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## Record-Breaking Amount Raised for Children, Education



The Skechers Foundation's 2013 Pier-to-Pier Friendship Walk earned \$1 million for children with special needs and education. With presenting sponsor Nickelodeon, Skechers President Michael Greenberg and celebrities Jimmy Kimmel, Brooke Burke-Charvet and Tommy Lasorda, the fifth-annual walk also saw a record 10,000-plus walkers, making it the largest event of its kind for these causes in Southern California. •

## 'Fuel Your School' Helps Fuel School Education Programs

By Charles Best, Founder and CEO of DonorsChoose.org

Thirteen years ago, I began teaching history at Wings Academy, a public high school in the Bronx. My new students and colleagues were awesome, but I could see that the school where I was teaching did not have the same resources as the schools I'd attended.

At my old high school, we went on field trips; we had graphing calculators and were given the supplies to do just about any art project. We did not want for anything. Not so for my students in the Bronx. As their teacher, I saw firsthand that all schools are not created equally. My colleagues and I spent a lot of our own money on copy paper and pencils, but we often couldn't afford the resources that would get our students excited about learning. We'd talk about books our students should read, a field trip we wanted to take or a microscope that would bring science to life.

I figured there were people out there who wanted to help our students, if they could see where their money was going. So, using a pencil and paper, I drew a website where teachers could post classroom project requests and donors could choose a project they wanted to support. Thirteen years later, our website has channeled educational materials to 9 million students, the majority from low-income communities and many of whom are learning English as a second language. Our site has connected more than 1 million donors and will help bring more than \$55 million in resources to classrooms this school year. This support – from schools, teachers,

school districts, community members and collaborations with companies like Chevron – is helping to offset the more than \$1.6 billion teachers spent last year on their classrooms nationwide (Source: 2013 National School Supply and Equipment).

We're proud of the calculators, microscopes and books that we've delivered to 161,000 teachers across the United States. But there's still a lot of work to be done, especially in the area of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) education.

While roughly 75 percent of our nation's high school students are not proficient in mathematics when they complete 12th grade (Source: Association Retail Market Awareness Study), the U.S. Department of Labor projects that 15 of the 20 fastest growing occupations in 2014 will require math or science to successfully compete for those jobs (Source: National Assessment of Educational Progress). To help keep large industries competitive here in select cities in the South Bay portion of Los Angeles County, we need to help our students gain the skills to be successful in the occupations of the future. School budgets are tight. Many teachers, without dipping into their own wallet, do not have access to materials that are critical to improving interest in their classrooms, including in STEM education, to help bring difficult concepts to life for their students.

It's going to take a lot to strengthen teaching models in STEM education and Chevron has been a champion for teachers, including those who teach STEM education, for quite

some time. Since 2010, Fuel Your School, an innovative teacher-based program, has affected more than 1 million students by helping fund projects teachers post on DonorsChoose.org. This year, Chevron is bringing their Fuel Your School program to select cities in the South Bay portion of Los Angeles County.

For every purchase of eight or more gallons of fuel at a participating Chevron or Texaco station in October, Chevron will contribute \$1, up to a total contribution of \$500,000 in select cities in the South Bay portion\* of Los Angeles County, to fund eligible public school classroom projects posted by local teachers.

Through Chevron's Fuel Your School program, Ms. Hernandez of Kit Carson Elementary School in Hawthorne received a myriad of design and construction materials, which allows her students to gain a deeper understanding of math by showing real world application such as the construction of bridges. In addition to Ms. Hernandez' project, since 2010, Chevron's Fuel Your School program has already helped fund 8,915 classroom projects at 1,924 schools in select communities in the U.S.

