hours later.) Ryan Church (Josh Gad) is the overweight, but affable 26-year-old news director who is smitten with Montana Diaz-Herrera (Ayda Field) the sexy Latina weatherwoman. Montana exaggerates both her ethnicity (trilling her r’s) and her cleavage as she continually flirts with men in power.

Gracie is bright and delightful as played by Laura Marano whom I recognized from the “Sarah Silverman Program” where she played Sarah’s adopted daughter, if only for a day. It one episode it was

also fun seeing Bill Macy (Arthur on “Maude”1972-1978) in a guest appearance as a geriatric intern. In his eighties, Macy looks great and hasn’t lost his comic touch.

At moments Grammer’s easy style suggests he could be our generation’s Jack Benny. While the material may not be groundbreaking, his and Heaton’s chemistry and timing are impeccable, indicative of good direction. (James Burrows.) So, is “Back to You” worth watching? I definitely think so but keep in mind, I’ve been over 30 for quite a while.

“Back to You” airs again on Fox next Wednesdays at 8 p.m. Due to the writer’s strike, remaining episodes are in doubt.

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The stars show the kind of day you'll have:
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So many choices, Pisces

Happy Birthday!

You express your unusually strong personality and equally strong sense of direction this year. You might want to change directions or do something very differently. If you allow for that possibility, many opportunities will open up. If you break past the staid and true, you will feel much better. Charisma and creativity merge this year. Surprisingly, you might find what you wish for there at your request. How nice is that?



Born Today
Author Carl Sagan (1934)
Former vice president Spiro Agnew (1918)
Guitarist Tom Fogerty (1941)

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ You might be sure that you are not making your points at the moment. Hearing off-the-wall answers seems to verify this fact in your mind. This attitude might not be justified. Tonight: Go along with another’s requests.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★★ You could be politely informed that you don’t have all the answers. Coming to needed conclusions is important, but let’s make them right. Don’t jump at any old idea. Tonight: Listen to the other side.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ All work and no play never makes the Gemini happy. Use your multitasking abilities, and squeeze in the best of all parts of life. A boss or partner acts in an unanticipated manner. Be ready for the unexpected. Tonight: If you’re tired, say so.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★★ Your creativity will be called upon, especially as others might have difficulty finding viable solutions. Though every idea you pop off won’t be great, some of them will be. A relationship heats up accordingly. Tonight: Fun and games.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ You gain an unusual perspective because of your willingness to explore some basic ideas. You certainly don’t believe that everyone must agree with you. A new beginning is possible in an investment – personal or business. Tonight: Hang close to home.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Keep communication flowing, and you will be a much happier person. Doors open up, and people become more open. You might be amazed by what you hear. Someone is ready to try a different approach. Encourage it. Tonight: Chat up a storm.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★ Knowing when to step back and allow others to handle a problem can be considered nothing but a smart move. Evaluate what might be going on within a specific bond. You might need to clear out, for your sake. Tonight: Hang out.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★★ You might have your hands full, and you are dealing with more than your share of stuff. The question might be, When does this end and begin? You need to make decisions just for you. Your creativity emerges as a strong force. Tonight: Live it up.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Knowing when to call it quits might be more important than you realize. You also might need some personal time to pull a project together. You might want to rethink an idea or two. Tonight: Take all the space you need.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★★ Others want to dominate, and you need to let them do just that. You will find their strong drive and willfulness are issues you need to deal with. Aim for more of what you want. Laugh and enjoy a special relationship. Tonight: Start the weekend well.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★ You might need to rethink a personal or security-related matter. You also might hear some interesting ideas that at first appear to be out there. Evaluate, and you will change your mind very quickly. Tonight: Happy to be home.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★★ You are in the position to take an overview or see a situation differently. Grow with positive changes. You will be able to read past the obvious. What you like and what emerges could be interesting. Tonight: So many choices.

Janric Classic 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 Bronze (easiest) to Silver to Gold (hardest).

