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Brandon Wise *brandonw@smdp.com*

HERO: **Rosalva Jimenez, an employee at the Clean People Coinless Laundry on Pico Boulevard, delivered her cousin's baby boy in the laundromat's bathroom Tuesday. Jimenez sprang into action after hearing her cousin screaming from the bathroom. Mother and baby are doing well.**

Baby delivered in laundromat bathroom

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

PICO BLVD Amid the tumbling of the dryers and the water spraying from the washers were the screams of a woman in labor, the cry of a newborn baby and then the sigh of relief from the Laundromat employee who was there for the delivery.

It was all over before the spin cycle even began.

The bathroom at Clean People Coinless Laundry turned into a makeshift baby delivery room on Tuesday afternoon when Santa Monica resident Nancy Jimenez went into labor shortly after leaving a local hospital to drop off paperwork, giving birth to a healthy boy where her cousin, Rosalva Jimenez, works in the fluff and fold section.

As is the case nearly every day, Nancy Jimenez was visiting the laundromat after finishing a shift at Trader Joe's, passing the time before she would have to pick up her daughter from school later in the afternoon. Except this time she wasn't feeling well, having a hard time breathing and complaining about a backache.

"I said 'Nancy you look bad today you need to go to the hospital,'" Rosalva Jimenez said.

She did go to the hospital momentarily, leaving for 20 minutes to drop off paperwork for her upcoming delivery, given a ride to the Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center and Orthopaedic Hospital by another customer at the laundromat.

Still feeling ill upon her return, a barely mobile Nancy Jimenez made her way into the bathroom where screams erupted just moments later.

"I tried to help her walk out [of the bathroom] but she said 'I can't walk out,'" Rosalva Jimenez said. "I said no, Nancy, don't do that to me. You have to walk.

"She said 'I can't, I can feel the baby's head.'"

In a span of about 10 minutes, Rosalva Jimenez went into autopilot, calling 911, grabbing towels and coaching her cousin through delivery. Around 1:30 p.m., the baby was born.

"I didn't have the chance to have feelings," Rosalva Jimenez said. "I was there and I knew I had to do my best."

Rosalva Jimenez reports that her cousin and nephew are both doing well.

Stan Fox, whose family owns Clean People as well as other laundromats in Santa Monica, said he was sitting in his office, occasionally watching the surveillance camera when he saw Nancy Jimenez

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More homeless housed; work still not done

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL There were more than 400 homeless people who found permanent supportive housing and nearly 500 who landed and maintained stable jobs last year, getting off the streets of Santa Monica and taking the first steps toward achieving self sufficiency.

Those were just a couple of figures presented at the City Council meeting on Tuesday during an annual review of City Hall's plan for homeless services, highlighting the progress made in addressing the issue

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Win and they're in

Samohi controls playoff destiny against Hawthorne

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

HAWTHORNE A spot in the playoffs has come down to this one simple fact for the Vikings: Win against Hawthorne on the road tonight and they're in.

After starting the season 1-4, it looked like Santa Monica had little chance of making the playoffs. But a 2-0 start to the Ocean League schedule put the Vikings (3-6 overall, 2-2 in league) in control of their own playoff destiny. A pair of losses during the past two weeks have sent Samohi to 2-2 in league, but surprisingly have not extinguished their playoff hopes.

Currently tied with Beverly Hills for third place, Samohi holds the tiebreaker thanks to a victory over the Normans earlier this season.

"My kids are learning a lot this season," Head Coach Travis Clark said before practice on Thursday. "They just need to apply the things they have learned.

"I'm excited to see what happens on

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Friday, Nov. 13, 2009

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New Roads School
3131 Olympic Blvd., 7:30 p.m. — 9:30 p.m.
Come on the second Friday of each month for presentations at the Santa Monica Amateur Astronomy Club. Robert Lozano presents "Cassini and Lapetus" and Thor Dockweiler presents "The Salt Ring of Saturn." Cost is free. Call (310) 495-7595 for more information.

'I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change'
Malibu Stage Company
29243 Pacific Coast Hwy., 8 p.m.
The Malibu Stage Company presents the musical "I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change" by Joe DiPietro and Jimmy Roberts. The musical is put on every Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 5 p.m. Admission is $35. Call (310) 429-2665 for more information.

Saturday, Nov. 14, 2009

Lupus walk
Crescent Bay Park
Ocean Avenue and Bay Street, 9 a.m. — noon
Join the third annual "Walk with us to cure lupus" walkathon this Saturday. The walk, starting at Crescent Bay Park, is 5 kilometers, or 3.1 miles. Create a team, join a team, or volunteer on walk day. Virtual walks are available for those who cannot walk or attend the event. There is no fundraising minimum and everyone is welcome. Find a cure for the 1.4 million Americans living with lupus today. Call (866) 925-5257 for more information.

Mothers circle
motheringminds
Marine Street, 2:30 p.m. — 4 p.m.
Many women want a place where they can talk about both the positive and negative experiences of motherhood. This group offers a forum where women can speak honestly and openly about the challenges and joys of being a parent. This group provides a relaxed and nurturing environment where all experiences are welcome, and where mothers can feel supported and understood. Call (310) 922-6969 for more information.

NFL star turned artist
Infinity Studio
1605 1/2 Ocean Front Walk, 5:30 p.m. — 10 p.m.
Enjoy live music and refreshments and the first formal art showing by former NFL star Drew Hill. Pianist Rashid Lanie will be performing while Hill is on hand to sign his paintings. Please RSVP to (310) 392-5042. Donations will be accepted, and a percentage will be donated to the Santa Monica Arts Council. Visit www.drewhillartist.com for more information.

Sunday, Nov. 15, 2009

'Cinderella: The Musical'
Santa Monica Playhouse
1211 Fourth St., 12:30 p.m. — 1:30 p.m.
Audiences help romance bloom in this delightful Rudie-DeCarlo musical for kids and adults of all ages, featuring a charming prince, a zany fairy godmother, silly stepsisters and a zealously well-meaning stepmother. Birthday and tea parties are available with every performance. Admission is $10.50 — $12.50. Call (310) 394-9779 ext. 2 for more information.

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.

In "Main Street merchants want crack at market," (page 1, Thursday, Nov. 12, 2009), it should have stated that Janabai Amsden, owner of Euphoria Loves Rawvolution, as saying she was not allowed to sell items that were sold by other raw food vendors at the Main Street Farmers' Market.

'Call of Duty' sells $310M in 24 hours

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SANTA MONICA First-day sales of Activision Blizzard Inc.'s "Call of Duty: Modern Warfare 2" broke records, raking in an estimated $310 million in North America and the United Kingdom alone.

The video game went on sale all over the world on Tuesday, but Activision provided figures Thursday only for North America and Britain. The company estimates that it sold about 4.7 million copies of the game in the first 24 hours in those markets, making it the biggest-selling launch in the history of entertainment.

The latest installment in the "Call of Duty" action franchise was expected to at least match last year's "Grand Theft Auto IV," which was the most successful video game release in history and at the time may have been the top entertainment launch ever.

That game, from Take-Two Interactive Software Inc., had sold 3.6 million units on its opening day, worth $310 million worldwide. "Call of Duty" made that much in just North America and Britain.

The launch of "Call of Duty" also easily brought in more than last year's record $155 million opening weekend for the Batman movie "The Dark Knight."

Like the previous five "Call of Duty" games, which are all rated "M" for mature (not for kids under 17), this one lets players shoot their way through a complex series of scenes. The game's developer, Infinity Ward, spent two years creating realistic graphics that are amplified in many players' homes by big-screen, high-definition TVs sets and powerful speakers.

Players can fight one another, whether they're at the same game console or in separate locations and connected online. Or a player can dive in alone and get swept into the game, which includes jarring depictions of war and an intricate story of good versus evil.

The game sells for $60 and plays on Windows-based computers, Microsoft's Xbox 360 and Sony's PlayStation 3.

Shares of Activision, which is based in Santa Monica, rose 6 cents to close Thursday at $11.44.



SIGNING DAY

Morgan Genser *news@smdp.com*

Thea Lemberger (left) and Lilly Feder, stars on the Samohi girls varsity basketball team, sign letters of intent Thursday. Lemberger will be attending UCLA on a full scholarship and Feder will play at UCSD. The team begins its season later this month.