You can make an impact too. Visit [www.FuelYourSchool.com](http://www.FuelYourSchool.com) to see the materials teachers are requesting in your area and from which schools, and encourage teachers in your participating school district to post their classroom projects today. Right now, we have the opportunity to help more students get the materials they need in their classrooms, including those to help prepare them for the STEM careers of the future. •

## Weekend Forecast

**Friday**  
Partly  
Cloudy  
76°/55°



**Saturday**  
Sunny  
72°/55°



**Sunday**  
Partly  
Cloudy  
66°/55°



# Police Reports

## October 9

1200 Block of Tennyson St. (Theft) Unknown suspect(s) stole a Gucci purse from an unlocked vehicle, which was parked on the street.

## October 10

300 Block of 8th St. (Residential Burglary) Unknown suspect(s) entered the residence through an unlocked door and stole keys and a wallet. The victim also noticed the trunk to the vehicle, which was parked in the garage, was partially open. No loss reported from the vehicle.

200 Block of Rosecrans Ave. (Vandalism) Unknown suspect(s) vandalized the victim's vehicle, which was parked in the garage of an apartment complex. The suspect(s) bent the antenna in half and scratched a rear passenger door.

## October 11

1200 Block of 6th St. (Residential Burglary) Unknown suspect(s) entered the residence through an open window and ransacked several rooms. Unknown loss at this time.

100 Block of N. Poinsettia Ave. (Residential Burglary) Unknown suspect(s) entered the residence via an unsecured dog door and stole two pillow cases, jewelry and a trophy.

3700 Block of N. Highland Ave. (Vandalism) Unknown suspect(s) vandalized a business and several vehicles in the area.

3700 Block of N. Highland Ave. (Attempted Vehicle Burglary) Unknown suspect(s) damaged the driver's side door lock, but no entry was made into the vehicle.

## October 12

1600 Block of Lynngrove Dr. (Residential Burglary) Unknown suspect(s) entered the residence through an unlocked back door and ransacked the master bedroom. Unknown loss at this time.

## October 13

1100 Block of Ocean Dr. (Attempted Robbery) Two subjects approached the victims and attempted to take their money. One subject punched the victim, who attempted to walk away. Both subjects were located and arrested for attempted robbery.

35th St. / N Poinsettia Ave. (Vandalism) While the victim was driving, the driver's side rear window was shattered possibly with a BB gun.

## October 14

1800 Block of 6th St. (Residential Burglary) Unknown suspect(s) pried open the rear door to the residence, ransacked several bedrooms and stole a wallet. The victim also reported

that the passenger side tires of their vehicle, which was parked inside the garage, had been punctured by an unknown object.

200 Block of Rosecrans Ave. (Residential Burglary) Unknown suspect(s) kicked the front door open and entered the apartment. Two televisions were reported stolen.

## October 15

1800 Block of Wendy Way (Residential Burglary) Unknown suspect(s) entered the residence through the bathroom window (removed screen). No loss reported at this time.

## October 17

1000 Block of N. Sepulveda Blvd. (Forgery) Unknown suspect(s) stole the victim's mail, possibly from the post office at the location. LASD arrested the suspect, who was in possession of one of the victim's checks.

1500 Block of 1st St. (Residential Burglary) Unknown suspect(s) pried open the hallway window and entered the residence. The suspect(s) stole a watch and jewelry.

## October 19

1700 Block of Laurel Ave. (Theft) Unknown suspect(s) stole a purse and sweater, which was left unattended at the American Martyrs Parish Fair.

N Crest Dr. / 9th Pl. (Attempted Theft) Two suspects were seen rummaging through an unlocked vehicle and fled when a neighbor yelled at them. No loss reported at this time.

## October 20

1700 Block of Laurel Ave. (Theft) Female suspect stole fair tickets and baked goods from American Martyrs Parish Fair. She was subsequently arrested for theft.

1700 Block of Laurel Ave. (Forgery) Female suspect was arrested by officers for passing counterfeit \$50 bills at American Martyrs Parish Fair.

