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THE FOR THE KIDS ISSUE

Late officer gives students school assist

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

OLYMPIC BLVD A late Santa Monica Police Officer who died fighting overseas is giving economically-disadvantaged teens the tools to go to college.

The Santa Monica Police Activities League recently launched a new program that puts freshmen and sophomores on a path to higher education, guiding them through a college preparatory process that not only covers tips on taking the SATs, but provides financial assistance to pay for it.

The program is funded by the Ricardo A. Crocker Fund, named in honor of the late police officer who died in 2005 in the Al-Anbar Province in Iraq.

The fund was established when Crocker's family requested that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to PAL where the officer was a fixture and helped establish the SAT prep program.

"We were taught about education and how education can transport you to so many different avenues in life and he wanted to provide that for children who necessarily didn't have that information," Mary Crocker, his younger sister, said.

PAL, which is an afterschool program, had long provided college counseling for students, including tips on filling out forms for financial aid, but decided to formalize it all into a structured program starting this fall, meeting with a group of interested parents and teens in October before the official launch.

The program specifically targets freshmen and sophomores, starting early so students know which courses they should take through their four years of college.

"The earlier you expose them the higher chances you have with them going to college," Eula Fritz, PAL director, said.

Each student receives a college-bound plan that plots their courses in following the University of California's A-G requirements for incoming students, which includes two years of history and social science, four years

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BIG HELP: **Police Activities League volunteer Georgina Bonse (center) helps freshman Amy Albuera (right) and senior Jivanto Van Hemert in the PAL computer lab on Tuesday.**

Homebuilder sentiment unchanged

ALEX VEIGA
AP Real Estate Writer

LOS ANGELES A key gauge of homebuilders' confidence held steady in November, reflecting a cautious outlook from residential developers as they waited to learn whether Congress would extend a homebuyer tax credit.

The National Association of Home Builders said Tuesday this month's housing market index stood at 17 for the second month in a row.

A federal tax credit of up to $8,000 for first-time homebuyers has helped stoke sales this year, but it was set to expire Nov. 30. Congress extended the incentive earlier this month, after most of the builders had responded to the latest NAHB survey.

"Today's report confirms that home-builders and buyers were in something of a holding pattern in early November as the anticipated expiration of the tax credit drew near and congressional action had not yet taken place to address this," said David Crowe, the NAHB's chief economist.

Now first-time buyers can claim the credit if they sign a contract by April 30 and close the deal by the end of June. Lawmakers also expanded the program to include a $6,500 credit for existing homeowners who have lived in their current residence for at least five years.

The extension of the credit became a top priority for housing groups in recent months as the impact of the incentive began to wane by September. As a result, new home sales in September dropped 3.6 percent nationwide — the first decline since March.

The NAHB alone spent about $2.9 million so far this year on lobbying efforts, according to the Center for Responsive Politics.

Builders also are expected to benefit from the expansion of a law providing refunds for money-losing businesses that paid taxes on profits during the past five years.

In the weeks since the tax credit was extended, some builders, including Beazer Homes USA Inc., have said they're gearing up to buy land in some markets, citing expectations that sales will improve next year.

In the latest NAHB survey, the reading for current sales conditions was unchanged.


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Wednesday, Nov. 18, 2009

Quality of life
Santa Monica Public Library: MLK Jr. Auditorium
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 7 p.m.
Come to a free discussion with Ben Sherwood, a former NBC executive and author of "The Survivors Club," a close examination of those who survived extraordinary circumstances and the science behind it. Seating is first come, first serve. For more information, visit www.smpl.org or call (310) 458-8600.

Stories and crafts for kids
Santa Monica Public Library: Children's Activity Room
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 3:45 p.m. — 4:45 p.m.
Join Erica Silverman, children's author of the award-winning "Cowgirl Kate and Cocoa" easy reader series as she tells stories about our favorite cowgirl and her funny horse. Ages 5 and up are welcome to attend this activity. Call (310) 458-8600 for more information.

Thursday, Nov. 19, 2009

Justice, post 9/11
Santa Monica College
HSS 165, 11:15 a.m.
Is Bagram the new Guantanamo? Learn the answer to this question as Dr. Kal Raustiala, director of UCLA's Ronald W. Burkle Center for International Relations discusses "War and the Courts after 9/11." The event is free. Call Grace Smith at (310) 434-4003 for more information.

Meet the author
Every Picture Tells a Story
1311-C Montana Ave., 5 p.m. — 7 p.m.
Author and illustrator James A. Own will debut "The Shadow Dragons," the latest thrilling chapter in the young adult series, "The Imaginarium Geographical Chronicles." He'll be signing books and introducing new print and original artwork. Call (310) 451-2700 for more information.

Friday, Nov. 20, 2009

'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. 21, 2009

Yoga in the park
Palisades Park
Ocean Avenue and Palisades Avenue, 10 a.m. — 11:30 a.m.
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For more information on any of the events listed, log on to smdp.com and click the "Events" tab for the given day's calendar.





NEW LOOK

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Fourth Street's Parking Structure 5 has had quite a facelift, with new art work adorning the front.

'Remote Control' host Ken Ober dies at 52

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SANTA MONICA Ken Ober, who hosted the 1980s MTV game show "Remote Control" and helped produce the shows "Mind of Mencia" and "The New Adventures of Old Christine," has died. He was 52.

His agent, Lee Kernis, says Ober was found dead Sunday in his Santa Monica home. Kernis says Ober complained of headaches and flu-like symptoms on Saturday night but the cause of his death wasn't clear.

Ober hosted five seasons of "Remote Control" beginning in 1987. Contestants in lounge chairs were asked pop-culture questions from categories such as "Dead or Canadian?" The show featured early appearances by comedians Adam Sandler, Denis Leary and Colin Quinn.

Ober, who was born Ken Oberding in Massachusetts, is survived by his parents and a brother.

County prosecutor: Sell medical pot, get busted

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES Los Angeles County's district attorney says he intends to prosecute owners of marijuana dispensaries that take cash for pot.

District Attorney Steve Cooley said Tuesday he believes state law only permits the possession, use and cultivation of medical pot — not sales.

Most dispensaries currently sell pot to those with doctor referrals and identification cards. Some patients grow pot and distribute it through the shops.

Cooley's statement came after a pair of committees rejected City Attorney Carmen Trutanich's proposal to ban sales of marijuana at dispensaries as part of an ordinance that could be voted on by the City Council on Wednesday.

In 1996, California voters approved a measure that allows medical use of pot.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

DOWNTOWN

Fundraiser brings in big bucks

Over 300 supporters raised $250,000 earlier this month during the celebration of the 25th anniversary of Chrysalis, a nonprofit organization that helps homeless individuals gain self-sufficiency through employment. The participants in the event gathered at the Fairmont Miramar not only to raise money for the organization through a live and silent auction, but also to honor John Dillon, who founded Chrysalis on Skid Row in 1984 at the age of 22.

Other notable honorees during the event included Roy Williams, who received the John Dillon Award for taking large steps in his own self-sufficiency. A former Chrysalis client, Williams worked his way out of drug addiction and a history of felony charges to eventually become a property manager, a certified pastor and a motivational speaker.

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LINCOLN BLVD

Don't drink and drive

Cops will be on the lookout for drunk drivers this Friday, Nov. 20, holding a sobriety/driver's license checkpoint in the area of Lincoln Boulevard and Michigan Avenue. Police officers will be contacting drivers to confirm sobriety and check their driver's license status. This will be the first of a series of checkpoints that will occur over the next 12 months. These checkpoints were set up as an attempt to lower the number of alcohol-related deaths and to remind the public to have a designated driver or to call a taxi cab if one consumes alcohol.

Funding for this program was provided by a grant from the Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

"Law enforcement officers are doing more to remove drunk drivers from California's streets and highways thanks to our DUI traffic safety funding," said Christopher J. Murphy, director of the California Office of Traffic Safety. "But everyone can help make their communities safer. If you see a drunk driver – call 911."

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Buckle up

The Santa Monica Police Department is among dozens of police agencies in the Southland and statewide getting a slice of more than $3 million in traffic-safety grants intended for "Click It Or Ticket," enforcement efforts, the California Office of Traffic Safety announced Tuesday.

The SMPD's share amounts to $22,270.

The grants will put additional law enforcement officers on California's roadways at various times, but mainly during a pair of two-week periods: the last two weeks in November, and the last two weeks of May, said Chris Cochran of the OTS.

"There is absolutely no question that seat belts save lives," said OTS Director Christopher J. Murphy. "Buckling up will not only save you a heavy fine, it can also save your life."

California has a seat belt usage rate of 95.4 percent, but that still means that more than 1.5 million people in the state are not buckling up, Murphy said.

Properly restrained drivers, passengers and children have a 50 percent better chance of surviving a crash than unbelted occupants, and those ejected from vehicles in crashes or roll-overs are up to 35 times more likely to die than restrained occupants, Murphy said. Each traffic fatality carries a potential economic impact of over $4 million to families and society, he said.

"There are no excuses; law enforcement will not be giving warnings," said California Highway Patrol Commissioner Joe Farrow. "Nothing is worth risking the lives of you or your family. This should be the season of joy and thanksgiving, not tragedy."

The fine for a seat belt violation for vehicle occupants over the age of 16 has recently risen to $142. The fine for failing to properly buckle up any child under the age of 16 increases to about $360 per child for a first offense and up to $980 on a second offense.

The grants were awarded through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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The reality of the situation

Editor:

Re: What's the Point, "Many men should ask for help sooner," Nov. 3.

At the Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles (LAFLA), we disagree with Mr. Pisarra's assertion that restraining orders are issued instantaneously at the Santa Monica Courthouse without good cause. As seasoned family law attorneys, who are on the frontline every day working with victims of domestic violence, these cases tell us otherwise.

LAFLA's attorneys staff a domestic violence clinic at the Santa Monica Courthouse where we handle more than 600 cases of domestic abuse every year. Abused victims often arrive at the courthouse exhausted, many live in constant fear and have not slept, and some have fresh bruises. Others have spent the night at the hospital. All of the women are scared and arrive with frightened children in tow.

Even before these women can see a judge, they have to go through many steps. At the domestic violence clinic, staff attorneys assess the cases and ascertain whether the facts are sufficient to state a claim before completing the thick stack of forms. The entire process can take two to three hours. All the while, waiting victims are worried about losing their job, picking up their children from school or how to pay the rent and the bills without their spouse's salary. Victims are frustrated, because Mr. Pisarra has made getting a restraining order sound like a process that takes only as long as saying "Welcome to Santa Monica." At the end of the day, the victims are exhausted, hungry and scared. Although plans are made to return to complete the process, the person threatening to kill her has found her, or taken the child or children out of school and disappeared, or disabled her vehicle.

We know that most women have the courage to come to a clinic or court only after years of abuse, or after their teenage sons become old enough to get hurt protecting them. Many don't complain after being set on fire, or threatened with being killed and buried in the desert. Sometimes it is months and months of living in fear, seeing the same face waiting for them outside the apartment, peering out from a parked car, night after night long after the relationship has been over. Lost pregnancies, slaughtered pets and forced sex are all parts of many victims' histories.