Reliving the good old times

1960s bar loyalists return for reunion with lost friends

BY MARISSA LYMAN
Special to the Daily Press

MAIN STREET The music was loud, the drinks were cheap, and there was never a cover.

From the 1960s through the early '90s, the Oar House Bar & Buffalo Chips Restaurant was the place to go on Main Street for a night of debauchery and all around good times. While the old haunt has long since gone and been replaced by O'Brien's Irish Pub & Restaurant and Main on Main, the memories — or those that survived the good times — remain.

"The crazy music that we played … hearing a song just takes you right back," Brent Steiner, a former employee and regular at the Oar House, said. "We all just loved the feel of the place."

That is why this Saturday, Nov. 14, those who remember the Oar House or who have just heard about it are invited to O'Brien's for a reunion of sorts. The event starts at 7 p.m. and will give people a chance to reconnect and swap stories.

"I was curious to know who would actually show up and how much fun it would be," Steiner said of organizing the reunion.

For employees and regulars alike, the Oar House was a permanent fixture in their young adult lives. Most of the 20-somethings were college educated and learned about "the Oar" through friends or word of mouth.

"I found that I could make more money at that college beach bar in 15 hours … than I made teaching," said Patricia Merryman, a former Oar House waitress and bartender. Merryman heard about the bar in 1969, mere hours after she had moved out to California from Ohio.

"There was something almost magical about that time and that place," Merryman said.

The bar opened in 1964 as the brainchild of a group of Western Airlines pilots. The restaurant served good, cheap food starting at 11:30 a.m., while the Oar House opened at 5 p.m. Every evening, the bar's sound system blasted the same opening soundtrack, which lead the way to sawdust floors, free peanuts and an eclectic blend of beats.

It would be the Beatles followed by the USC fight song followed by a one-liner

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Homeless numbers don't tell story

Editor:

There is no denying that efforts of the homeless services community, both the agencies and volunteer networks that provide help for many families, are often heroic. It is precisely because of this dedication that the community (read "people like me") would be wise to take a moment and reflect when new information contradicts what may simply be a much repeated myth: That homelessness is declining, especially among families.

Whether homelessness is growing or declining is critical, as policy-makers ask themselves, "Are we doing enough? What might we do differently?" Rather than a 70 percent decline in a number of homeless families, as reported in the 2009 Homeless Count, a sampling of data from homeless nonprofit providers shows a 40 percent increase. It further points out that this is backed up with data from the Department of Public Social Services showing a 49 percent increase from April 2008.

The 2009 Homeless Count also showed a 38 percent decrease in the total number of homeless people. I took part in the last homeless count, walking with two other women, flashlights on, through streets and alleyways till after 1 in the morning. We did not find a single homeless person anywhere in our assigned six-square-block area. Months later, when walking in broad daylight near this area with a homeless peer-counselor, this friend pointed out to me a person sleeping not more than 5 feet from me that I hadn't even noticed.

I think it is reasonable to assume that there were not only many hidden homeless families, but also many hidden homeless single men and women who were not counted. Because they are more likely to be sleeping in the open, and often alone, they are very vulnerable. The last thing they want is to be stumbled upon by anyone, not law enforcement or someone more threatening who might hurt them or steal their few possessions.

If the goal is to end homelessness as an institution, we must be more vigilant in recognizing the scope of what appears to be a growing problem across America and focus attention on the needs of all the homeless, regardless of their circumstances. When housing, food and health care are accepted by society as basic human rights that everyone should have, we will have taken a giant step.

Homelessness was "off the table" during the recent national election and has pretty much stayed "off the table." As yet there is a lack of public will. Perhaps the thinking is "it's too big to tackle" or that "we've always had it." What that says to me is homeless people in America are seldom factored into the equation when deciding public policy that could seriously affect them. A place to call home, food and health care are still not accepted as basic human rights, nor is ending homelessness often mentioned as a goal.

All that could be ripe for change soon as more people become homeless for the first time and it becomes obvious to more and more people that it can happen to anyone. Like the words in an old '60s song "But for fortune go you or go I," no one is immune.

I hope others – the "housed" and the "homeless," professional staffs and volunteers, elected officials and community members – will begin to share their experiences and ideas and start a dialogue in the Santa Monica press and other public and private venues.

Ruth Sarnoff
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Jumping the gun on marriage

Q. DEAR RACHEL,

My sister thinks she's a Kardashian! She just eloped to Las Vegas with a guy she's only known for six weeks. She swears they're soul mates. Meanwhile, my brother and I are taking bets on how long her marriage is going to last. He says they'll split after the sex haze wears off? What do you think?

Signed,
Sister of a Kardashian Wannabe

A. DEAR SISTER,

Quick weddings are tantamount to matrimonial Russian roulette. Statistically you're playing a high-stakes game, but if you're lucky, you'll survive. Needless to say, I don't suggest blindly leaping into marriage any more than I suggest putting a gun to your head, yet the world is filled with gamblers who get a thrill from taking risks.

All brief courtships invite numerous hazards, however, the hazards of a celebrity quickie wedding are magnified, due to the added pressure of paparazzi, public scrutiny and opportunities for infidelity. First of all, it's much easier to idealize an acquaintance or crush before you get to know them fully. Reality can be so unromantic! Additionally, the drama of the infatuation phase or "sex haze," as your brother put it, can be deliriously intoxicating, yet impossible to maintain for long. As if these tantalizing hazards weren't reason enough to take a trip down the aisle, there's always the "falling in love with the idea of love" pitfall for the hopeless romantics of the world.

Speaking of Kardashians, there's a doozy of a pitfall that I call, "men with good style." Good style is my term for charm or charisma, and some men have an abundance of it. Good-style men know how to say and do all the right things to make any woman feel loved and appreciated, as if she's the most beautiful woman in the world. However, for you ladies who love good-style men, and you know who you are, you have to accept that your husband's good style will be used on other women since his charm is an integral part of his personality. For a woman who jumps quickly into a relationship with a good-style man, this realization can be a rude awakening and sometimes a deal-breaker. Some women feel jealous and betrayed when they learn that their man's charm is not reserved for them alone. My advice to women is this: Love your good-style man and enjoy his charm. Know that he can't turn his charm off like a switch, and that it's not a sign of infidelity. Look to other signs to confirm that your man loves you, such as the fact that he comes home to you every night.

For your sister's sake, I hope her marriage works out. Maybe she'll be one of the lucky gamblers who wins big. As for the rest of you out there who are contemplating your own speedy nuptials, keep this in mind: Las Vegas makes a profit because the odds are stacked against you. So the next time you hear a story about some couple that married two weeks after meeting and stayed madly in love 'til the day they died, think of it as an entertaining tale as opposed to an instruction manual on love. These stories are the exception to the rule. When in doubt, remember that any story that ends with "And they lived happily ever after," is best kept in the "fun fairy tales" section of your memory bank right next to "Cinderella" and "Snow White."

Q. DEAR RACHEL,

I went from a whirlwind courtship to a whirlwind marriage this year. My wife is full of passion, which is great for our sex life, but murder when it comes to our day-to-day lives. She's such a hothead. I never know what will set her off next. Just like clockwork, she bites my head off every day. I've talked to her repeatedly about her temper, but she's in denial about her problem. She promised to control her temper as a condition of our getting married, but so far it has only gotten worse. How can I get her to behave like a rational adult?

Signed,
Fed-Up

A. DEAR FED-UP,

Generally, I suggest holding off on a legal commitment with a partner until after you've ironed out all potential deal-breakers in your relationship. However, this suggestion is now beside the point since the two of you are already married. Once you sign on for better or worse, your best bet is to come up with a compromise to bridge the gap between your differences with your spouse. If the two of you are not able to come up with a satisfactory compromise on your own, you may need to seek outside help from a marriage counselor or therapist.

You mentioned that your wife is in denial about her temper and you may be more right than you know. If she's truly unaware of her behavior, it may be impossible for her to make changes without a third party's assistance to intervene.

In the meantime, diffuse your wife's verbal attacks by leaving the room next time she loses her temper. Tell her that you can't talk to her when she raises her voice, but you'd be happy to communicate with her once she regains her composure. Some people need time to cool down and emotionally shift gears once they get angry. If this approach fails, your wife may not be able to control her anger on her own. If this is the case, proceed to Plan B and meet with a marriage counselor.