1700 N. Ocean Dr. (Theft) Unknown suspect(s) stole a black beach cruiser from the victim's front porch.

## October 21

200 Block of Rosecrans Ave. (Battery) The victim confronted the suspect regarding his residency at the apartment. During the argument, the suspect grabbed the victim and hit her on the chest. The suspect was later arrested for battery.

## October 22

2500 Block of Oak Ave. (Theft) Unknown suspect(s) entered an unlocked vehicle, which was parked in the street. A camera, sunglasses, cash and credit cards were reported stolen.

# Calendar

## MANHATTAN BEACH CALENDAR

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9

• 13th Annual Bike and Skateboard Show and Safety Expo, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Manhattan Beach Middle School, Basketball Court Area, 1501 North Redondo Avenue.

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11

• 16th Annual Veterans Day Multi-Generation Event, 11 a.m., Veterans Monument, Veterans Parkway, Valley Drive and 15th Street. For more information call (310) 802-5448.

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14

• ARTS Manhattan Presents "Super Collider" Opening Reception, 6-8 p.m.,

Creative Arts Center, 1560 Manhattan Beach Boulevard.

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

• City Council Meeting, 6 - 11 p.m. City Council Chambers, 1400 Highland Avenue.

• 19th Holiday Open House and 24th Annual Pier Lighting, 6:30- 9:30 p.m., Downtown Manhattan Beach and Manhattan Beach Pier.

### UPCOMING

• Mayor's Walk 'N' Talk with Manhattan Beach Mayor David Lesser, 8 a.m., Peet's Coffee and Tea, 328 Manhattan Beach Boulevard.

# Business Briefs

## South Bay Business Raises Donations for Alzheimer's Awareness

Adia, an in-home care provider, is announcing its campaign for Alzheimer's Awareness month in November that will assist seniors in need through partnership

with South Bay Senior Services. Throughout the month of November, donations may be dropped off at the Manhattan Beach Chamber of Commerce, 425 15th Street. Please call to ensure staff is in office (310) 545-5313. Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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## Community Briefs

### Hawthorne and Manhattan Beach Schools Form Partnership

A partnership between Da Vinci Design of Hawthorne and Halstrom Academy of Manhattan Beach has resulted in students collaborating and pushing boundaries as they created a mural while painting live in front of an audience for the first time. The students unveiled their mural Friday, Oct. 18 at Da Vinci Design.

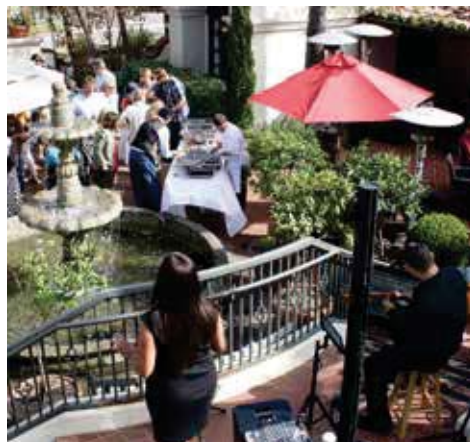
Student Kevin Taylor, a senior, began attending Halstrom full time last summer and forged the relationship between Halstrom Academy and Da Vinci Design. While Kevin has been happy with the education he received at Da Vinci, he said he needed a more focused environment for some of his core college-required courses. With the education Kevin is getting through Halstrom Academy and Da Vinci Design, he is confident he will get in to the college of his choice and pursue a career in fashion design.

### New Public Safety Communication System

The Manhattan Beach Police Department has partnered with Nixle, a public safety communications system, to send timely community safety information directly to subscribers via email or text message. Nixle allows the Manhattan Beach Police Department to create and deliver messages instantly via cell phone and email. Notifications can also be accessed online at the Nixle website or on the police department homepage. There

are no spam messages associated with the service, but standard text messaging rates do apply. To sign up and begin receiving alerts, go online to [nixle.com/register](http://nixle.com/register) or text the number 888777 (in the "To" field) and the zip code 90266 (in the message field).