Difficulty
SILVER

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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

9	1	2	6	8	3	4	7	5
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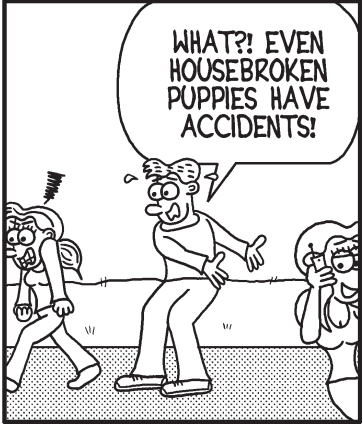
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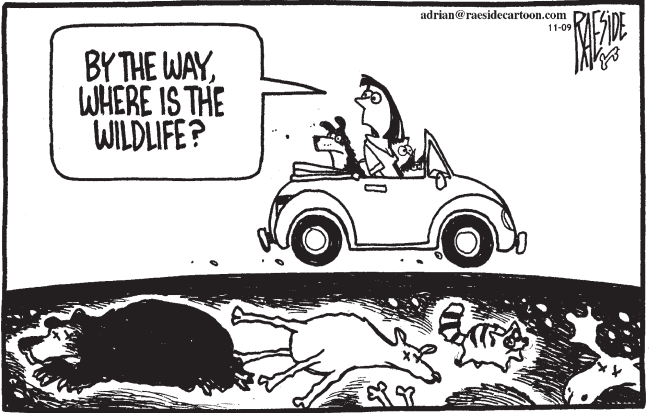
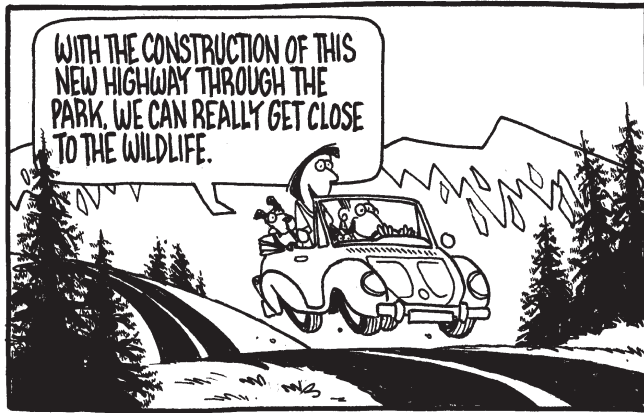
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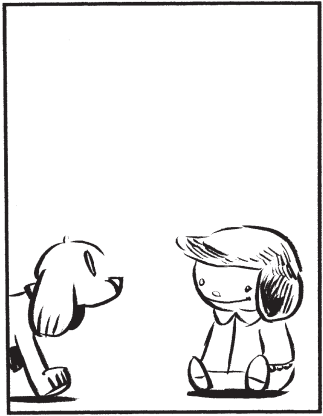
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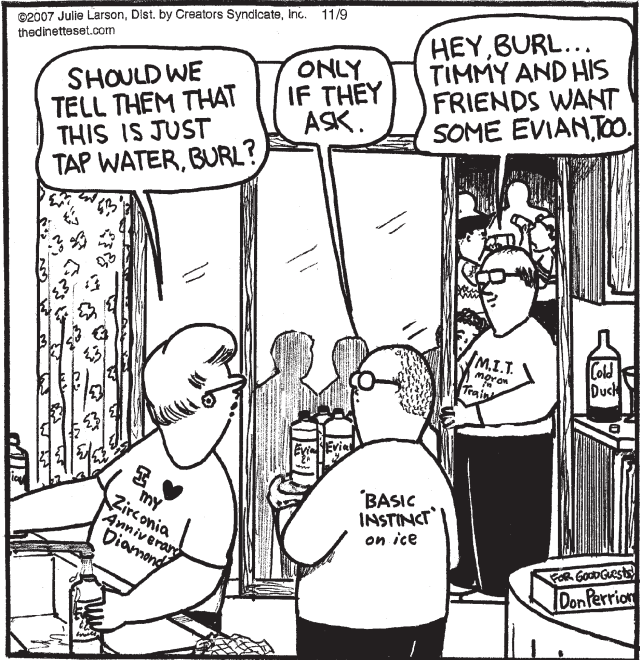