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Laughing Matters

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All's not fair in love and war

JUDGING FROM THE REACTION TO LAST week's column, Pat Tillman still resonates nearly six years after his death. The L.A. Times ran an article, "Remembering Pat Tillman on Veterans Day." I'm apologizing in advance for temporarily taking "laughing" out of "Laughing Matters" with a little more about Pat.

I had planned to write about three other very special people. One is Sara Bayles, a Santa Monica resident who helps clean up the beach. She started with just a plastic bag that she'd fill with litter. Then she began blogging and others joined her.

When I met Sara one sunny Sunday in October she had an enthusiastic group of young girl environmentalists called "The Peace Troop." (The Girl Scouts weren't environmental enough.) Wearing gloves and carrying bags, they were scouring the sand for litter like they were on an Easter egg hunt. To find out more about Sara's group go to www.thedailyocean.blogspot.com.

Greg Mortenson is a humanitarian and best-selling author with "3 Cups of Tea: One Man's Mission to Promote Peace One School at a Time." In 1992, his sister, Christa, died from a seizure after a lifelong struggle with epilepsy. To honor her memory, Greg tried to climb the world's second highest peak, K-2 in Pakistan, to leave her necklace at the top.

Greg almost died in his attempt but was saved by Korphe villagers. During his prolonged recovery, he noticed that the tiny village had no school. Or even pencils. Children did math in the dirt using sticks.

Grateful, Greg promised that he'd return and build a school. Surviving a kidnapping and assassination attempts by the Taliban, Greg has established 131 schools in Pakistan and Afghanistan, educating 58,000 students, 40,000 of which are girls. He's even been nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize. Instead of 40,000 more troops, I wish Obama could send four more Greg Mortensons. To learn about Greg go to www.ikat.org.

Drew Hill is a former NFL football star. He's been painting for 35 years and tomorrow, Nov. 14, he has his first formal exhibition. It's at Susan Weinberg's "Infinity Studio," the lone remaining art studio on the Santa Monica boardwalk (1605 Ocean Front Walk, just south of the Santa Monica Pier from 5:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.). There will be live music (pianist Rashid Lanie) and refreshments while Drew signs prints of his brilliant art. For more info go to www.drewhillartist.com.

Like Drew, after college Tillman was drafted very low in the NFL. (And yet both undersized but determined athletes became All-Pro.) After the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001 Pat walked away from a multi-million dollar contract to join the army. He even got a thank you letter from Donald Rumsfeld.

After a tour in Afghanistan and Iraq (a war he called "imperialistic") Pat could have left the Army and returned to the NFL. But he told his agent that he had committed for three years and would be keeping his word.

Tillman is a metaphor for America. His courage, intelligence, integrity and desire to do the right thing represent the best of our national character. But what happened to Tillman and his family represents the worst of governmental abuse.

In 2008 Mary Tillman wrote a heartbreaking book about her son's life and death, "Boots on the Ground by Dusk." (I reviewed it for the Daily Press.) Last month, famed author Jon Krakauer released "Where Men Win Glory" which sheds even more light on the Pat Tillman case.

Krakauer writes that within 12 hours of Tillman's death everyone knew it had been friendly fire. After 200 e-mails went in and out of the White House, a false story was created with one purpose: How best could Pat Tillman's death advance the administration's agenda?

Why would the Army lie? Simple. The Abu Ghraib story was about to break, the battle at Fallujah was an ongoing disaster, and Bush was up for re-election in six months. (In retrospect, the lies about Pvt. Jessica Lynch were remarkably similar in style to the fabrications about Tillman.)

Mary Tillman said that when the Army first described the details of Pat's death it sounded "like a Rambo script." Other families might have accepted the folded flag and the Silver Star and retreated into their grief. But the Tillman's have fought for the truth for almost six years and will continue.

They've also turned tragedy into a positive. The Pat Tillman Foundation provides resources for social action and college scholarships to soldier scholars. To see for yourself, and hopefully participate, go to www.pattillmanfoundation.org.

Veterans Day has come and gone. But for many veterans reality is no holiday. The Veterans Administration estimates there are 200,000 homeless vets and acknowledges that 18 commit suicide daily. I'm not going to comment about the love part, but all is definitely not fair in war.

OK, I'll get off my soapbox. At least until next Memorial Day.

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The Q Line

Just compensation?

A recent survey showed that SMMUSD Superintendent Tim Cuneo is one of the highest paid in the county. Cuneo's contract has been criticized by some parents and the local teachers union.

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Does Cuneo deserve this pay, and will it have any impact on whether or not you would support another parcel tax to fund local schools?

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CRIME WATCH

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

This Bud's for you

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

MONDAY, NOV. 2, AT 4:04 P.M.,

Santa Monica police officers responded to the 1800 block of 18th Street regarding a report of an assault with a deadly weapon. When officers arrived, witnesses told them that the victim and suspect, who live in the same residence, became involved in a verbal argument over alcohol being inside the home. The victim confronted the suspect about being drunk and hiding the booze in the residence. The victim slapped a glass of beer out of the suspect's hand. The suspect then went to the refrigerator, removed a 24-ounce can of beer and allegedly struck the victim in the head, causing injury. The victim and suspect became involved in a physical altercation. Officers had to separate the two. The suspect, Julius Ledbetter, 72, of Santa Monica was arrested for assault with a deadly weapon. His bail was $30,000.

SUNDAY, NOV. 1, AT 2 P.M.,

Officers responded to the 1700 block of the beach regarding an assault and battery report. When officers arrived, they made contact with the alleged victim who said she was sleeping on the beach when the suspect sat down next to her and started rummaging through her belongings, removing food and other items. The suspect allegedly grabbed her purse as well. The woman told him to stop and she was not going to give him any items and he needed to take care of himself. When the woman reached for her purse, the suspect struck her in the face at least six times, police said. The woman let go of her purse to block the blows to her face. The suspect allegedly removed some cigarettes, dropped the purse and then fled. The suspect, Brian Karsten, 40, a transient, was located later in the day and arrested for robbery. His bail was set at $50,000.

THURSDAY. NOV. 5, AT 8 A.M.,

Officers responded to the 2100 block of Arizona Avenue regarding an assault with a deadly weapon. When officers arrived, they learned that the alleged victim and suspect were involved in an argument that became physical. The suspect stabbed the victim in the hand with a pair of scissors, police said. The suspect, Amber Perry, 44, of Santa Monica, was arrested for assault with a deadly weapon. Her bail was set at $30,000.

THURSDAY, NOV. 5, AT 11:13 P.M.,

Officers responded to the intersection of Cloverfield Boulevard and Michigan Avenue regarding an assault with a deadly weapon. When officers arrived, they made contact with witnesses who told them that two homeless people were involved in a fight. Witnesses said one approached the other homeless man with a metal pipe in his hand. He then dropped the pipe and started striking the victim in the face. The man being struck picked up the pipe and started hitting the other guy. Both were placed under arrest for assault with a deadly weapon. They were identified as Paul Henley, 38; and Fatu Fatu, 36. Bail was set at $30,000.

FRIDAY, NOV. 6, AT 12:15 A.M.,

Officers on routine patrol in the 2500 block of Lincoln Boulevard observed a pedestrian jaywalking. When officers stopped the pedestrian, they noticed she had symptoms of being under the influence of a controlled substance. Further investigation led them to believe she had recently smoked crack cocaine. Officers arrested the suspect, Allison Walsh, 44, a transient, for being under the influence. Her bail was set at $10,000.

FRIDAY, NOV. 6, AT 3:14 P.M.,

Officers responded to the 400 block of 21st Place regarding a burglary in progress at a home that was for sale. When officers arrived, they located a suspect inside of the home. The suspect told police that his uncle purchased the home and was in the process of quick deeding it to him. Further investigation revealed that the true owner of the home had not sold the property and no one should be inside. Officers later discovered that the real estate company received a fraudulent check for the purchase of the home. The suspect inside the home, Antonio Oliver, 21, of Sherman Oaks, was charged with burglary. His bail was set at $50,000. The second suspect, Herbert Johnson, 48, of Santa Monica was charged with fraud. His bail was set at $35,000.