### Sold-Out Neptunian Fundraiser



The fundraiser held by the Neptunian Woman's Club of Manhattan Beach on Saturday, Oct. 19 sold out for the third year in a row. The event raised money for children's causes and featured food (catered by Tin Roof and SusieCakes), wine (poured by Vintage Shoppe) and music (by Aragorn & Olivia). There was also a silent auction and a raffle. The event was coordinated by the Neptunian Fundraising Chair Suzanne Sharer and was held at the Manhattan Beach Village Mall courtyard. •

## Seniors

### When Mixing Medication and Food Can Be Deadly

(BPT) - More than one-third of adults in the U.S. have high cholesterol and high blood pressure. Yet many of those treated for these conditions don't realize they are putting themselves at risk by not understanding the basics about their medications.

Many commonly prescribed drugs have potentially fatal side effects when mixed with other medications, over-the-counter

medications and supplements should be avoided when taking a medication. Some combinations cause bad reactions by making the drug more potent, while others can make the medication less effective.

Read the fine print: Always read the caution information provided in the medication package and make sure you understand how and when to take your medications. Instructions such as

*"Many commonly prescribed drugs have potentially fatal side effects when mixed with other medications."*

drugs, supplements and even foods. This is true for the widely used cholesterol-lowering drugs known as statins, which can be deadly when mixed with grapefruit juice. These medications include atorvastatin, simvastatin, lovastatin and fluvastatin.

"Most people don't know that something as common as drinking grapefruit juice when taking statins can increase the risk of muscle pain and have serious adverse side effects that can be life threatening," says Ed Dannemiller, specialist pharmacist in the Express Scripts Cardiovascular Therapeutic Resource Center (TRC). "The juice can substantially raise the concentration of statins in the body and make them much more potent."

As a specialist pharmacist, Dannemiller is one of a team of experts who are specifically trained to help patients with heart disease understand everything they need to know about their medications, including how their diet and other medications they take may affect their health. They also work closely with physicians to prevent potential problems that medications may pose to their patients.

"Another popular drug, warfarin, which is a blood thinner that helps prevent heart attack and stroke, can react harmfully with a number of commonly used products," he says. "When warfarin is mixed with antidepressants, alcohol, ibuprofen or aspirin, and even herbal products like ginkgo biloba or garlic, patients may be at risk of internal bleeding."

If you are one of the millions of Americans being treated for one of these common conditions, Dannemiller offers these tips to help prevent medication interactions.

Ask before you use: Check with your doctor or pharmacist to find out what foods,

taking your dose with food or on an empty stomach should not be overlooked. Also, taking too much or too little of a drug can significantly impact how well the drug works.

Look beyond prescriptions: Make sure your physicians know all the other medications and supplements you're taking, such as herbal remedies and over-the-counter products, including vitamins since some interactions can cause life threatening side effects.

Follow doctor's orders: Taking your medications as prescribed by your doctor is essential for ensuring that they'll effectively treat your condition. Don't ever stop taking your medications or simply use them "when needed" without talking to your physician or specialist pharmacist. Even if you have no apparent symptoms, you may still be at risk. For example, blood pressure can reach dangerous levels, yet a patient may not be aware of any of the warning signs. Remember, just because you don't notice any symptoms doesn't mean that your disease is under control. •



## Looking Up

### The Farthest Place: Astronomers Discover Universe's Most Distant Galaxy

By Bob Eklund

Researchers from Texas A&M University and the University of Texas at Austin teamed up to detect the most distant galaxy ever found—one created only 700 million years after the Big Bang. Their research is published in the Oct. 24 edition of the journal *Nature*.