On the other hand, men come to the clinic reporting a few days of bothersome phone calls, sometimes three to five in a week. They tell us that the calls are not threatening, but they worry that the wife or girlfriend will lure him into attacking her and he wants to "protect himself." Perhaps men should ask for help sooner, but in our experience very few men experience the terror and fear of living with domestic violence every day. Statistics show that 86 percent of victims are female. Both female and male victims face trauma and fear, which must not be denied and minimized.

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Going Postal

Steve "the Mailman" Breen — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

First, do no harm

TWO WEEKS AGO I WATCHED WITH sadistic mirth as the Democrats in Wonderland squeaked down their rabbit hole on PelosiCare. Nothing was funnier than watching the Rainbow Unicorn Party, led by Red Queen Nancy Pelosi, poke each other's "ayes" out while the Republicans calmly handicapped dead pool bets over who will rule in the kingdom of the blind and stupid. Now Mad Hatter Harry Reid and his homies are having an internecine aneurysm over how to reconcile this health care hornswoggle that has now landed on their party table DOA.

It's rumored that the new death panel czar will be Jack Kevorkian while their patron saint is Hannibal Lecter.

You know, nothing squeals "open and transparent" like an unread 1,990-page legislative lollygag passed in the dead of night while Democrats hid behind closed doors during congressional cloak room deal-making. This hefty health care doorstop tips the scale at a hulking 9 pounds and is 650 pages longer than HillaryCare. And nobody really knows how much this bloated sow is going to cost.

Folks, I work for a federal bureaucracy. You're all hosed.

As for the political nearsightedness of those Democrat "ayes" on PelosiCare, the chilly electoral geometry in 2010 appears like a rigorous rearrangement of the deck chairs on the Titanic just before the iceberg hits. Everybody's just galloping to the gunwales for a good seat. I understand Celine Dion will be singing the new DNC anthem, "Row, row, row your boat."

Is it an inconvenient truth that Republicans submitted 11 amendments that would compel not only both houses of Congress but the president, his cabinet as well as the Supreme Court justices to be the first enrollees to PelosiCare? So why were all 11 amendments killed by the Democrat cabal in committee? Folks, if this health care plan is so "Hello, Kitty!" delicious, then why aren't the homunculi of hopey-changitude demonstrating true leadership and quaffing the Kool-Aid that they have ginned up for the rest of us?

Take abortion as an example.

First of all, federally-funded abortion on demand is not "health care" which the politically expedient Stupak amendment hopes to preclude. Secondly, as a practicum, one can't very well discern the health care requirements of an aborted fetus. During the House debate, one droning Democrat suffering from Restless Lip Syndrome drooled that only PelosiCare could lower the U.S. infant mortality rate as if the U.S. was some Third World leper colony. Therefore, according to liberal illogic, shall we the taxpayers now fund the killing of unborn babies in order to lower the infant mortality rate?

OK, so how big of a bowl of stupid do you have to eat in the morning to be elected to Congress? Are Democrats overdosing? Democrats can't stomach waterboarding 9/11 bung-hole Khalid Sheikh Mohammed but they sure can make the easy "choice" to slaughter unborn American children. Khalid Sheikh Mohammed is guilty of the deaths of 2,995 people on 9/11. Liberal Democrats support, as a matter of principle, the abortion deaths of 3,700 U.S. children per day.

Who's the terrorist here?

According to oxymoronic liberal logic, health care is supposedly a nebulously inferred "unalienable right" akin to the very explicitly expressed Second Amendment. If I accept, prima facie, that public health care is an inferred constitutional "right," then will one of you socialist meat-monkeys out there in the Bozo-Zone explain to me as to why PelosiCare can subject any individual "… to civil and criminal penalties, including criminal fines of up to $250,000 and imprisonment up to five years" if that individual doesn't purchase a health care policy?

Let me get this straight, if I choose to not exercise my inferred and "unalienable right," which no government can either give or deny, I can now be prosecuted, fined and jailed under PelosiCare by my non-participation? Therefore, by that theorem, then all individuals not in possession of a firearm can also be prosecuted, fined and jailed for not exercising their explicit and unalienable Second Amendment rights. That scenario puts just about everybody in Santa Monica right in the slammer!

Awesome. No lines at Starbucks!

And spare me the argument that it's like getting car insurance. Owning an automobile is not an "unalienable right," folks, regardless of whatever any teenager claims.

Lastly, PelosiCare will provide funding for sex reassignment and elective cosmetic surgery so that you can look like either Perez Hilton or Carrie Prejean at taxpayer expense. Wow! This is the sex change/boob job we've been waiting for! As currently passed, PelosiCare promises dead babies, handcuffs and indoor/outdoor plumbing retrenchment!

If the "devil is in the details" then PelosiCare is the penultimate one-way governmental express train to Satan's outhouse. And don't forget folks, when dealing with a governmental outhouse, there's always a lot of paperwork involved!

STEVE BREEN says "an apple a day keeps PelosiCare away," and is still the "best looking mailman at the U.S. Post Office." He can be reached at dulcamarax@yahoo.com.

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Good riddance, Giuliani

IN 1957, STANFORD UNIVERSITY psychologist Leon Festinger came up with a theory which says that the anxiety or inner conflict between a person's beliefs and their behavior will cause that person to change their beliefs to fit their behavior, rather than change their behavior to match what they believe. He called it "cognitive dissonance," but there are a lot of different metaphors for it. Talking the talk without walking the walk, faking the funk, kidding yourself, being a hypocrite, selling out — take your pick, they all work. It's a condition everyone suffers from on occasion; but for politicians, artists, and entertainers, it can be terminal. It tells the voters who support you or the fans who appreciate your work that you don't actually believe in anything any more — and then you're dunzo.

Last week, former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani's political career suffered a fatal bout of cognitive dissonance when he spoke out against the decision to try the man who masterminded the hijackings of Sept. 11, 2001, Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, in federal court in lower Manhattan; despite the fact that Giuliani himself used to prosecute cases in that same court. It's hard to say what was more horrifying: the events of that day or Rudy's exploiting those events as his personal political springboard, but the fact that he went there (and stayed there for eight years) means I have no problem rejoicing in the demise of his delusional aspirations of ascending within the ranks of the Republican Party.

In his first campaign for New York City mayor in 1989, he won the Republican primary, but not the support of the Conservative Party, and lost to David Dinkins. His next two campaigns for mayor prove the point that in the land of the blind, the one-eyed man can be king. Running as a liberal and a Republican for a second and third time, Giuliani was elected on a promise to clean up the city — then re-elected because he kind of did. In fairness, he could have handed out surgical masks and campaigned as the guy who got rid of the urine smell in the subway and it would have worked.

He was a few months away from political obscurity when those planes were hijacked, thrusting the potential for greatness upon him in the form of the opportunity to take the helm of New York City's disaster response infrastructure and lead his city in a time of crisis. Unfortunately, he made the decision to locate the city's Office of Emergency Management headquarters into the World Trade Center complex four years earlier — and four years after the first WTC bombing — so it was inaccessible. The director of Emergency Management suggested a site in Brooklyn and was overruled by Mayor Giuliani.

Despite that disastrous decision (among many others he made in the weeks that followed), Giuliani cast himself as an expert on terrorism response. He was considered for secretary of Homeland Security in 2004, but dropped when it became clear the scandal surrounding his three marriages might make Senate confirmation difficult. Rudy recommended his former driver, Bernie Kerik, who has since pled guilty to lying to White House officials while being vetted for the job.

Along the way he blew off doing actual work with the Iraq study group so he could make $11 million on the speaking tour (because nothing shows leadership like helping yourself when you could be helping your country), and ran the most inept presidential campaign anyone had seen until John and Sarah's wild ride last fall.

His legal career began when he worked for the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York and ended with him as the U.S. Attorney for that District. It's poetically ironic that his political career ends with him going on three talk shows this past Sunday to say that as long as an alternative exists, the prosecution of the mastermind of the worst crime to take place in the history of New York City should not be handled by the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York.

When the "20th hijacker" was sentenced to life in prison in 2006, Giuliani said it "demonstrate(s) that we can give people a fair trial, that we are exactly what we say we are. We are a nation of law." Now he says it's a "mistake" to try KSM in the exact same way. The big difference between 2006 and 2009 is a Democratic administration is in power now, and Rudy has shown he's a hypocrite willing to change his beliefs to fit his behavior.

I hope Rudy's career can rest in peace with the knowledge that as the pro-choice, pro-gun control, anti-school prayer, liberal, Italian former mayor of New York who cheated on his first wife with his second wife, then cheated on his second wife with his third wife, lived with a gay couple while finalizing his second divorce — and once performed in drag as Marilyn Monroe — he was never going to win another election anyway.

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The Q Line

Be-all and end-all

The Route 66 Alliance last week named the Santa Monica Pier as the official end to the famous Route 66. This designation has angered some historians who say that the pier is not the time-honored end of the Mother Road and feel that the alliance and others are just trying to make a buck.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:

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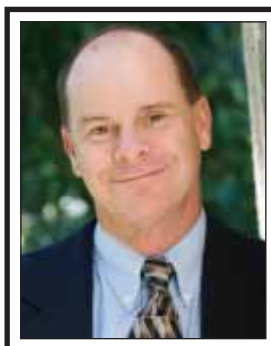
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WALL STREET

Stocks end mixed as commodities gain

STEPHEN BERNARD & TIM PARADIS
AP Business Writers

NEW YORK Stocks finished an erratic session mixed Tuesday as higher commodity prices lifted energy and materials shares.

Major stock indexes had their third straight advance, reaching new 13-month highs, but there were more declining shares than advancers on the New York Stock Exchange and the Nasdaq Stock Market. Stocks had zigzagged for much of the day on mixed news from retailers and industrial production.

A rebound in the dollar after three down days kept investors' appetite for stocks in check. An eight-month weakening of the dollar has been lifting commodities prices and shares of U.S. exporters, which benefit from stronger foreign demand for their goods when the dollar falls. Record-low U.S. interest rates have also driven investors to seek higher returns in stocks and commodities, lifting share prices.

Trading volume remained light, signaling a lack of strong conviction behind the market's moves.

Investors focused on retailers' earnings reports for insight into one of the market's biggest worries: how much consumers are spending. Home Depot Inc., Saks Inc. and Target Corp. all reported better-than-expected third-quarter results but also said they remain cautious ahead of the holiday shopping season.

"Despite the dramatic rally in the stock market, we still see the consumer operating at recessionary levels," said Uri Landesman, chief equity strategist and senior portfolio manager at ING Investment Management in New York. Stocks have surged in the past eight months as investors anticipate a recovery in the economy.

Stocks jumped Monday on a government report that retail sales rebounded in October. Investors are looking for signs that consumer spending, one of the biggest drivers of the U.S. economy, will recover during the holidays.