FRIDAY, NOV. 6, AT 11:07 P.M.,

Officers responded to the 2800 block of Montana Avenue regarding a traffic accident. When officers arrived, they learned that the accident involved one car hitting another that was parked. Officers interviewed the driver and believed that she was under the influence of alcohol. Officers conducted field sobriety tests and determined that the woman was driving under the influence. She was placed under arrest for DUI. She was identified as Veronica Alfieri, 25, of Santa Monica. Her bail was set at $15,000.

SATURDAY, NOV. 7, AT 4:20 P.M.,

Officers responded to the 1200 block of the Third Street Promenade — Sephora — regarding a theft suspect in custody. When officers arrived, they made contact with store security who said they saw the suspect place items into her purse and then walk outside of the store without paying for the items. Store security stopped the suspect and brought her back into the store. Upon returning, security recovered $643.60 worth of items. The suspect, Merit Roots, 37, of Whittier, was arrested for burglary. Her bail was set at $20,000.

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PASSING TIME: **A homeless man sits on Second Street Thursday afternoon.**

Homeless Court served 155 people since '07

FROM **HOMELESS** PAGE 1

but recognizing, as always, that there is more work to be done.

In fiscal 2008-09, nearly 3,000 people received case management, temporary and permanent housing, addiction recovery, mental health and other services through various homeless programs funded by City Hall. Approximately 14 percent of those individuals were placed in permanent housing, while 20 percent received emergency and transitional housing and 17 percent found jobs.

City Hall over the past several years has taken the approach of focusing on the most chronically homeless individuals who face the greatest risk. Approximately 386 people were surveyed by City Hall between January 2008 and June 2009, about 219 of which were identified as vulnerable.

Nearly 40 of those deemed to be the most vulnerable have since been permanently housed.

"Those currently still on our streets are individuals who have the most significant mental health, substance abuse and medical conditions and who present as the most challenging," Setareh Yavari, a senior administrative analyst for homeless services, said.

Several other City Hall affiliated programs have also found success in securing housing for homeless individuals, including West Coast Care, which partners with the Santa Monica Police Department's Homeless Liaison Program Team and helped 283 people find alternatives to living on the street last year. Project Homecoming, a transportation program, helped 266 people relocate last year at an average cost of $170. Approximately 70 percent of people remained housed for four months after reaching their destination.

But crime committed by the homeless continues. The SMPD made more than 1,700 arrests last year for individuals who listed their residences as transient, homeless or none. That figure is up from 1,598 the previous year.

The City Attorney's Office last year filed 2,451 cases involving arrests and citations in which the subjects involved were homeless. The offenses were related to camping, abusive solicitation, shopping cart possession, taking recyclables and sleeping in doorways.

There has been continued success at the Santa Monica Homeless Community Court, which has served 155 individuals since it was founded in 2007 to give individuals a chance to clear their records of petty crimes in exchange for entering treatment programs and receiving case management.

After facing funding issues earlier this year, the program moved from City Council Chambers where it was held one half-day each month to the Airport Courthouse where it's been in session twice a month.

"As the new court launched in July we redirected focus to support the most chronic and vulnerable people on the service registry," Yavari said. "One of the key benefits of launching the new court at Airport Courthouse has been working with Commissioner Jane Godfrey, the judge who presides over Santa Monica Criminal Court as well as the drug court."

Yavari said that while the program continues to show promise, it has also experienced procedural and clerical growing pains due to the demands put on an already overburdened judicial system.

"Court staff expanded their work by taking on [homeless] court two days a month," she said. "At the same time they are furloughed one day per month.

"While staff embraced the goals of the court and certainly see its merit, they are struggling with inadequate resources."

She added that the future of the court is dependent on identification of a stable funding source. The court is funded by a one-time grant of $540,000 that will end on June 30, 2010.

Councilman Bob Holbrook said officials need to look at homelessness as a federal problem.

"I don't know how Southern California cities and regions can bail out this horrible social problem that we get from all across the country coming to us," Holbrook said.

He added that there are cities in L.A. County that want to help address the problem but are financially strapped, making serious cuts in their budgets. Holbrook noted that Santa Monica is the third wealthiest city in the county.

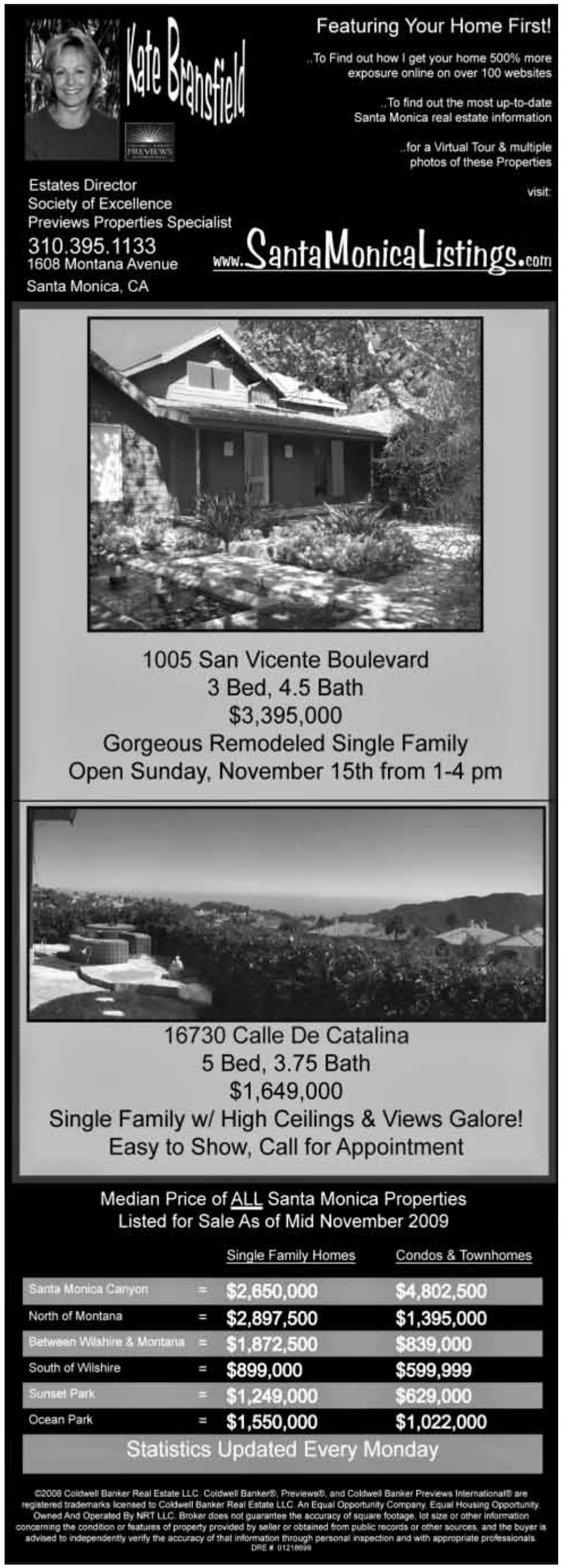
"I think we need an infusion of money from the federal level," he said. "If they really want us to help this problem, we are going to need help from all the cities and we are going to need money we don't have.

"Santa Monica has done its fair share and more because we have been able to afford it but we are looking at reducing our budget, too."

UPDATE FROM VETERANS AFFAIRS

Ralph Tillman of the West L.A. VA said that administrators are currently in negotiations with New York-based Common Ground and McCormack

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Oar House first in Grand American Fare bar chain

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from a comedy show, Clark Merritt, who worked as a manager in the early '70s, said.

The Oar House was the first bar in Al Ehringer's Grand American Fare chain. Ehringer was one of the Oar's founding pilots and expanded GAF both up and down California and across the state. Former employees credit Ehringer not only with the Oar's innovative musical philosophy, but also its unparalleled decorations. The walls were covered in just about anything, from old license plates to a wagon to the work of local artists. The mishmash of decor reflected the patrons from all walks of life.

"If you were an avid people-watcher like I was you would see one of just about every kind of person in the universe," Ed Wedemeyer, a one-time regular at the Oar House, said. "You would see people roll up in limousines … and bums — you'd see everything!"