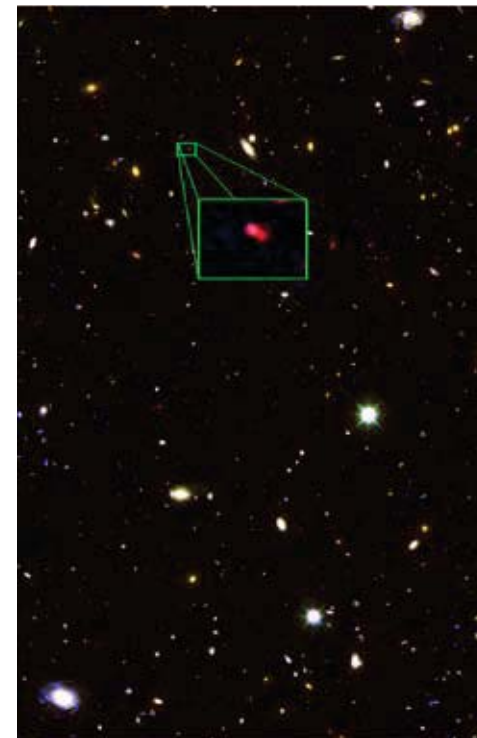
The galaxy, known by its catalog name z8\_GND\_5296, was observed as it was 13 billion years ago. That's the time it took for the galaxy's light to travel to Earth. Because the universe has been expanding all that time, the researchers estimate the galaxy's present distance to be roughly 30 billion light-years from Earth.

"Because of its distance, we get a glimpse of conditions when the universe was only about 700 million years old—only five percent of its current age of 13.8 billion years," said Texas A&M astrophysicist Casey Papovich, who is second author of the paper.

He explains that researchers are able to accurately gauge the distances of galaxies by measuring a feature from the ubiquitous element hydrogen called the Lyman alpha transition, which emits brightly in distant galaxies. It's detected in nearly all galaxies that are seen from a time more than one billion years from the Big Bang, but getting closer than that, the hydrogen emission line, for some reason, becomes increasingly difficult to see.

"We were thrilled to see this galaxy," said lead author is Steven Finkelstein, an assistant professor at the University of Texas at Austin. "And then our next thought was, 'Why did we not see anything else?' We're using the best instrument on the best telescope with the best galaxy sample. We had the best weather—it was gorgeous. And still, we only saw this emission line from one of our sample of 43 observed galaxies when we expected to see around six. What's going on?"

The researchers suspect they may have zeroed in on the era when the universe made its transition from an opaque state in which most of the hydrogen is neutral to a translucent state in which most of the hydrogen is ionized. So it's not necessarily that the distant galaxies aren't there—it could be that they're hidden from detection behind a wall of neutral hydrogen fog, which blocks



the hydrogen emission signal.

The *Nature* paper grew out of raw data gleaned from a powerful Hubble Space Telescope imaging survey of the distant universe. Using that data, the team was armed with 43 potential distant galaxies and set out to confirm their distances.

On a crisp, clear April night, team members sat behind a panel of computers in the control room of the W. M. Keck Observatory, which is perched atop the 14,000-foot summit of Hawaii's dormant Mauna Kea volcano and houses the two largest optical and infrared telescopes in the world, each standing eight stories tall, weighing 300 tons and equipped with 10-meter-wide mirrors.

They detected only one galaxy during their two nights of observation at Keck, but it turned out to be the most distant ever confirmed. It had a redshift of 7.51—indicating that it was created about 13 billion years ago. Because the universe is expanding, the space between galaxies also is increasing. And as objects move away from an observer, their light becomes redder. In essence, the higher the "redshift," the farther away the object. Only five other galaxies have ever been confirmed to have a redshift greater than 7, with the previous high being 7.215. •