A report on industrial production weighed on the market. The Fed said output at the nation's factories, mines and utilities rose 0.1 percent in October, less than the 0.4 percent predicted by economists polled by Thomson Reuters.

Meanwhile, signs of inflation remained muted, a welcome sign for the economy. The Labor Department's Producer Price Index, which measures inflation at the wholesale level, rose less than expected in October. The 0.3 percent rise was smaller than economists had forecast.

"The market is saying inflation is not an issue," said Tim Courtney, chief investment officer at Oklahoma City-based Burns Advisory Group. He said that's a signal interest rates will remain low.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 30.46, or 0.3 percent, to 10,437.42. It was the ninth gain in 10 days for the Dow and its highest close since Oct. 2, 2008, when it ended at 10,482.85. The Dow jumped 136 points Monday after the retail sales report.

MANUFACTURING

Group finds lead levels in toys

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Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON Children's toys carrying the Barbie and Disney logos have turned up with high levels of lead in them, according to a California-based advocacy group — a finding that may give consumers pause as they shop for the holiday season.

The Center for Environmental Health tested about 250 children's products bought at major retailers and found lead levels that exceeded federal limits in seven of them. Lead can cause irreversible brain damage.

Among those with high lead levels: a Barbie Bike Flair Accessory Kit and a Disney Tinkerbell Water Lily necklace. The group said it also found excessive lead in a Dora the Explorer Activity Tote, two pairs of children's shoes, a boys belt and a kids' poncho.

California Attorney General Jerry Brown has sent letters to Target, Wal-Mart and the other retailers who sold the seven products, warning that children's goods on their store shelves were found to contain illegal levels of lead and should be pulled immediately.

The findings released Tuesday come about a year after a product safety law that ushered in strict limits on the amounts of lead and chemicals allowed in products made for children 12 years and younger. Congress passed the law after a slew of recalls of lead-tainted toys in 2007, including several Mattel-related recalls that involved more than 2 million toys.

Mattel said it licensed the Barbie name to Bell Sports for the bike accessory kit found with high lead, but did not make or sell it. Bell said the kit was an older product that passed safety tests in 2007, but the company didn't know it was still on store shelves.

Disney said the Tinkerbell necklace was tested by its licensee, Playmates Toys, before being distributed — and that it complied with all federal and state consumer safety regulations.

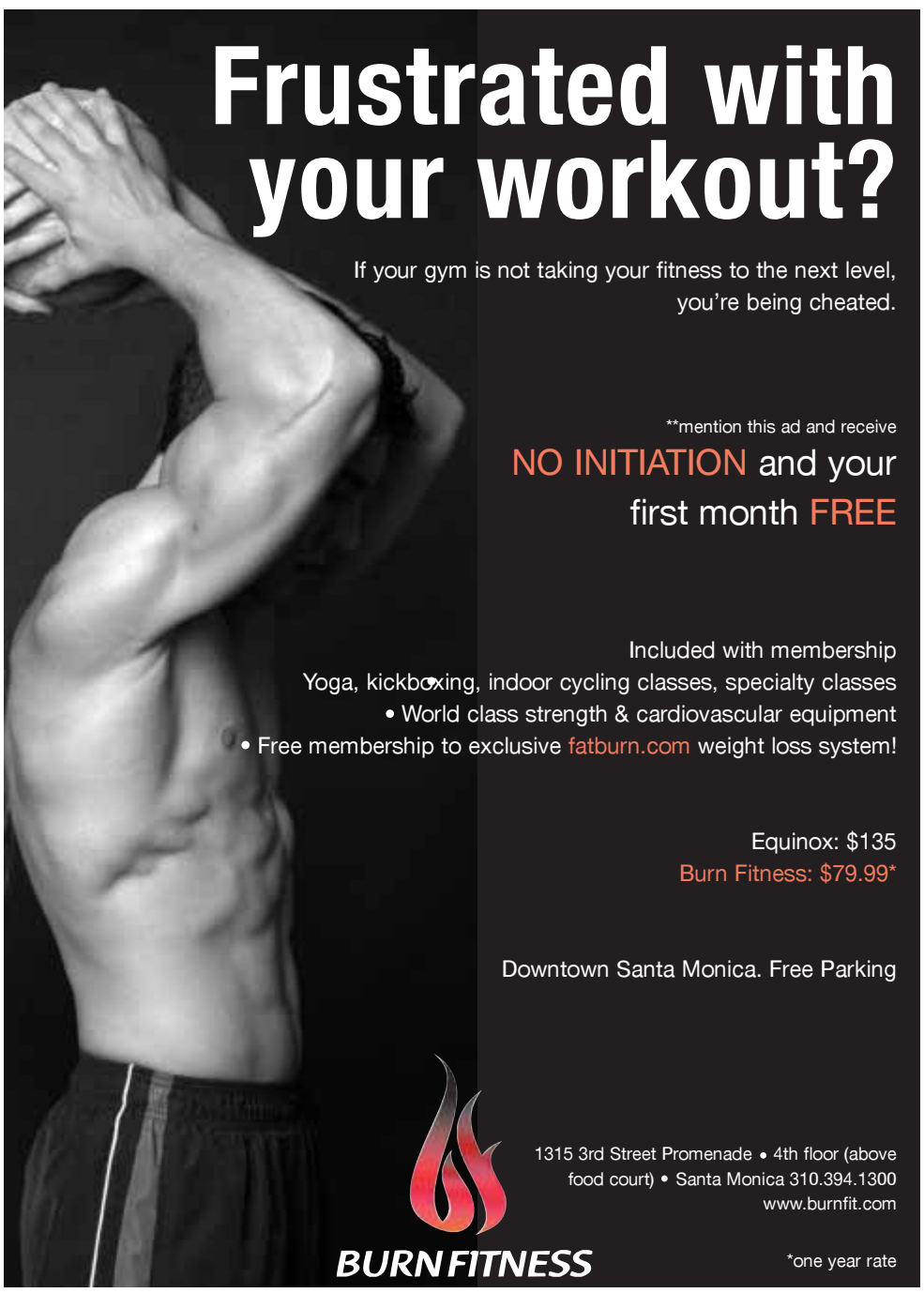
The Center for Environmental Health in Oakland, Calif., said the Barbie toy was bought at Tuesday Morning and the Tinkerbell jewelry was purchased at Walgreens. The other products the center said had high lead came from TJ Maxx, Sears, Wal-Mart and Target.

The center's executive director, Michael Green, said parents "need to know that there are still some lead problems on store shelves."

The center did an initial round of testing on products and sent the ones singled out as having high lead to an independent laboratory for additional testing and confirmation.

The Consumer Product Safety Commission, which regulates toys and thousands of other products, is looking into the matter.

Commission Chairman Inez Tenenbaum held a meeting with parents and consumers Tuesday in New York to praise the new safety protections provided in the consumer law, known as CPSIA. She said lead recalls are down this year and that CPSIA should give consumers greater confidence while shopping for toys during the holiday season.



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REAL ESTATE

SoCal home prices on the rise

JACOB ADELMAN
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES The median home price in Southern California rose nearly 2 percent last month from September, as the inventory of homes for sale continued to shrink and lenders worked to avoid fresh foreclosures, a tracking firm said Tuesday.

Last month's median home price of $280,000 in the six-county region of Southern California was about 7 percent less than the October 2008 median price of $300,000. That's the median's smallest year-over-year decline since September 2007, San Diego-based MDA DataQuick said.

The median sales price in Orange County rose nearly 4 percent from a year ago to $436,000, the county's second consecutive gain. San Diego County's year-over-year median increased 0.5 percent, its first such gain in more than three years.

The region's median sale price has risen or held steady on a month-to-month basis since it dropped to $247,000 in April, its lowest point in more than seven years.

DataQuick President John Walsh attributed the price stability to low mortgage rates, eagerness among eligible first-time buyers to take advantage of a federal tax credit, and government pressure on loan servicers to reduce foreclosures.

"The government is playing a huge role in stabilizing and, to some extent, reinvigorating the housing market," Walsh said. "The real question now is how well can the market perform next year as some of the government stimulus disappears."

DataQuick said foreclosures accounted for about 41 percent of sales in October, down from a high of nearly 57 percent in February.

The firm also said home sales in October increased about 3 percent from a year ago to more than 22,000. The increase made for 16 consecutive months of year-on-year gains.

G.U. Krueger, an economist at research and consulting firm HousingEcon.com, said the numbers show that the housing market is recovering, but he cautioned that the increasing number of borrowers delinquent on mortgage payments foretells a rebound in foreclosure rates in the coming months.

More than 9 percent of home loans nationwide were delinquent but not yet in foreclosure at the end of this year's second quarter, up from around 6 percent in 2008, according to the most recently available data from the Mortgage Bankers Association.

Krueger said he expects that trend to have continued. Banks could stifle the housing recovery if they foreclose on the bulk of those loans and release a large number of low-priced homes into the market at once, he said.

"If they handle it in a panic ... then it could damage the housing market," Krueger said.

LABOR

NYC newspapers' delivery offices raided by police

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Associated Press Writers

NEW YORK Investigators in the city raided offices for some of the nation's largest newspapers Tuesday as part of a corruption probe into a powerful union that has long faced accusations of ties to organized crime, a law enforcement official said.

Police officers working with the Manhattan district attorney's office searched for paperwork related to the Newspaper and Mail Deliverers Union in circulation, production and delivery offices of The New York Times, the New York Post, the Daily News and El Diario, said the official, who spoke to The Associated Press on the condition of anonymity because the investigation is ongoing.

District Attorney Robert Morgenthau said search warrants also were executed at a labor union, but he would not specify which.

"The investigation solely concerns business activity and practice and is completely unrelated to the content of any publication," he said.

The Times, Daily News and El Diario-La Prensa confirmed their offices were searched but said their companies were not subjects of the investigation. The Post declined to comment.

El Diario-La Prensa Publisher Rosana Rosado said the search warrant sought information into allegations of corruption at the union, which packages and delivers newspapers across the region. The Times said the office of an employee at its plant in the College Point area of Queens had been searched.

The 1,600-member union wields considerable power over news companies that rely on their drivers to deliver hundreds of thousands of papers each day, and allegations of connections to organized crime are not new. Calls to the union's headquarters were not answered Tuesday. The news deliverers' parent union, the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, referred inquiries to the local union.

Morgenthau once charged the newspaper union was under mob control for decades and sought to have a court-appointed trustee take it over in 1992, after an investigation that also involved a search of the Post and Daily News offices.

"The mob has been in control so long that it will take a special master with special powers to clean up the union," Morgenthau said then.

The union rackets ultimately raised operating costs for newspapers, prosecutors said.