Aside from the atmosphere, people were attracted by some of the cheapest drinks in town. The Oar House only served quality liquor, such as Jack Daniels and Chivas Regal, but charged far less than a dollar. Yet, what the bar may have lost on each drink, it made up for in volume, with crowds coming in night after night. It's no wonder that at one point the Oar House had the largest Budweiser draft account in the nation, former employees said.

"This place was packed when you walked in the door," Patrick "The Rookie" Flannery, a former Oar House chef and bartender, said. "You know that you walked into some real history."

There are certain moments in the bar's history that stand out to the old Oar crew. On St. Patrick's Day, the Oar would open at 6 a.m. and the first people would get breakfast for free. Every so often, there would be a going-out-of-business sale, where all drinks sold for 25 cents. And in 1974, after a fire bomb nearly destroyed the building, employees and patrons alike banded together to rebuild the Oar in just six weeks.

"I've never found the loyalty of friendship from the group of people that I met in that restaurant," Merryman said.

As the years progressed, employees and regulars moved on. Careers and marriages took people away from Southern California or at the very least the Oar House's doors. Some kept in touch, while others disappeared all together.

Two and half years ago, Merritt decided that he wouldn't let the Oar's history fade away altogether. He created a Web site, complete with a timeline, memory pages, blog and answers to the question of "where are they now?" Pretty soon, people began to reconnect, so much so that Steiner, Merritt and Flannery organized a reunion in Reno. With almost 30 former Oar House loyalists in attendance, the group had a blast and decided to return to the old spot.

When a few of them visited Santa Monica, Steiner learned from O'Brien's manager Nicole Barnes that the Oar was all but forgotten.

"[People ask about the Oar] about once a week," Barnes said. "They come in and want to see the room or just want to talk … . People that visited Santa Monica or lived here have very, very found memories of it."

While Barnes hopes at some point to throw a big commemorative party, Saturday will be an opportunity for anyone who has ever heard of the Oar House to convene and learn about the legend. With drinks, food and photos to accompany what are sure to be vivid and entertaining stories, the spirit of the Oar House will return to Santa Monica.

"They should put up some kind of historical marker out front of the place and make it into a national shrine," Wedemeyer said. "It really was unique in the world."

For more information about the event, visit www.oarhouseandbuffalochips.com.

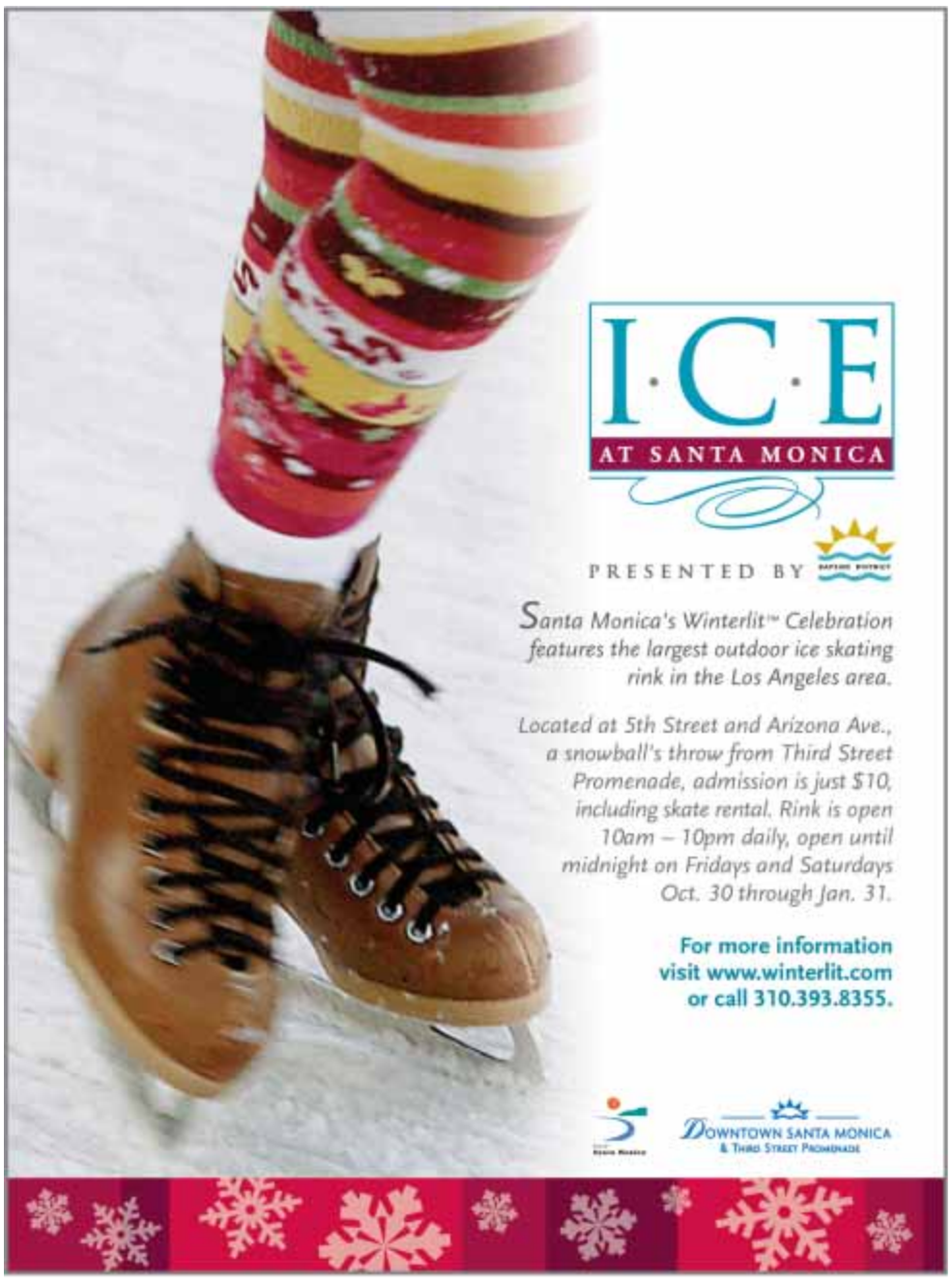
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MEMORIES: **Oar House Bar & Buffalo Chips Restaurant founder Al Ehringer (left middle) and Bob Scura (right) enjoy some Budweiser.**







VA works on vet housing

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Baron Salazar, a national developer of mixed-income urban neighborhoods, to transform Building 209 on the VA campus and operate therapeutic, supportive homeless housing services.

The VA received a business development plan earlier this month and will have to evaluate it within 30 days. Providing that the review is favorable, the VA will then have 30 days to negotiate and award an enhanced sharing agreement for the project.

Tillman said the plan is to see if the VA can reach a successful conclusion with Common Ground and the developer on Building 209 before moving forward on Building 205 and 208, which were also designated to house homeless veterans.

Councilman Bobby Shriver, who has been advocating for the buildings to be transformed for homeless veterans for years, said that he finds it outrageous that there are no veterans sleeping in the beds at the three buildings.

"Those buildings can certainly be filled by people who are severely mentally ill, have PTSD from the current wars and are coming home on a regular basis," he said. "This needs to be expedited."

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Local woman gives birth to baby in SM laundromat

FROM **BABY** PAGE 1

walk into the bathroom, hearing screams almost immediately after and seeing his employee burst in asking for towels and the phone to call 911.