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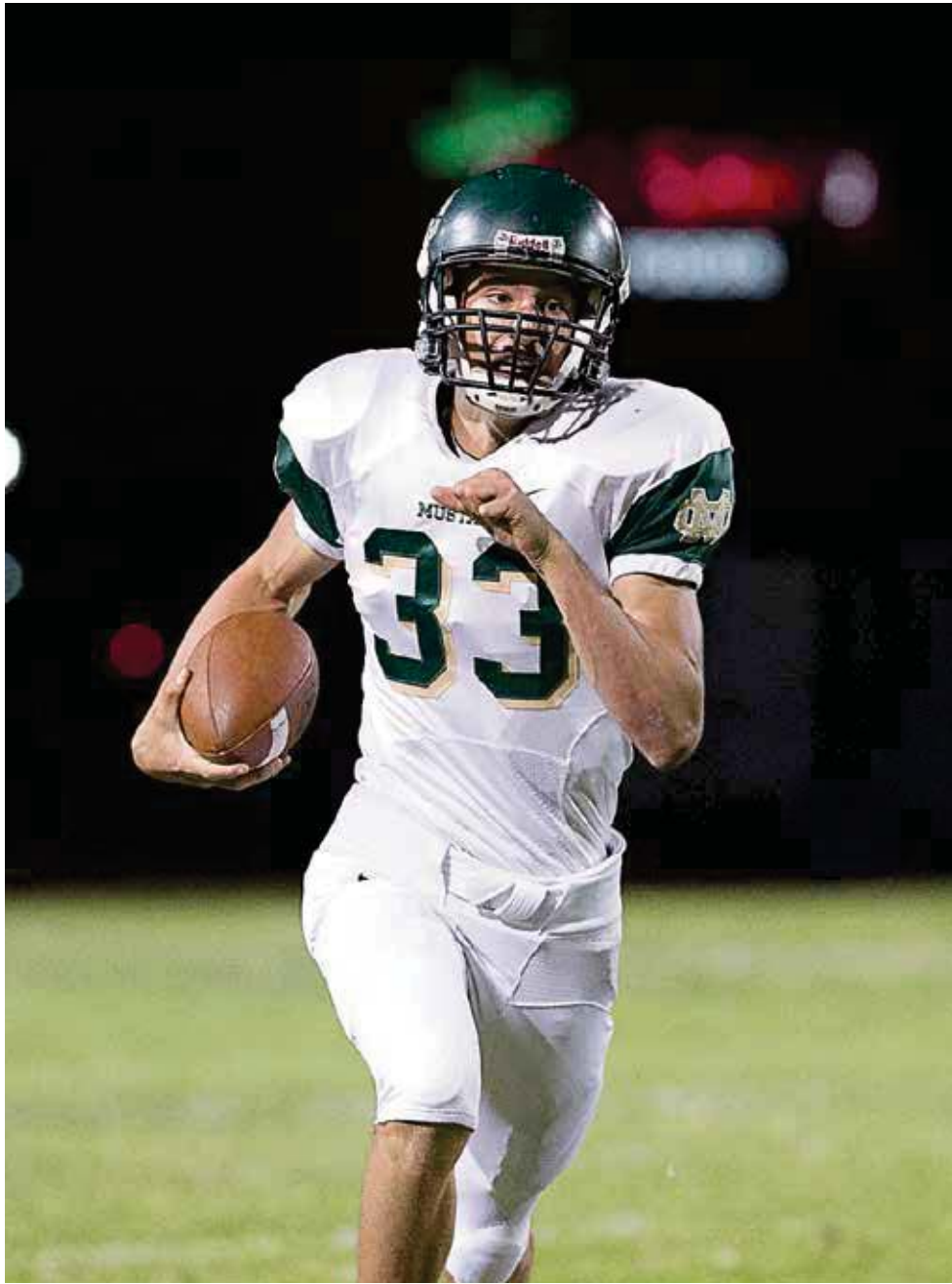


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# Sports

## Sports

### Mustangs Crush Olympians 42-0



Senior Quarterback Greg Briskin sprints for the first down. Photos by Shelley Kemp.



Senior Runningback Sebastian Frank-love breaks through Leuzinger defensive line.