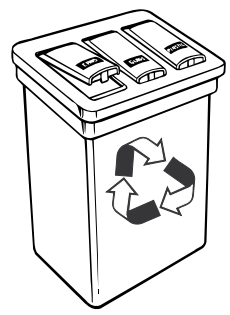
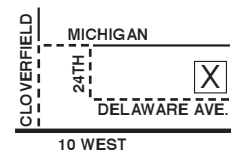
The probe led to criminal charges against union members including then-President Douglas LaChance, whom authorities accused of being an associate of the Luchese crime family. He had been convicted of federal labor racketeering charges in 1980 and served about five years of a 12-year sentence.

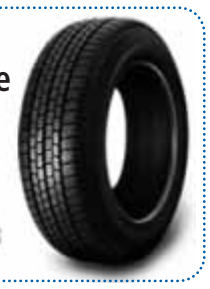
He was acquitted in the 1990s Manhattan case, which accused him of strong-arming the Post into switching delivery companies.

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Palestinians, U.S., UK criticize Jerusalem plan

MARK LAVIE
Associated Press Writer

JERUSALEM Israel moved Tuesday to approve a plan to build 900 more housing units in a Jewish neighborhood in the part of Jerusalem claimed by Palestinians, drawing harsh criticism from the United States.

The Jerusalem district planning commission officially deposited the plan, opening it to comments, objections and appeals from the public. Jerusalem city spokesman Gidi Schmerling said final approval was "many months" away.

Palestinians and Britain denounced the plan, but reaction from the U.S. was especially sharp.

A statement from White House spokesman Robert Gibbs criticized unilateral steps by Israel "that could unilaterally preempt, or appear to pre-empt, negotiations" and said the issue of Jerusalem "must be resolved through negotiations between the parties." He added, "The U.S. also objects to other Israeli practices in Jerusalem related to housing, including the continuing pattern of evictions and demolitions of Palestinian homes."

Responding to the White House statement, Nabil Abu Rdeneh, spokesman for Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas, said words from Washington are not enough. "There should be real American pressure on the Israelis to stop all these acts," he told The Associated Press. "Such acts prove that Israel does not want peace and does not want to revive the peace process."

Britain also criticized the plan to expand the sprawling neighborhood of Gilo, where about 40,000 Israelis live.

"The Foreign Secretary has been very clear that a credible deal involves Jerusalem as a shared capital," a British statement said. "Expanding settlements on occupied land in east Jerusalem makes that deal much harder. So this decision on Gilo is wrong and we oppose it."

Jerusalem and settlements are key sticking points in Israeli-Palestinian negotiations. Israel captured east Jerusalem in the 1967 Mideast war and annexed it, but no other country recognized that move. About 180,000 Israelis live in neighborhoods built around east Jerusalem.

Israel insists that east Jerusalem is part of Israel and rejects efforts to restrict building there. Palestinians consider the Jewish neighborhoods there as settlements.

U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon denounced Israel's move.

"The secretary-general ... believes that such actions undermine efforts for peace and cast doubt on the viability of the two-state solution," U.N. spokeswoman Michele Montas said.

In a statement, the office of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu defended the plan. "This concerns a routine procedure of the district planning commission," the statement said. "The neighborhood of Gilo is an integral part of Jerusalem."

Abbas has demanded a halt to construction in Israel's West Bank settlements before peace negotiations can resume. Israel has rejected the demand, while pledging not to build new settlements. However, Israel does not include building in east Jerusalem in that category.

Somali pirates get $3.3M ransom, free 36 hostages

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Associated Press Writers

MOGADISHU, Somalia As a Spanish warship looked on, a $3.3 million ransom was delivered by boat Tuesday and Somali pirates freed a Spanish trawler and its 36 crew members.

Spain's prime minister did little to deny paying off the hijackers — one reason the lucrative attacks are on the rise.

"The government did what it had to do," Prime Minister Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero told a news conference in Madrid. "The important thing is that the sailors will be back with us. The first obligation of a country, of the government of a state, is to save the lives of its countrymen."

Somali pirates attacked two more ships on Monday and still hold about a dozen ships with more than 200 crew, including a British couple who were taken from their 38-foot sailboat last month.

Ali Gab, a self-described pirate, told The Associated Press the hijackers of the Spanish tuna boat Alakrana were paid $3.3 million in ransom, delivered by boat as sailors aboard a nearby warship watched.

After being freed, the trawler steamed away under the protection of two Spanish warships. All crew members were reported to be in good health after more than six weeks in captivity.

Spanish Deputy Prime Minister Maria Teresa Fernandez de la Vega told a news conference the Alakrana was headed for the Seychelles, where U.S. surveillance drones and several warships belonging to a multinational force are based.

The pirates had been pressing for the release of two colleagues captured by Spanish naval forces a day after the hijacking. The Spanish government had been trying to find some sort of legal formula that would allow it to try them and send them back to Somalia.

The two were charged with kidnapping and related charges Monday. De la Vega declined to say if Spain might seek some sort of agreement with Somalia.

"Now is the time for justice," she said. "Our prosecutors are acting in line with the principle of legality and impartiality, and our judges, who are an independent branch, will issue the verdict they deem appropriate."

Somali villager Ali Ahmed Salad said 12 armed pirates left the Alakrana shortly after noon on Tuesday and joined colleagues near the pirate-controlled town of Haradhere.

In April 2008, the Spanish government reportedly paid a ransom of $1.2 million to win the release of another Spanish trawler seized by pirates off Somalia with 26 crew members on board. That ordeal lasted a week.

Long Beach wetlands found to be polluted with PCBs

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LONG BEACH The Environmental Protection Agency says high levels of a cancer-causing chemical have been found in a Long Beach wetlands — a discovery that could hinder a restoration project.

EPA spokesman Robert Wise says soil testing found levels of PCBs as high as 21 parts per million — 2,000 times the recommended levels. He says the levels don't pose much risk to humans but they're an ecological threat to an area that house three endangered species.

The pollution could affect plans to protect and restore the wetlands at the mouth of the San Gabriel River. Long Beach plans to swap other city-owned land to a developer who owns the marsh. But staff recommended holding off on the deal after learning about the pollution earlier this year.

The EPA's study will be presented Tuesday to the City Council.

L.A. City Council confirms Beck as new LAPD chief

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES The Los Angeles Police Department has a new chief.

In a unanimous vote Tuesday, the City Council confirmed Charlie Beck as the department's next leader. The 32-year veteran has garnered considerable support from local officials and community leaders and his confirmation was widely expected.

Beck replaces William Bratton, who quit last month to take a job with a security consultancy firm in New York. Beck has said he wants to take the reforms introduced by Bratton and ensure these become part of the LAPD's permanent creed.

The department underwent a transformation under Bratton, who oversaw dropping crime rates and improved relations with communities long suspicious of the department.

New program helps students pay for college prep expenses

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of English, three years of math, two years of laboratory science, two years of foreign language, one year of visual and performing arts and one year of a college-prep elective.

Counselors keep track of each student as they gradually build their college portfolio, recording all of their grades to see where improvement should be made.

"It's really just case management," Fritz said.

Students are advised to engage in extracurricular activities whether its sports or volunteering to better market themselves as a well-rounded student. The program also provides SAT prep courses and help with filling out college applications and essay writing.

It also provides financial assistance for students who can't afford to pay for the SAT or college application fees. The cost for college campus visits are also covered.

"It's going to make it so there isn't a kid going to PAL who can't afford going to college," Patty Loggins, the human services administrator for City Hall, said.

More than a dozen students are participating in the pilot phase of the program. Fritz said she is hopeful that more students will sign up next year.

"This program is really a handheld approach," Fritz said. "A lot of kids want to go to college but don't know how.

"PAL gives them attention individually as well as collectively to make sure they are doing it right."

The program is one of several funded through the Ricardo A. Crocker Fund,

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including tickets for students to Los Angeles Dodgers games and hikes to the Santa Monica Mountains.

An ad hoc committee was set up to determine how to spend the fund, deciding the money should embrace Crocker's love for the outdoors, love for education and love for the Dodgers.

Mary Crocker said her brother had a special relationship with PAL, respecting the organization for the work it did for the community and building the self esteem of children.

"I think he would be incredibly proud of what PAL has done in the past and is continuing to do," she said. "He firmly stood for providing the space and the resources to help (children) become educated so they're empowered to make decisions about their own lives."

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Relatives of Missouri family doubt sex abuse claims

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Associated Press Writer

LEXINGTON, Mo. If the tales they told police are true, a group of children in rural Missouri grew up in a house of horror, where some were raped by relatives, then told to write down their memories in little glass jars and bury them in the ground.

Two decades later though, as authorities work to piece together what happened, there's no evidence the jars have been found and other relatives say police have offered little evidence to support their accusations.

Burrell Mohler Sr., 77, and his four adult sons appeared in court in western Missouri on Tuesday where they were charged with additional sex crimes including rape and sodomy, and in a bizarre twist, a search warrant claims one of the suspects forced their victims to help kill and bury a man.

"These fellas have all had respectable jobs, and for this to come up so many years later," Ron Gamble, a relative of the accused family members said after Tuesday's hearing. "In this country, you're innocent until proven guilty. ... Have they found any evidence? I haven't heard of any."

Since authorities began their search of the Mohlers' former rural property outside Bates City on Nov. 10, the case has moved nearly every day to a new and sometimes darker place. One early court record detailed allegations of rape that included claims the children were assaulted with sharp objects and one girl was forced to have sexual contact with a dog.

As crews began their search for evidence, Lafayette County Sheriff Kerrick Alumbaugh said he believed they may find a body or bodies and buried glass jars with notes written by children who may have documented sexual abuse. The children were told to write down bad memories and bury them there and "the memories would go away," said Sgt. Collin Stosberg of the Missouri State Highway Patrol.

Even more shocking claims lay ahead.

A search warrant, filed Nov. 9 but released to The Associated Press on Tuesday, stated three of the alleged children observed "several murders" and were forced to help kill and bury a man in April 1988.

The warrant said one of the accused, Burrell E. Mohler Jr., and the children followed a large man from an Independence shopping center to his home. They parked outside, then the children lured the man over to their car by telling him that their father was having a heart attack. When the man leaned over to help, Mohler Jr. allegedly "wrapped his arms around the victim's neck" and subdued him, the warrant said.

Mohler Jr. then drove the man to his father's property in Bates City. There, Mohler gave knives to the children and ordered them to attack the man and stab him, the warrant said.

One of the children then jumped on the man's back and stabbed him, but it was a stab wound from the adult that actually killed the victim, according to the warrant. The children were then forced to help dig a grave for the man and bury him.

But the warrant offers no details about the stabbing victim or why he was targeted. Independence police say their department had no information about a person disappearing in April 1988 after driving away from an Independence mall. Nothing in the warrant suggests where the man lived.

The Highway Patrol's online "missing adults" Web site lists only one active case from 1988, involving a man reported missing Dec. 11 of that year from the eastern Missouri town of Union about 200 miles to the east.

Authorities also have not provided additional details about the alleged stabbing and have declined to say what has been found on the property.

Authorities said they are taking all the accusations seriously, but they insist their focus is on the sexual abuse case and refuse to comment on the murder allegation. "We are focusing on the sex crimes investigation," Stosberg said.