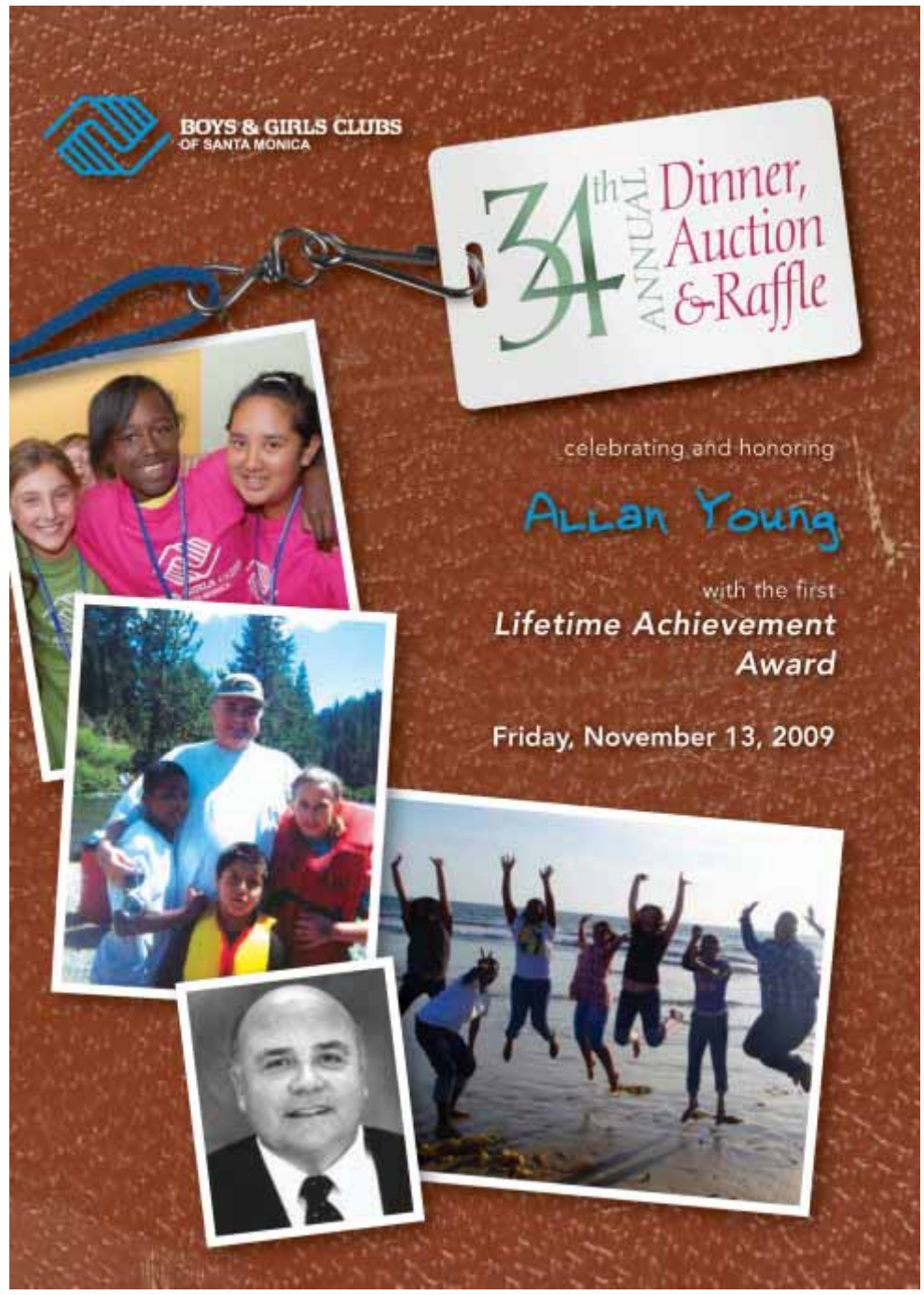
"She was very cool under pressure," Fox, who opened Clean People about two years ago, said. "I'm glad I wasn't there alone."

In his 31 years working in the laundromat business, Fox said the baby delivery was probably the strangest incident.

"I'm sure this is it," he said. "I have had people take off all their clothes to do their laundry at other locations."

> **"I'M GLAD I WASN'T THERE ALONE."**
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Playoffs on the line for Samohi

FROM **SAMOHI** PAGE 1

Friday."

In Hawthorne, Clark sees a team stocked with athletic players. He singled out senior running back Wayne Pitts as the Cougars' most dominant player who warrants the most attention.

"He gets the ball all over the place," Clark said of Pitts. "He'll play receiver, quarterback.

"We're keying on him."

After reviewing game film, Clark realized that Pitts has the ball in his hands nearly 70 percent of the Cougars' offensive plays. With that in mind, he expects to get a heavy dose of the talented Pitts.

The fact that Hawthorne is 0-9 on the season doesn't give Clark any reason to be over confident.

"I know that they have had a tough season," Clark said. "But, I also know that they are going to play inspired football.

"We're not taking these guys lightly."

A defensive line that Clark has called "banged up" all season will again be missing its most dominant player in Jose Perez. He has been ruled out of tonight's game, but Clark is holding out hope that he could possibly return if the Vikings qualify for the third automatic playoff berth from the Ocean League. Culver City and Inglewood hold the first two berths.

Helping to bridge the gap left by the absence of Perez is the creative use of a pair of hard-hitting linebackers. Seniors Keelan Malone and Luke Zelon have, at times, been asked to lineup as defensive linemen.

"I feel like we're pretty good depth-wise," Clark said.

Despite losing the past two games to Culver City and Inglewood, Clark likes the way his team is playing.

"I think the guys are starting to believe," he said. "We have changed the philosophy [of the program] totally."

Clark, who is in his first season with Samohi, said that getting the players and coaching staff on the same page was the most difficult thing heading into the season. On the verge of the regular season finale, Clark said his team is finally "clicking."

"We are at a good place," he said.

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UPLAND

St. Monica closes season against Western Christian

The St. Monica Mariners will close its season tonight on the road against Western Christian.

Heading into the game 2-6 overall and 0-4 in Santa Fe League play, St. Monica has the opportunity to triple its win total from a year ago. It would be the most wins a St. Monica team has had since 2004-05 when the team went 4-6.

Scotty Kirkpatrick, Western Christian's head coach, is impressed with the Mariners' offense after attending St. Monica's game against St. Anthony last week.

He said that St. Monica's defense also performed well enough against St. Anthony to give him pause heading into tonight's game at 7 p.m.

"I think they are on the verge of being a very good football team," Kirkpatrick said. "They have some talent offensively."

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Friday the 13th still a scary date

DON BABWIN
Associated Press Writer

CHICAGO Henry Ford would have hated 2009, and not just because it's been a tough year to sell cars.

Ford, as the story goes, refused to do business on Friday the 13th, and this week marks the third time this year that the 13th will fall on a Friday — the most times it can happen in one year.

It's a day when people rearrange travel plans, delay surgery or just pull up the covers and stay in bed until Friday the 13th turns into Saturday the 14th, convinced that even stepping out of the house would cause bad luck to find them the way an anvil finds the head of Wile E. Coyote.

"They're afraid something tragic or ominous would happen," said Donald Dossey, a North Carolina behavioral scientist and author who said he named the fear — paraskavedekatriaphobia — proof that he does not suffer from hippopotomonstrosesquippedaliophobia, the fear of long words.

Some feel they're just being cautious the way Ford, Napoleon and President Franklin Roosevelt were said to have been.

Elizabeth Lampert, a consultant in Alamo, Calif., said she doesn't avoid everything on the 13th, but would "absolutely, absolutely" delay something like surgery.

"There are only a few Friday the 13ths, so why test fate?" Lampert said.

The phobia around the 13th is a cousin to triskaidekaphobia, the fear of the number 13. Even today, the Otis Elevator Company knows better than to include a button with a 13 on it in elevators all over the world, said spokesman Dilip Rangnekar. The supposedly unlucky number, triskaidekaphobes say, is the reason behind the explosion of Apollo 13, which took off at exactly 1:13 p.m. (1313 military time) on 4/11/70 (digits that add up to 13, naturally).

It's also the number that prompted FDR to alter his own travel plans on any day of the week that landed on the 13th.

"FDR would not depart on a (train) trip on the 13th," said Thomas Fernsler, a University of Delaware mathematician who has studied the number enough to earn the moniker "Dr. 13." He recounted a story that originated with FDR's personal secretary, Grace Tully, who said the former president would order the train to leave the station before midnight on the 12th or after midnight on the morning of the 14th.

In a final act, FDR died in 1945 on April 12. Thursday, April 12.

"He avoided traveling to the beyond on the 13th," joked Bob Clark, head archivist at the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum.

The origins of all this fear of the number 13 and Friday the 13th are open for debate.

Some say it has to do with a particular Friday the 13th in the 1300s, when some particularly unlucky knights were burned at the stake. Fernsler suspects it may have something to do with Jesus Christ, who was crucified on a Friday after a Last Supper attended by 13 people, one of whom was Judas Iscariot.