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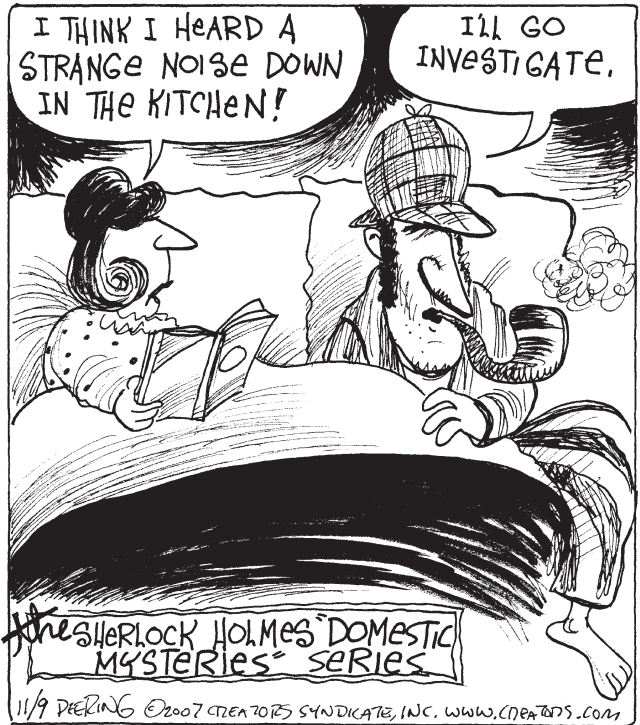


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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Junior New York City hedge fund trader Andrew Tong charged in October that his boss forced him to take female hormones to dampen his aggressiveness, which the supervisor said was leading him to make bad trades, according to a CNBC report. In his lawsuit against Mr. Ping Jiang (a big-time trader who reportedly earns \$100 million a year) and employer SAC Capital (one of the biggest hedge fund names on Wall Street), Tong claimed further that he was harassed and even sexually attacked, and had started wearing dresses.

■ Unclear on the Concept: Israeli police announced in September that they had arrested a gang of eight young Israeli neo-Nazis from the city of Petah Tikva (near Tel Aviv), who had been attacking and harassing religious Jews (and also gays and foreigners), beating them and videotaping the attacks. A police search turned up weapons and also Nazi materials such as uniforms, portraits of Adolf Hitler and symbolic references to Hitler's Third Reich. Reportedly, the gang members hail from Russia and emigrated under Israel's policy of admitting anyone with at least one Jewish grandparent.

■ In June, Ronald Barrett, 68, a longtime school administrator in Bucks County, Pa., was suspended after he punched a 15-year-old student who had touched his chest. Barrett said there had been a long-running problem of boys at the school engaging in "titty-twisting," and Barrett said, "I didn't want anyone touching my nipple."

TODAY IN HISTORY

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1938 Nazis burned and looted temples and Jewish-owned stores and houses in Germany and Austria in what became known as Kristallnacht (Crystal Night—referring to broken glass on streets).

1953 Author-poet Dylan Thomas died in New York at age 39.

1965 A switch at a station near Niagara Falls failed. The Northeast and parts of Canada went dark for more than 13 hours.

1970 Former French president Charles De Gaulle died at age 79.

1989 Borders between East and West Germany were opened and the Berlin Wall began to be dismantled the next day.

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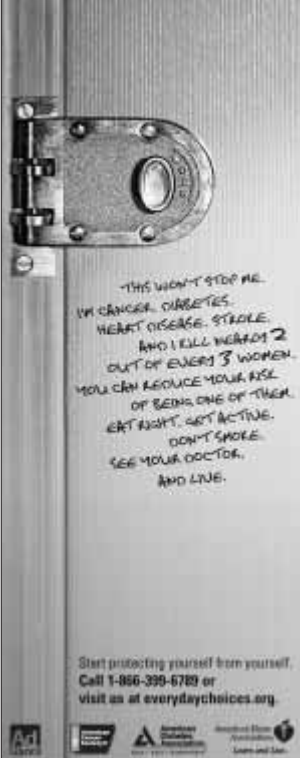
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