On Tuesday, relatives of the Mohler family were in the crowded courtroom as a judge read 15 new sex charges against the five men.

The charges added to 14 filed last week, accusing Mohler Sr., of Independence, of rape, sodomy and the use of a child in a sexual performance. His four sons, Mohler Jr., 53, of Independence; Jared Leroy Mohler, 48, of Columbia; Roland Neil Mohler, 47, of Bates City; and David A. Mohler, 52, of Lamoni, Iowa, were charged with rape.

During their brief court appearance, four of the five men said they still were trying to find attorneys. Jared Leroy Mohler said he had hired a lawyer, who did not immediately return calls seeking comment.

Meanwhile, one of several women who came forward to police also told investigators that she twice became pregnant and the men buried her first baby in their basement, according to another search warrant.

That warrant released Monday said a radar used to search the rural property where Burrell Mohler Sr. and his sons lived in the 1980s found an anomaly "consistent with the shape of a box" under the basement's concrete floor.

The woman told investigators that she was locked in the basement and raped in 1988.

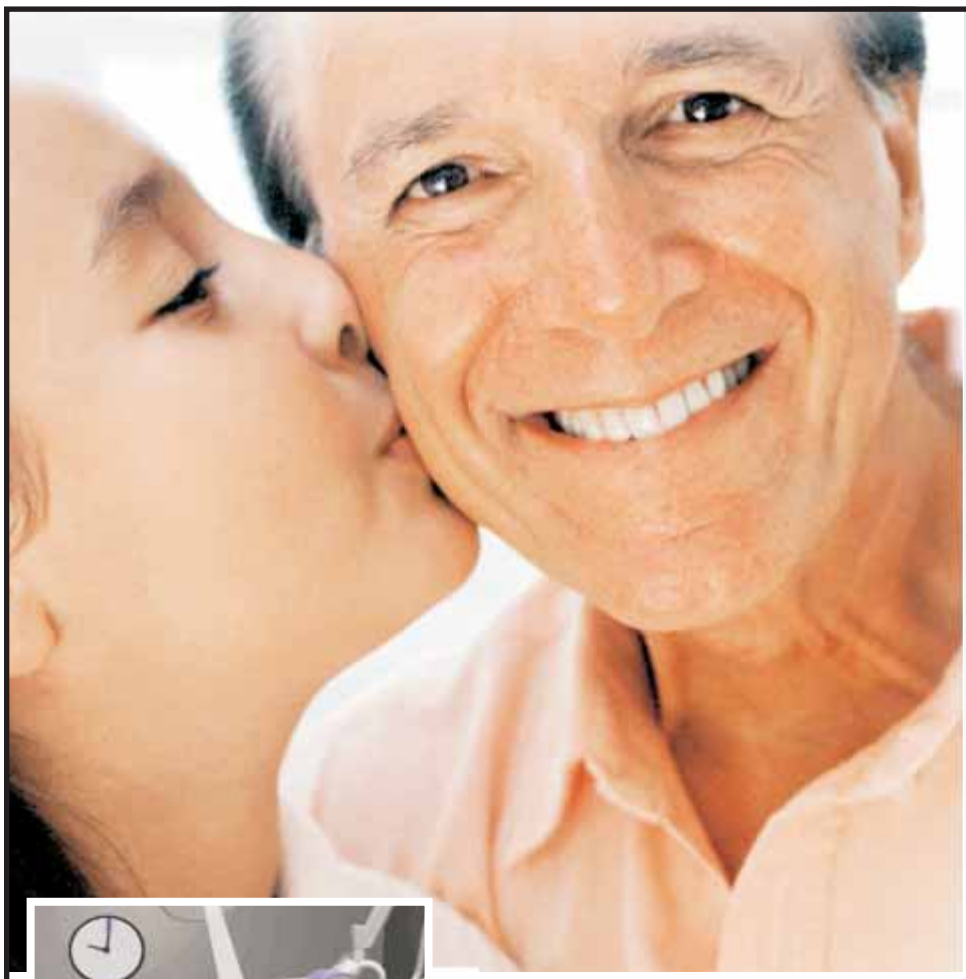
She said the baby was buried in a box under the basement's only window. The affidavit said the basement floor was dirt at the time, and "following the delivery of the first baby, Burrell E. Mohler Sr. and Burrell E. Mohler Jr. buried the infant in the basement." The floor was later covered in concrete, according the warrant.

Gamble however, said none of the charges seemed plausible to him.

"Believe me if these things would have happened when Alice was alive she would have been on top of this," Gamble said. Alice Mohler was Burrell E. Mohler Sr.'s wife and died in 1991, he said.

No additional charges were filed against the sixth person accused in the case, Darrel W. Mohler, 72, who was being held in Marion County, Fla., on two counts of rape stemming from 1986. He agreed to be extradited to Missouri, but his arrival wasn't immediately clear.

Various documents in the case identify the relationship between the siblings and the suspects. The Associated Press is not revealing that relationship to avoid identifying the alleged victims of sexual assault.



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Woman pleads guilty in Smart abduction

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Associated Press Writer

SALT LAKE CITY Seven years after she was abducted at knifepoint, Elizabeth Smart finally has an apology — and a guilty plea — from one of her kidnappers.

"I am so sorry, Elizabeth, for all the pain and suffering I have caused you and your family," Wanda Eileen Barzee, 64, said Tuesday. "It is my hope that you will be able to find it in your heart to forgive me."

The appeal came minutes after Barzee pleaded guilty to federal charges of kidnapping and unlawful transportation of a minor in U.S. District Court.

She also said she was "humbled as I realize how much Elizabeth Smart has been victimized and the role that I played in it."

Smart, now 22 and preparing to serve a mission in Paris for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, was not in court to hear the apology. But her father, Ed Smart, said outside court that forgiveness was possible.

"Absolutely," he said. "We all make mistakes in life ... and if we can't forgive each other, heaven help us."

During the hearing, he said he hoped Barzee realized what she did was "absolutely wrong and absolutely horrible."

Smart was 14 when she was taken from the bedroom of her Salt Lake City home, sparking a search that riveted the nation. Nine months later, in March 2003, Barzee and her now-estranged husband Brian David Mitchell were arrested after they were spotted walking on a suburban street with Smart.

Elizabeth Smart has said that within hours of the abduction, Mitchell took her as a polygamous wife then raped her. Smart said Barzee washed the teen's feet and dressed her in robes before the ceremony.

Barzee often became upset over Mitchell's relationship with Smart, but that sentiment would never last, Smart said.

Barzee's sentencing was set for May 19.

She could have faced a life sentence for the kidnapping charge and up to 15 years for the other count. However, under the plea deal, she is expected to receive 15 years in prison, with credit for about six years already served.

Barzee's plea came several weeks after a Utah State Hospital report said 15 months of court-ordered treatments with anti-psychotic medications had restored her competency to stand trial.

She also will plead guilty in state court under the plea deal to one count of conspiracy to commit aggravated kidnapping and will cooperate in state and federal cases against Mitchell.

Twice deemed incompetent in state court, Barzee had been diagnosed as delusional, called herself a "mother of Zion" and claimed to have been receiving messages from God through her television.

In court, the smiling Barzee looked more like a Mormon grandmother than the wild-eyed homeless woman in white robes who was known on the streets by the name "God Adorn Us" and panhandled near the headquarters of the Mormon church.

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Report: Homosexuality no factor in abuse cases

RACHEL ZOLL
AP Religion Writer

BALTIMORE A preliminary report commissioned by the nation's Roman Catholic bishops on the roots of the clergy sex abuse scandal found no evidence that gay priests are more likely than heterosexual clergy to molest children, the lead authors of the study said Tuesday.

The full report by researchers at the John Jay College of Criminal Justice won't be completed until the end of next year. But the authors said that their evidence to date found no data indicating that homosexuality was a predictor of abuse.

"What we are suggesting is that the idea of sexual identity be separated from the problem of sexual abuse," said Margaret Smith of John Jay College, in a speech to the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. "At this point, we do not find a connection between homosexual identity and the increased likelihood of subsequent abuse from the data that we have right now."

The question has been raised repeatedly within and outside the church because the overwhelming majority of known victims were boys. As part of the church's response to the crisis, the Vatican ordered a review of all U.S. seminaries that, among other issues, looked for any "evidence of homosexuality" in the schools.

Yet, many experts on sex offenders reject any link between sexual orientation and committing abuse. Karen Terry, a John Jay researcher, said it was important to distinguish between sexual identity and behavior, and to look at who the offender had access to when seeking victims.

The bishops had commissioned the $2 million study as part of widespread reforms they enacted at the height of the abuse crisis. The scandal erupted in 2002 with the case of one predator priest in the Archdiocese of Boston, then spread to every U.S. diocese and beyond.

Nearly 14,000 molestation claims have been filed against Catholic clergy since 1950, according to tallies the bishops have released in recent years. Abuse-related costs have reached at least $2.3 billion in the same period.

At the meeting Tuesday, Bishop Edward Braxton, of the Diocese of Belleville, Ill., asked the researchers whether their study indicated that homosexuality should be considered when evaluating a candidate for the priesthood. In 2005, the Vatican issued a policy statement that men with "deep-seated" attraction to other men should be barred from the priesthood.

Smith said: "If that exclusion were based on the fact that that person would be more probable than any other candidate to abuse, we do not find that at this time."

The latest findings affirmed previous reports that the rate of clergy abuse has declined steeply since the mid 1980s. Researchers found that the abuse rate peaked in the 1960s and 1970s. Most of the claims being made now involve allegations from decades ago.

In separate business Tuesday, the bishops:

— Adopted a pastoral letter affirming the church's definition of marriage being between one man and one woman, and that sex is meant for procreation. They also issued an educational document on the church's opposition to reproductive technologies such as in vitro fertilization.

Texas A&M remembering fatal '99 bonfire collapse

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COLLEGE STATION, Texas The bonfire collapse at Texas A&M University killed Carolyn Adams' daughter, Miranda. A decade later, Adams said she's grateful her daughter and the 11 other Aggies killed haven't been forgotten.

"The Aggie family said they would never ever forget," she said. "That's been true. They haven't. They continue to honor their memory."

A&M commemorated the 10th anniversary of the bonfire collapse Tuesday and Wednesday.

About 10,000 Aggies and others were expected to fill the university's basketball arena Tuesday evening for a ceremony remembering the accident, in which the 59-foot tower of logs collapsed as it was being built early Nov. 18, 1999. Along with the dozen killed, 27 others were injured.

Bonfires on the eve of A&M's game with archrival University of Texas had been a long-standing tradition at the university.

Thousands of people are expected to gather for a candlelight vigil at the collapse site at 2:42 a.m. Wednesday, the exact time of the accident. A circular memorial now marks the spot.

Adams, a retired teacher from Santa Fe, Texas, said she and her family will attend the ceremony and candlelight vigil to remember 19-year-old Miranda.