Dossey has his money on Norse mythology when Loki — referred to in the Encyclopaedia Britannica as a "cunning trickster" — crashed a party of 12 gods at Valhalla.

"That's really when the number 13 became unlucky," he explained.

It is impossible to tell just how many people out there are changing their plans.

But one person who has made a living getting inside people's heads — The Amazing Kreskin, who bills himself as "the world's foremost mentalist" — said he's seen for himself how seriously people from all walks of life take Friday the 13th.

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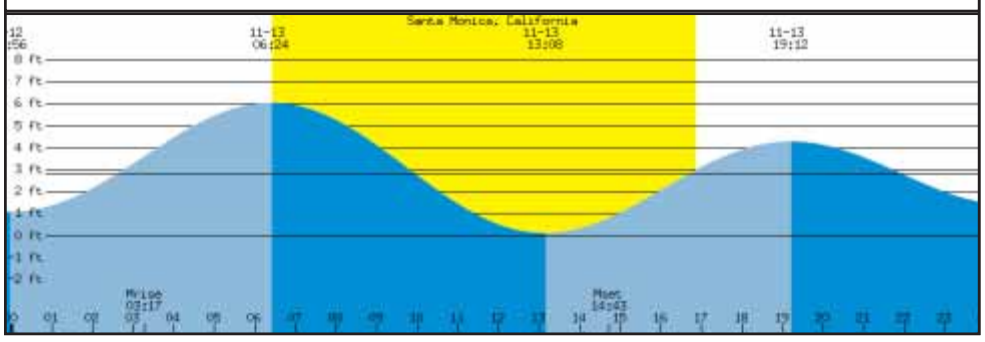
Swell Forecast

Should see the wind swell increase a tad. Most west facing breaks are looking at chest high sets, although standouts (especially in SD) could see some head high waves at times.

Long Range Synopsis

Looks smaller, perhaps knee to waist most everywhere.

Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica



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QUICK STATS (for the last 28 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 1
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 1
- Number of wet days -- 2
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 41 / 14
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 4 / 9

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

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

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Los Cerrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechuza and Las Alisos creeks.	A+	A+
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	A+
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	A+
Paradise Cove Pier at Rominer Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A	A+
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Solstice Canyon at Don Blacker County Beach.	A	A+
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	A	F
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	C	ns
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	A	C
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	F	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	A+
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	A+
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A	ns
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	A+	A+
Tuna Canyon.	ns	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	A	F
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	ns	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).	A	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	A+	F
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A+	ns
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	F	F
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	A	F
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A+	ns
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A+	F
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A+	A+
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	A	A+
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A+	ns
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St..	A+	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.	A+	A+
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	A+	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty).	A	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	A+	A+
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant.	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	A+	ns

LEGEND

DRY -- each location is graded on an A - F scale based on bacterial pollution levels present in the surf zone
WET -- grades for days of recorded rainfall and the following 3 days
ns -- no sample taken

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SPORTS BRIEFS

LEGAL NEWS

Tyson in scuffle at LAX

Former heavyweight boxing champion Mike Tyson and a photographer are being investigated for misdemeanor battery after an airport scuffle that injured the paparazzo, police said Thursday.

Tyson and Tony Echeverria, 50, made citizens' arrests of each other after a confrontation at about 4:30 p.m. Wednesday at Los Angeles International Airport, airport police Sgt. Jim Holcomb.

Police were called and they were fingerprinted and photographed, then released without bail, Holcomb said. The city attorney will decide whether to file criminal charges.

Echeverria, who described himself as a freelance photographer, told police that Tyson struck him once. The photographer fell to the ground and was treated for a cut to his forehead at a hospital.

Tyson had stopped at LAX while traveling from Europe to Las Vegas when several photographers began snapping him near a ticket counter, Holcomb said.

Tyson's spokeswoman Tammy Brook said the boxer was traveling with his wife and 10-month-old child when he was attacked by an overly aggressive paparazzo.

"Mike acted in self defense as a father protecting his child," she said.

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NBA

Hornets fire coach Scott, GM to take over

The New Orleans Hornets have fired coach Byron Scott and named general manager Jeff Bower as his replacement.

In a statement released Thursday owner George Shinn said the move gives the Hornets the best opportunity "to reach our goals this season."

The Hornets also announced that former New Orleans head coach Tim Floyd, who Scott replaced, will be one of Bower's top assistants.

New Orleans lost 124-104 at Phoenix on Wednesday, falling to 3-6 to start the season.

When Scott, who starred with the Los Angeles Lakers, took over as coach following the 2003-04 season, he was the Hornets' third coach in three seasons. He was the NBA coach of the year in 2008, when Chris Paul led the Hornets to a 56-26 record.

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NFL

LT, Gates among six Chargers missing practice

Running back LaDainian Tomlinson and tight end Antonio Gates were among six San Diego Chargers missing practice due to injuries.

Tomlinson has a bruised hip and Gates has a sore foot. Coach Norv Turner said Wednesday that he expects both back at practice on Thursday as the Chargers continue to prepare for Sunday's home game against the Philadelphia Eagles.

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2012 (PG-13) 2hr 38min
11:15, 2:45, 6:15, 9:45

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11:05, 1:50, 4:35, 7:30, 10:20

Ten9eight (NR) 1hr 25min
11:10, 1:20, 3:30, 5:40, 7:50, 10:00

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Disney's A Christmas Carol (PG) 1hr 36min
10:00, 1:15, 3:50, 6:20, 9:00

Disney's A Christmas Carol in Disney Digital 3D (PG) 1hr 36min
11:50, 2:20, 4:50, 7:30, 10:00

The Fourth Kind (PG-13) 1hr 38min
9:30, 12:00, 2:40, 5:10, 7:40, 10:15

Where the Wild Things Are (PG) 1hr 34min
11:35, 2:00, 4:25, 7:00, 9:40

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12:00, 2:20, 4:50, 7:30, 9:55

Irene In Time (PG-13) 1hr 49min
1:50, 4:40, 7:30, 10:00

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11:40, 2:10, 4:40, 7:10, 9:40

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11:50am, 1:20, 2:30, 4:10, 5:10, 6:50, 7:50, 9:30, 10:30

Paranormal Activity (R) 1hr 39min
1:10, 3:20, 5:30, 8:00, 10:10

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4:20, 9:20

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Let your imagination rock out, Aquarius

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★★ Defer, defer, defer. You really have no other choice, but it works anyway. A meeting or get-together you have been waiting for and wanting can finally materialize. You have plenty of reasons to smile. Tonight: Go with another person's suggestion.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ An easy pace works just fine, though you might be wondering why you keep putting up with so much around you. If you want to eliminate a situation, you certainly have the wherewithal. Tonight: Don't go far from where you feel most relaxed.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Talks open up doors more easily than you thought possible. Even a grumpy statement can trigger a talk if no one takes anything personally. Discussions are animated, and all parties learn a lot. Tonight: On top of your game.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ You might feel like someone shares too enough information. As a result, you could close down out of the blue. Be true to yourself and don't compromise. On the other hand, don't turn into the proverbial Crab. Tonight: Order in.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ Your energy draws results, though someone might find you a tad combative. Do your best to meet the different minds, perhaps through adapting your communication style. Others respond to your efforts in multiples. Tonight: You don't have to go far.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ Curb a need to be in control when more than one person is involved -- it is an impossibility. Through understanding this fact, you will evolve to a new level of interaction. Don't deny yourself this possibility. Tonight: Invite a friend out for dinner.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ You are in peak condition and accomplishing more than your share of work. Relax with the moment, and remember that this is life after work! Make plans accordingly. Be yourself wherever you go. Others appreciate your authenticity. Tonight: Make what you want happen.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ The smart Scorpio kicks back and worries less about what is happening around him or her. Integrate your feelings about a personal or professional situation, and then make a decision. Listen to your inner voice. Tonight: Put yourself first right now.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ Zero in on what you want to do. If you have been putting off an action or discussion, quite possibly the time is now. Someone from a distance could energize you with his or her news. You feel as if you must handle a matter now. Tonight: Where the crowds are.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ Whether you must follow another's lead or others follow you, you are not in the position to take off and do whatever you want. A partner takes a very strong stand. Try not to react. Tonight: Out and about.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★★ Your optimism helps you make it past a problem. Take an over-view and work on being understanding. How you deal with someone could change substantially. Tonight: Let your imagination rock 'n' roll.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Work with an associate directly, and worry less about the end results. Sometimes the process is far more rewarding. Know when to act. Too much talk won't work. Tonight: Make a date with a very special friend.

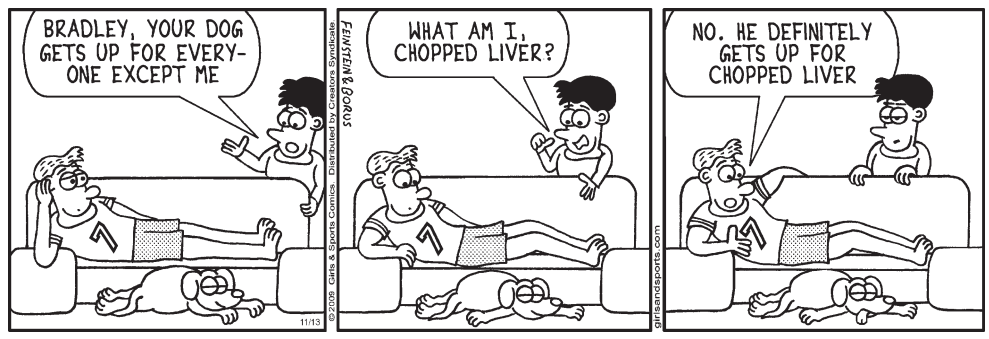
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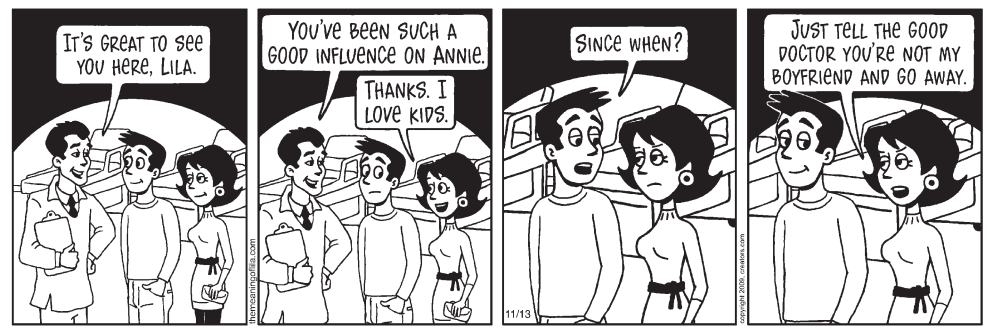
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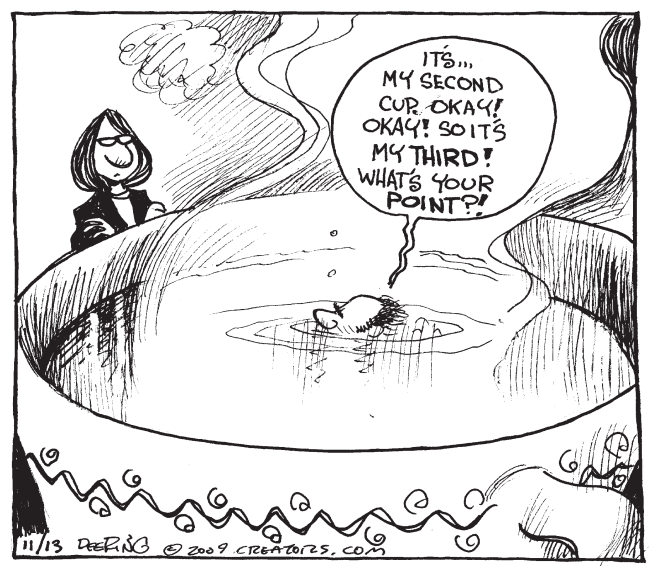
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GETTING STARTED

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	9	5	4	8	1	3	2	7
3	7	2	6	5	9	4	1	8
1	4	8	2	7	3	5	9	6
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1 Some babies
5 Attention-getting calls
9 Cheering loudly
11 "— With a View"
13 Fry lightly
14 Hot spot
15 List abbr.
16 MRI's kin
18 Space Needle setting
20 Had a meal
21 Inquisitive one
22 Wee pest
23 La Brea stuff
24 Chicken tender
25 "Shane" star
27 Paper buys
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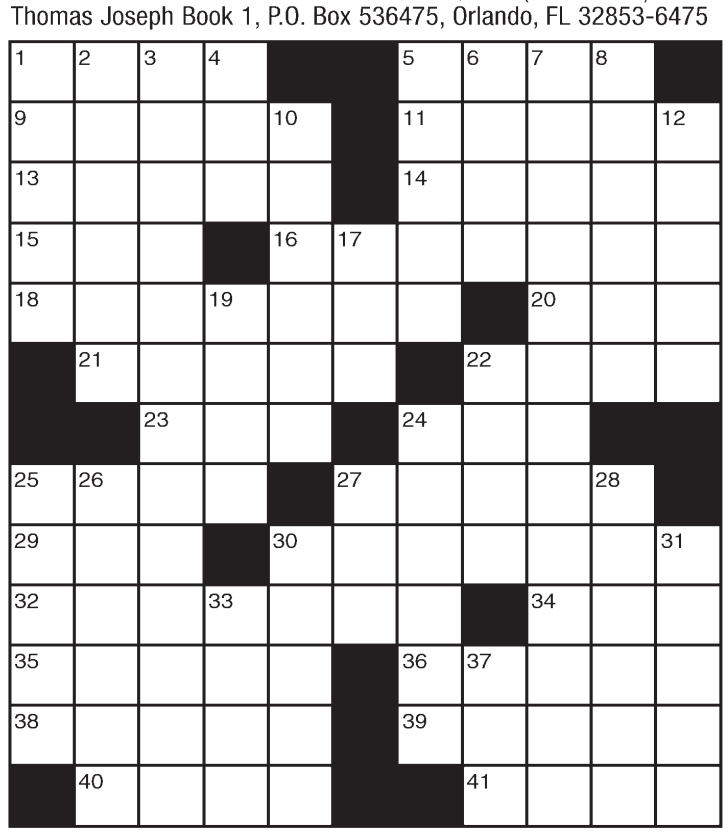
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1 Diamond corners
2 Speaks
3 "It's a fact!"
4 Was inactive
5 Dispatch
6 History stretches
7 "It's easy to find"
8 Bach creation
10 Parish leader
12 "The Fifer" painter
17 Mont Blanc, for one
19 Warty critter
22 Bike part
24 Song parts
25 Endures
26 Warnings
27 Ludacris' music
28 Venus' sister
30 Like many soap actors
31 Has a meal
33 Lady of Spain
37 That lady

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ In his campaign for election to the school board in Birmingham, Ala., Antwon Womack, 21, issued biographical materials claiming to be 23 years old; to be a graduate of a local high school and of Alabama A&M; to be a bona fide resident of Birmingham; to be properly addressed as "Dr."; and to have chaired three previous political campaigns. After inquiries by the Birmingham News, Womack acknowledged in August that none of those claims is true. However, he defended his campaign and his principles: "My values are not lies. It's just (that) the information I provided to the people is false."

■ During a three-week period in September and October, three couples in the Darwin, Australia, area aroused police attention for having uninhibited sex in public. On Sept. 13, a 29-year-old man and a 23-year-old woman were fully engaged in their vehicle (stolen, said police) at a gas station in full view of passers-by. They persisted, ignoring a police officer's order to stop. Two weeks later, an intoxicated couple taken into custody by police were seen having sex by the motorist following directly behind the police paddy wagon. On Oct. 6, 25 miles south of Darwin, a 33-year-old man was charged with reckless driving after he crashed his car into a concrete drain while having sex with a 34-year-old woman in the front seat. (The woman later denied the charge, in earthy language, to a reporter from the Northern Territory News.)

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TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner or Attorney: MARGARET STOMMEL GANSON filed a petition with this court for a decree of changing names as follows: MARGARET STOMMEL GANSON to MARGO STOMMEL GANSON. The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted.
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This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 9/30/2009. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 10/30/2009, 11/6/2009, 11/13/2009, 11/20/2009

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