"Miranda had a beautiful smile. Her smile reflected what was on the inside of her: her love of God, her love of family and friends and her love of A&M," said Adams, 57. "It makes me sad I don't have her here. But I know I will see her again."

The annual bonfire, started in 1909, was the ultimate tradition for many at A&M, where tradition is fervently respected. As many as 70,000 people would gather to watch it burn on the 5,200-acre campus 100 miles northwest of Houston.

No bonfires have been held at the university since the collapse. Many Aggies, including Texas Gov. Rick Perry, would like the tradition to resume. But others question whether such traditions, rooted in the school's military and rural roots, has a place at A&M, which has been working to develop a national reputation as a university that values diversity, research and academic achievement.

An off-campus bonfire not affiliated with A&M has been held each year since 2002.

A commission that investigated the collapse found students had been cutting corners in construction for years and school officials had failed to adequately supervise them. No one person or group was blamed for the accident.

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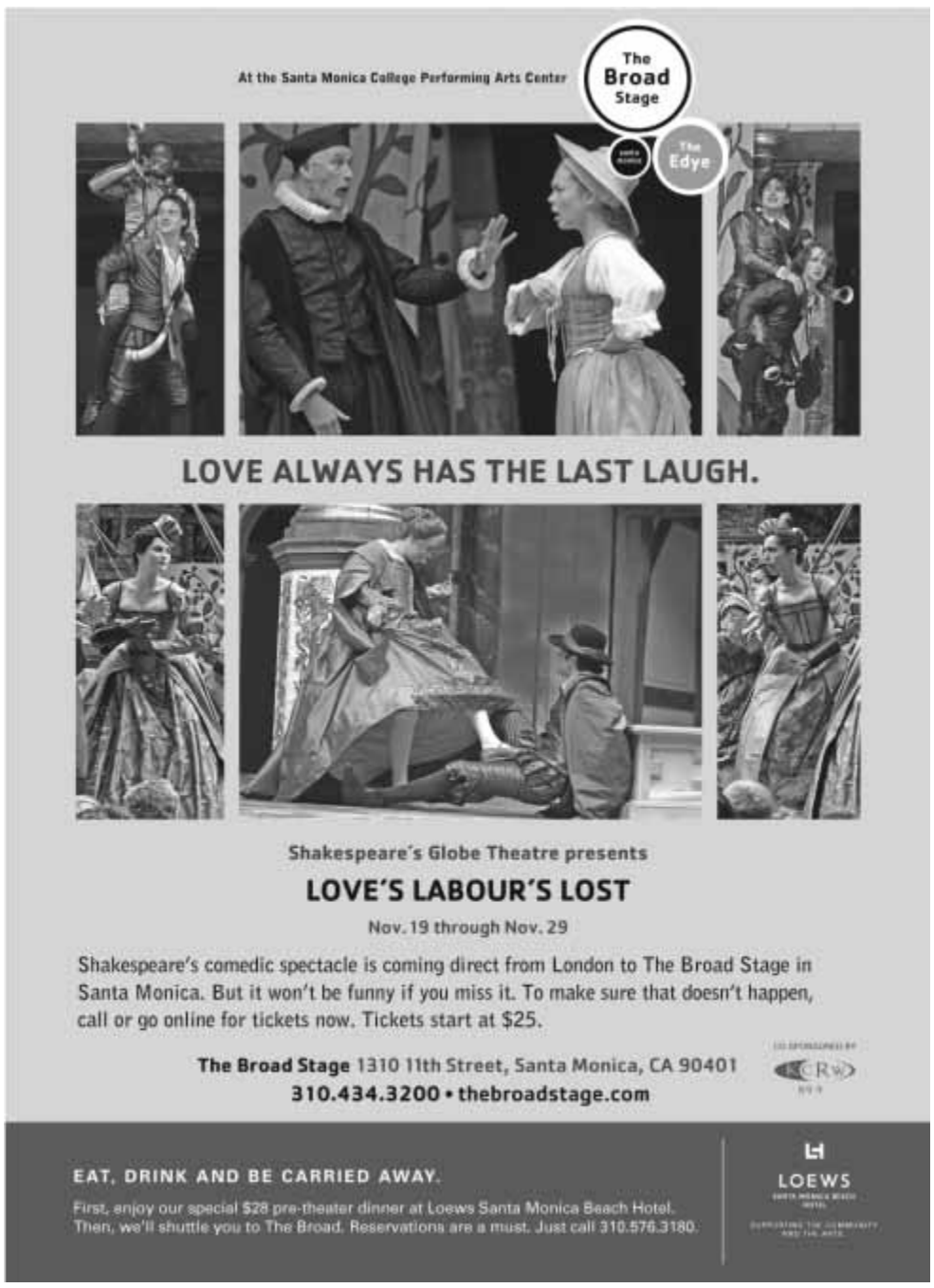
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NY ex-lawyer ordered to prison in terror case

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NEW YORK A federal appeals court on Tuesday upheld the conviction of a disbarred civil rights lawyer and ordered her to begin serving her sentence while a judge reconsiders whether he was too lenient in giving her more than two years in prison for passing information between suspected terrorists.

Lynne Stewart, 70, has been free on appeal since she was sentenced in 2006. The three-judge panel of the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals issued its nearly 200-page ruling almost two years after hearing arguments in the case.

"I will still go on fighting," Stewart pledged at a news conference across the street from the federal courthouse where she was convicted in February 2005 of conspiracy, providing material support to terrorists, defrauding the government and making false statements.

"This is a case that is bigger than me personally," she said. "I am no criminal and will fight it for all the lawyers."

She said the timing of the ruling might please the government because it could serve as a warning to lawyers seeking to zealously represent terrorism suspects at Guantanamo Bay who are being transferred to face trials in the United States.

Stewart, surrounded by several dozen supporters and signs that read "Free Lynne Stewart, the people's lawyer," learned after the news conference that she could remain free at least another day until she is informed where and when she must report to prison.

Stewart was sentenced to two years and four months in prison after she was convicted of passing messages between her client, Sheik Omar Abdel-Rahman, and senior members of an Egyptian-based terrorist organization. Abdel-Rahman is serving a life sentence after he was convicted 14 years ago in conspiracies to blow up New York City landmarks and assassinate Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak.

The appeals court suggested that Stewart's sentence was too lenient, especially when compared with the 20-month prison term given to her co-defendant, Mohammed Yousry, a translator who was working for her.

The appeals court said the sentencing judge can also reconsider the sentences of Yousry and Ahmed Abdel Sattar, a former postal worker, depending on what the judge decides with Stewart. The court also ordered Yousry to begin serving his sentence. Sattar is already serving his 24-year sentence.

In its ruling, the appeals court said Stewart can be resentenced because Judge John G. Koeltl declined to determine at sentencing whether Stewart committed perjury when she testified at her trial.

The appeals court said it was necessary for the judge to make the determination because of "the seriousness of her criminal conduct, her responsibilities as a member of the bar and her role as counsel for Abdel-Rahman."

It added: "We think that whether Stewart lied under oath at her trial is directly relevant to whether her sentence was appropriate. ... Any cover-up or attempt to evade responsibility by a failure to tell the truth upon oath or affirmation at her trial would compound the gravity of her crime."

In a partial dissent to the ruling, Judge John Walker complained that the appeals court did not go far enough, saying it should have rejected Stewart's sentence as "substantively unreasonable" and required resentencing on that basis.

Another judge, Guido Calabresi, said in his own concurring opinion that he believed two other lawyers for Abdel-Rahman might have violated their agreements not to help their client communicate with the outside world.

The judge noted that one lawyer read newspaper articles and letters from followers to Abdel Rahman while another acknowledged issuing a statement to the media on behalf of Abdel-Rahman.

He said he did not believe prosecutors acted improperly by choosing not to prosecute others but he thought it was "another, perhaps uncomfortable, issue" deserving discussion.

In a footnote to its ruling, the appeals court noted that, after sentencing, Stewart was quoted as saying that two years in jail was nothing to look forward to, but, she could "do that standing on my head."

The appeals court said: "Whether Stewart made this statement in full, in part, or not at all, is obviously entirely irrelevant to any of the issues before us."

At her news conference, Stewart said the comment was taken out of context and praised the sentencing judge for his "courage" when prosecutors were seeking a 30-year sentence.

She said she still gets teary when she recalls how Koeltl cited her at sentencing for service to her clients and her country.

Recession means smaller X-mas trees

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COLUMBIA, S.C. The recession is downsizing everything — even South Carolina's Statehouse Christmas tree.

This year's tree is about 30-feet tall and doesn't even reach the top of the Confederate soldiers' monument on the capitol's front lawn.

"We're like nonprofits and other groups everywhere. We've got to be a little more careful with our money," said Jane Suggs with the Columbia Garden Club, which has been putting up the tree along one of the city's busiest streets for several years.

This year's white fir costs about half as much as last year's tree and came from a farm in Pennsylvania, instead of the North Carolina business which has supplied the trees in recent years.

Crews worked Tuesday to string lights on the tree, which was delivered the day before. The arrival caused its own problem. The seller wrapped the tree in netting like one bought from a common tree farm. When crews cut the packaging, branches broke off everywhere, leaving big bare patches on the bottom.

"We've got a tree in our yard that we've ran over a couple of times and it looks better than that," said Will Stephens of Pelion, who came to take pictures of the tree with his wife after hearing it was looking a little raggedy.

Army helps vets with 'invisible wounds'

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SAN ANTONIO Richard Martin keeps a rearview mirror on his desk to prevent co-workers from startling him in his cubicle. The walls are papered with sticky notes to help him remember things, and he wears noise-canceling headphones to keep his easily distracted mind focused.

Martin, an Army veteran who was nearly blown up on three occasions in Iraq, once feared that post-traumatic stress disorder and a brain injury would keep him from holding down a civilian job, despite years of corporate experience and an MBA.

"Here I am with this background and I'm having problems with my memory," said Martin, a 48-year-old engineer and former National Guard major who now works for Northrop Grumman, helping to devise ways to thwart remote-detonated bombs.

The defense contractor recruited him through its hiring program for severely wounded veterans of Iraq and Afghanistan. The company consulted occupational nurses on how to help him do his job without becoming overly nervous when someone, say, drops a heavy object. Martin figured out other tricks, like the headphones, on his own.

But Martin is one of the lucky ones.

Army officials say many new veterans suffering from PTSD and brain injuries struggle to find and keep a civilian job. Advocates say many employers don't know how to accommodate veterans with these "invisible wounds" and worry that they cannot do the job and might even "go postal" someday.

"There is a stigma attached to the invisible wounds, and it's largely borne out of ignorance," said David Autry, a spokesman for Disabled American Veterans. "There's a fear that somebody will go off the deep end."

The Army's Wounded Warrior Program, which helps veterans adjust to civilian life, has been reaching out to employers to educate them and encourage them to hire former soldiers with invisible wounds.

It conducts briefings to brace potential employers for soldiers who might not be able to work regular hours or might startle too easily, suffer outbursts or require time off for counseling.

About 90 severely wounded veterans have found work with the help of the Wounded Warrior Program since it began offering job assistance last year, though the Army does not break that down by injury type.

The severely wounded soldiers now returning from the wars suffer primarily from PTSD and severe brain injuries rather than lost limbs. About a third, or 1,950, of the 5,400 soldiers and veterans in the Wounded Warrior Program have PTSD as their primary injury, while about 970 are in the program because of brain injuries. About 770 are amputees.

For the invisibly wounded, the losses can be as minor as slight memory lapses and as severe as debilitating flashbacks and a hair-trigger temper. Some have blurred vision and difficulty concentrating.

Disabled soldiers qualify for disability payments, but those are often barely enough to live on, and many want to work, if only for their self-respect. The problem is that many employers are far less prepared to take on former military personnel with mental and cognitive disabilities than those with burns or lost limbs.

"Employers find it easier to accommodate those physical disabilities. They can get special equipment," said Sue Maloney, who works with veterans in the Wounded Warrior Program in the Seattle area. But "you can't always see the wounds or the injuries."

Kyle Salisbury, 21, went to work shortly after he retired from the Army last year with a brain injury caused by two large blasts in as many days.

His employer was excited about hiring a wounded Iraq veteran, but Salisbury often could not work because of severe headaches. A second job driving a truck did not work out either because of his occasional nausea and blurred vision. He quit both jobs.

"Right now my job prospects are zero," said Salisbury, who lives with his wife and 3-year-old nephew in Bellingham, Wash. He is attending community college while he decides what to do next.

With less than $3,000 a month in disability payments, "the bills take up all the money," he said. "I definitely don't live a worry-free life."

The transition for Martin, who works in Clearfield, Utah, appears to have been easier. He said minor adjustments to his office, combined with a Blackberry, rehab and medication, have allowed him to function well. He learned about the noise-canceling headphones from a fellow passenger on an airplane.

Karen Stang, manager of Northrop Grumman's hiring program, said that adjustments had to be made for veterans with PTSD or brain injuries, but company managers are happy with the new hires.

The company consults with occupational nurses about what accommodations should be made and encourages veterans to be honest about what they need.

"Give them a chance," Stang said she tells other employers. "Really, look at what they bring as far as skills and help them manage their disability so they can succeed in their job."

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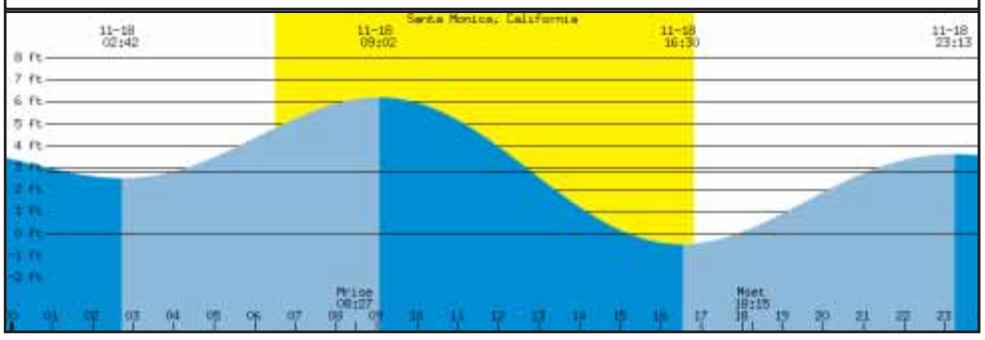
Swell Forecast

We may see some NW swell build later in the day, but the AM is expected to start out in the waist high range max for most breaks. May see some NW swell build to chest to head high around west facing breaks.

Long Range Synopsis

Most west facing breaks can expect chest to head high sets.

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 **November 10, 2009**

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QUICK STATS (for the last 28 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 0
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 5
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 37 / 35
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 9 / 11

The Beach Report Card is made possible by: The Diller – von Furstenberg Family Foundation; simplehuman; SIMA

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

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechasa and Las Alisos creeks.	A+	A+
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	A+
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	A+
Paradise Cove Pier at Rominer Canyon Creek mouth.	C	F
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A+	A+
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	D	A+
Solstice Canyon at Don Blacker County Beach.	F	A+
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	A+
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	A+	F
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	A+
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	A	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	A	A+
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	A+
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.	A+	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	B	F
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	A+	F
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A	A+
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A+	A+
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+	A+
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.	C	A+
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	F	A+
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A+	A+
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St..	A+	A+
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower.	D	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	D	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).	C	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	A+	A+
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant.	A+	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. 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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TENNIS

Santa Monica's Querrey on mend

BETH HARRIS
AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES American Sam Querrey, who lives in Santa Monica, is back practicing for his return to the ATP Tour after he cut two muscles in his right forearm after sitting on a glass table that broke in Thailand.

The world's 25th-ranked player said Tuesday he narrowly avoided damaging the nerve in his serving arm that would have ended his tennis career.

Querrey hurt himself on Sept. 28 after practicing at the Thailand Open. The accident cut short his fall season and Querrey says it probably cost him a chance to move into the world's top 20.

Querrey began hitting for the first time last week. He says his arm feels good, although his serve isn't quite where it was before the accident.

LEGAL NEWS

Prosecutors review evidence in Tyson fight

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES Prosecutors have begun investigating whether to charge ex-heavyweight champion Mike Tyson and a photographer for a scuffle at Los Angeles International Airport.

City attorney's spokesman Frank Mateljan says police on Tuesday handed his office a preliminary report of the Nov. 11 confrontation.

Tyson and photographer Tony Echeverria made citizens' arrests, each claiming he was punched by the other man.

Mateljan says city attorney's investigators want to interview both men and see video of the incident.

Tyson and Echeverria could be charged with misdemeanor battery, which carries a maximum sentence of six months in jail.

Tyson could also be charged with violating probation in a 2007 drug case if he's convicted. He pleaded guilty in Arizona to cocaine possession.

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Between the Folds (NR) 1hr
7:30

AMC Loews Broadway 4
1441 Third Street Promenade

2012 (PG-13) 2hr 38min
2:30, 6:00, 9:30

Pirate Radio (R) 1hr 55min
1:50, 4:35, 7:20, 10:05

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

A Serious Man (R) 1hr 45min
1:40, 4:25, 7:00, 9:35

AMC 7 Santa Monica
1310 Third St.
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2012 (PG-13) 2hr 38min
12:00, 1:00, 3:30, 4:30, 7:00, 8:00, 10:30

Disney's A Christmas Carol (PG) 1hr 36min
1:45, 4:10, 6:45, 9:00

Disney's A Christmas Carol in Disney Digital 3D (PG) 1hr 36min
12:10, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00

The Fourth Kind (PG-13) 1hr 38min
12:20, 2:45, 5:15, 7:40, 10:10

Where the Wild Things Are (PG) 1hr 34min
2:00, 4:40, 7:15, 9:50

Men Who Stare at Goats (R) 1hr 30min
12:30, 2:50, 5:30, 7:50, 10:20

Laemmle's Monica Fourplex
1332 Second St.
(310) 394-9741

The Maid (La nana) (NR) 1hr 49min
12:10, 2:40, 5:10, 7:50, 10:15

Love Hurts (PG-13) 1hr 50min
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

Precious (R) 1hr 49min
12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:40, 10:15

Mann's Criterion Theatre
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The Box (PG-13) 1hr 56min
11:30 (am), 2:20, 5:00, 7:40, 10:20

Couples Retreat (PG-13) 1hr 47min
1:30, 6:40

Law Abiding Citizen (R) 1hr 48min
11:40 (am), 2:10, 4:40, 7:10, 9:40

Michael Jackson's This Is It (PG) 2hrs 1min
11:50 (am), 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

Zombieland (R) 1hr 21min
4:20, 9:20

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Pay bills, Scorpio

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ You might need to adjust to a perception, or else you could be shocked. If you take the high road, you'll discover a new basis of understanding and growth. Opportunities revolve around a meeting with a key friend. Tonight: Where there is music.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Deal with others directly. You could be uncomfortable with what is coming down your path. You might want to rewrite an interaction with a jealous friend or an unexpected development. Continue to relate closely to a friend. Tonight: Work as a team.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Defer, defer and defer one more time. You could be startled by someone you look up to, as this person weaves a new path or heads in a new direction. News from a distance invigorates your imagination. Do you know when enough is enough? Tonight: Where people are.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ Deal directly with one person. You know what is happening, and you probably have a strong set of expectations as well. Plans could change because of news. Your flexibility is tested to the max. Relate directly to a key friend. Tonight: Go to the gym!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Your fire and get-up-and-go can inspire many to rethink a situation. However, a partner will surprise you -- for better or for worse -- with his or her reaction. Express your imagination with drama, and someone will respond accordingly. You have a way of inspiring a partner emotionally. Tonight: Talk about dreams, desires and secrets!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ Have you been toying with the idea of a home office or perhaps another type of business that would permit you to work from home more often? Opportunities come in from out of left field. You wonder if you can maintain that high energy and get the job done. The answer is yes. Tonight: Deal with a difficult person.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ Your words leave an impression on someone. You could be surprised by what comes up out of the blue if you remain open. New technology could be filtering into the most old-fashioned offices. Share your imaginative ideas more often. Your confidence grows as you get strong feedback. Tonight: Swap news with friends.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Be more aware of your finances, especially right now. An aura of deceptions could easily filter into that side of your life. You will land on your feet, but at what cost? Emotional risks also need weighing. You often are taciturn and withdrawn because it's hard for you to be vulnerable. Tonight: Pay bills.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ Take advantage of all the good vibes right now. You'll head in a new direction if you can jump over an unanticipated hurdle. Keep communication moving by returning your calls and scheduling meetings. Your imagination will take over if you aren't careful. Try to stay reality based. Tonight: Out and about.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★ Know when to cut back and decide that enough is enough. You could be in a strange mood dealing with a friend, sibling or neighbor. Ask yourself what you need to do to make this relationship easier. You want to open up to new possibilities with finances. What looks good might not be. Tonight: Get some much needed R and R.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ Zero in on what you want. Are you questioning a decision you made recently? Until you see how the situation plays out, you might not know what will happen. A meeting could prove to be instrumental in your choices. Weigh various ideas. Tonight: Whatever knocks your socks off.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Sometimes others can question you to the point that you want to go in another direction. Your instincts are right-on. Recognize your multiple options and think in terms of new beginnings. Your inner thoughts don't seem to correlate with your actions. Stop if this is the case. Tonight: A must appearance.

Happy birthday

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

This year, a unique resourcefulness bubbles up. Learning to tap into it could be more important than you realize. Learn to let go of the tried-and-true more easily. Apparently you are evolving into such a commanding figure that others feel the need to express their independence. Be flattered. If you are single, you draw some unusual types to you -- suitors who might be very exciting but not necessarily stable. The end result could be some heartache, until you find the right person, who you will see many ups and downs with.

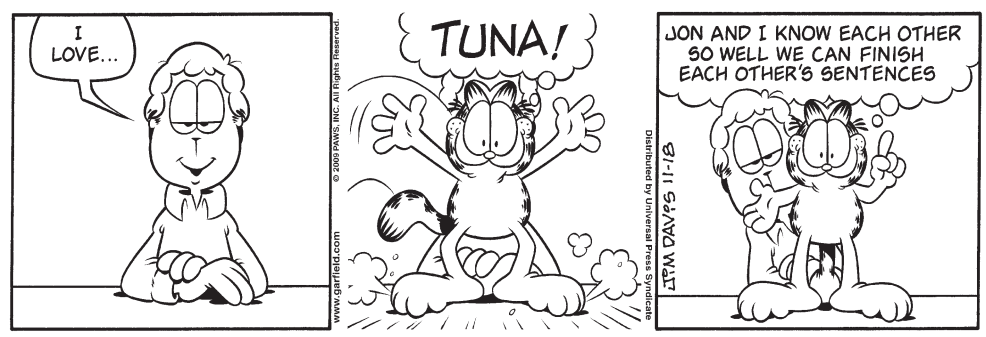
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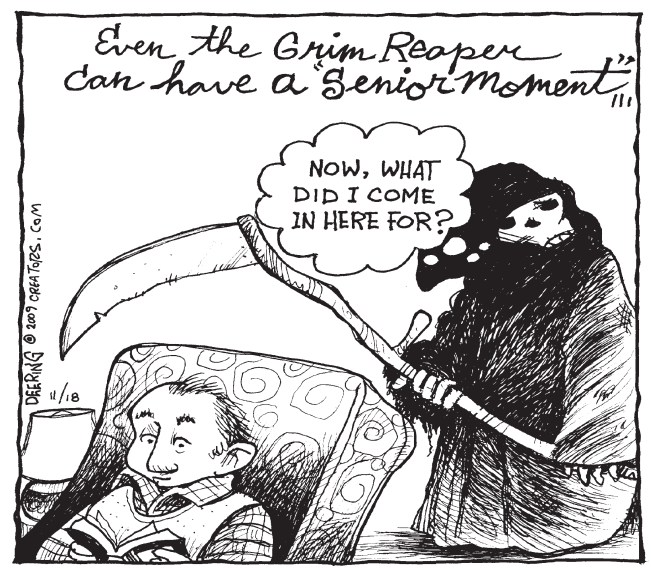
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There are many strategies to solving Sudoku. One way to begin is to examine each 3x3 grid and figure out which numbers are missing. Then, based on the other numbers in the row and column of each blank cell, find which of the missing numbers will work.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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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1 Silences, as a show
6 Watch part
10 Japanese dog
11 Md. neighbor
12 Ornamental tree
13 Wont
14 Bullfight cries
15 Money, in slang
16 Modern
17 Nursery occupant
18 Comfy room
19 Hockey hit
22 Bible twin
23 Track
26 Pic
29 Tear
32 Farm animal
33 Flock female
34 Highway entrance
36 Rural structure
37 Suspect's story
38 Loses color
39 Twin of myth
40 Without help
41 Right away, in the ER
42 Divisions

DOWN

1 Wall makers
2 Island strings
3 "I remember when ..."
4 Greek vowels
5 Bodily pouch
6 Precious
7 Ready for sleep
8 Cartoon genre
9 Forum talk
11 Some publicity events
15 Cry from Homer
17 Huge waves
20 — de deux
21 Appliance store array
24 Before
25 Coarse
27 Egyptian snake
28 Past, present and future
29 Lion sounds
30 Bay
31 Kind of ballerina
35 Touch on
36 Indonesian island
38 Distant

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Gay Vulture Tricks: The births of two chicks on the same day at the Jerusalem Biblical Zoo in April was unusual enough but especially noteworthy because of the birds' lineage. Their fathers were a gay vulture couple about 10 years ago, according to a report in the Israeli daily Haaretz, and zoo caretakers provided them an artificial egg to "incubate" until they could replace the egg with a just-hatched vulture, as if the male-male couple had birthed it. In "an insane coincidence," said a zoo official, the two males eventually separated and paired with females, and those females hatched eggs on the same day last April. Two weeks ago, according to Haaretz, the two chicks achieved independence on the same day and were moved to the zoo's aviary.

■ Among the species discovered recently in Papua New Guinea were tiny bear-like creatures, frogs with fangs, fish that grunt, kangaroos that live in trees, and what is probably the world's largest rat (with no fear of humans). Scientists from Britain, the United States and Papua New Guinea announced the findings in September, among more than 40 new species from a jungle habitat a half-mile deep inside the centuries-dormant Mount Bosavi volcano crater.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1987 King's Cross fire: In London, 31 people die in a fire at the city's busiest underground station at King's Cross St Pancras.

1988 War on Drugs: U.S. President Ronald Reagan signs a bill into law allowing the death penalty for murder in regards to drug traffickers.

1991 Shiite Muslim kidnappers in Lebanon set Anglican Church envoys Terry Waite and Thomas Sutherland free.

1991 After the siege of Vukovar, the Croatian city of Vukovar capitulates to the besieging Yugoslav People's Army and allied Serb paramilitary forces.

1993 In the United States, the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) is passed in the House of Representatives.

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First Ten Months of 2008 compared to First Ten Months of 2009

Santa Monica Single Family Homes

Santa Monica Canyon	previous period 1-1-08 thru 10-31-08	current period 1-1-09 thru 10-31-09	% change
Number of Sales	15	11	-27%
Average Days on the Market	129	67	-48%
Lowest Price	$1,487,000	$875,000	-41%
Median Price	$2,050,000	$2,175,000	6%
Highest Price	$5,295,000	$4,700,000	-11%
Average Price Per Square Foot	$869	$805	-7%
Average Sale Price / Average List Price	96%	94%	-2%

North of Montana	previous period 1-1-08 thru 10-31-08	current period 1-1-09 thru 10-31-09	% change
Number of Sales	60	46	-23%
Average Days on the Market	52	83	60%
Lowest Price	$1,575,000	$1,400,000	-11%
Median Price	$2,970,325	$2,325,000	-22%
Highest Price	$8,600,000	$4,500,000	-48%
Average Price Per Square Foot	$900	$780	-13%
Average Sale Price / Average List Price	97%	93%	-4%

Between Wilshire and Montana	previous period 1-1-08 thru 10-31-08	current period 1-1-09 thru 10-31-09	% change
Number of Sales	17	19	12%
Average Days on the Market	57	90	58%
Lowest Price	$1,337,500	$1,027,125	-23%
Median Price	$2,011,000	$1,600,000	-20%
Highest Price	$3,000,000	$2,800,000	-7%
Average Price Per Square Foot	$861	$660	-23%
Average Sale Price / Average List Price	97%	95%	-2%

South of Wilshire	previous period 1-1-08 thru 10-31-08	current period 1-1-09 thru 10-31-09	% change
Number of Sales	11	3	-73%
Average Days on the Market	40	96	140%
Lowest Price	$550,000	$659,500	20%
Median Price	$830,000	$739,000	-11%
Highest Price	$2,300,000	$790,000	-66%
Average Price Per Square Foot	$549	$686	25%
Average Sale Price / Average List Price	98%	96%	-2%

Sunset Park	previous period 1-1-08 thru 10-31-08	current period 1-1-09 thru 10-31-09	% change
Number of Sales	27	31	15%
Average Days on the Market	59	67	14%
Lowest Price	$780,000	$675,000	-13%
Median Price	$1,075,000	$1,100,000	2%
Highest Price	$2,520,000	$1,875,000	-26%
Average Price Per Square Foot	$668	$611	-9%
Average Sale Price / Average List Price	94%	95%	1%

Ocean Park	previous period 1-1-08 thru 10-31-08	current period 1-1-09 thru 10-31-09	% change
Number of Sales	13	15	15%
Average Days on the Market	178	62	-65%
Lowest Price	$615,000	$650,000	6%
Median Price	$1,050,000	$1,175,000	12%
Highest Price	$2,225,000	$2,775,000	25%
Average Price Per Square Foot	$892	$792	-11%
Average Sale Price / Average List Price	92%	96%	4%

Santa Monica Condo's & Townhomes

Santa Monica Canyon	previous period 1-1-08 thru 10-31-08	current period 1-1-09 thru 10-31-09	% change
Number of Sales	1	3	200%
Average Days on the Market	330	51	-85%
Lowest Price	$1,150,000	$1,014,000	-12%
Median Price	$1,150,000	$1,475,000	28%
Highest Price	$1,150,000	$5,100,000	343%
Average Price Per Square Foot	$824	$1,304	58%
Average Sale Price / Average List Price	100%	93%	-7%

North of Montana	previous period 1-1-08 thru 10-31-08	current period 1-1-09 thru 10-31-09	% change
Number of Sales	26	16	-38%
Average Days on the Market	68	119	75%
Lowest Price	$465,000	$414,000	-11%
Median Price	$1,246,500	$1,207,500	-3%
Highest Price	$5,800,000	$3,175,000	-45%
Average Price Per Square Foot	$913	$855	-6%
Average Sale Price / Average List Price	90%	91%	1%

Between Wilshire and Montana	previous period 1-1-08 thru 10-31-08	current period 1-1-09 thru 10-31-09	% change
Number of Sales	94	110	17%
Average Days on the Market	62	51	-18%
Lowest Price	$317,000	$280,000	-12%
Median Price	$768,000	$726,000	-5%
Highest Price	$1,600,000	$3,100,000	94%
Average Price Per Square Foot	$615	$583	-5%
Average Sale Price / Average List Price	97%	96%	-1%

South of Wilshire	previous period 1-1-08 thru 10-31-08	current period 1-1-09 thru 10-31-09	% change
Number of Sales	91	77	-15%
Average Days on the Market	83	79	-5%
Lowest Price	$100,000	$156,126	56%
Median Price	$590,000	$530,000	-10%
Highest Price	$1,040,000	$945,000	-9%
Average Price Per Square Foot	$509	$457	-10%
Average Sale Price / Average List Price	96%	96%	0%

Sunset Park	previous period 1-1-08 thru 10-31-08	current period 1-1-09 thru 10-31-09	% change
Number of Sales	28	18	-36%
Average Days on the Market	60	53	-12%
Lowest Price	$345,000	$439,000	27%
Median Price	$732,500	$564,000	-23%
Highest Price	$1,199,000	$975,000	-19%
Average Price Per Square Foot	$491	$419	-15%
Average Sale Price / Average List Price	97%	98%	1%

Ocean Park	previous period 1-1-08 thru 10-31-08	current period 1-1-09 thru 10-31-09	% change
Number of Sales	44	48	9%
Average Days on the Market	104	61	-41%
Lowest Price	$360,000	$280,000	-22%
Median Price	$705,500	$770,500	9%
Highest Price	$1,750,000	$1,200,000	-31%
Average Price Per Square Foot	$712	$617	-13%
Average Sale Price / Average List Price	95%	96%	1%

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