## Looking For Gold

By Adam Serrao

After a thrilling opening night for the Los Angeles Lakers, at which they took out the much-heralded Los Angeles Clippers, who share the same building and are expected to contend for a championship this year, the Lakers let it all slip right out the window by getting routed by the Golden State Warriors 125-94 the next day.

Naturally, the Lakers aren't going to go undefeated or even compete for one of the league's best records this year. Fans must restrain their expectations now. This season is not one that is going to be one of the greatest of all time, especially with Kobe coming off of a horrific injury. These Lakers aren't going to win many second of back-to-backs this year, even if they happen to be against the likes of the Charlotte Bobcats or New Orleans Pelicans, rather than the Warriors. These Lakers, with Kobe, Pau Gasol and Steve Nash, are still an old team and will have to maintain healthy in order to get into the playoffs and make any kind of a dent. Even coach Mike D'Antoni knows that it's going to be a bumpy road, but if the Lakers can find gold in some of the younger players on the roster, a championship may not be as far away as it currently seems.

Credit still must be given to the Lakers for beating the Clippers and handling them in the fourth quarter with only bench players for the entire 12-minute span. Last year, with Kobe, the Lakers lost four of four games against the Clippers, giving a spark to what is now considered an inner-city (or inner-arena) rivalry. The Warriors showed the same type of exuberance and energy in their home opener the very next night that the Lakers did versus the Clippers as they destroyed the purple and gold. Let's face it, though – no one thought that the Lakers would beat the legitimate champion-contending Warriors on that night.

So who are the Lakers? Are they the team that came out with energy and took it to the Clippers, or are they the team that came out and laid down against the Warriors? Possibly both. The remainder of the season will certainly tell, but by looking at just the first two games of the season we can begin to make some assumptions, at least. The Lakers are supposed to be a defensively weak team this year. That's no shock considering D'Antoni is the head coach and dinosaurs like Gasol and Nash must protect the center lanes of the court. That fact certainly reared its ugly head when the Warriors put up 125 points against them. Kurt Rambis was brought in as an assistant coach to shore up the defense and he will certainly have his work cut out for him this year, but don't expect the Lakers to easily beat any teams that are offensively savvy this

season. With Bryant sidelined due to injury, the leaders on the court are going to have to be Gasol and Nash. Nash will most likely always sit out the second of back-to-backs this year to preserve his health, leaving the team almost directionless in his absence.

Once again, that was the case against the Warriors and the Lakers took an ugly loss. The starters are also old, and like Nash will need a lot of rest in a long 82-game season. It may take some work to keep everyone healthy. That responsibility will belong to D'Antoni again this year, like it did last year when Kobe was overplayed and tore his Achilles.

Despite those weaknesses, the Lakers do, believe it or not, have a few strengths to contrast. One thing that has been overwhelmingly obvious since the tip-off of opening day at Staples Center is that these players have chemistry together. That's right--Dwight Howard is gone and apparently happy in Houston. That means that now, everyone gets along with one another on the Lakers. Chemistry is one thing that can bring a team a long way and the Lakers certainly look to have it early on this year. Youth may have a lot to do with that. Jordan Farmar, Jodie Meeks and the electric Xavier Henry have used their youth and provided a spark from off of the bench that has given the Lakers an aspect that has been absent on the team for a long time now. Those three, plus the likes of Jordan Hill and others, give the Lakers a bench that can run and score and keep the team in the game when the starters must rest. That bench was the same one that scored 76 points against the Clippers last week. An even mix of veteran leadership with Pau and Nash mixed in with the youth described above can possibly make the Lakers a threatening team this year. Any time you add Kobe Bryant to that mix near the middle of the year, it certainly can't hurt either.

It's obviously still early in the year and considering only two games of the season have been discussed, different variables can, of course, change. Coaches and players alike are getting used to each other and the system being run on the floor, so it is not time to panic quite yet because of a 31-point loss in Oakland. One thing remains certain, though --with a whole list of players in their contract years, there are a lot of people with something to prove, including D'Antoni, if he wants to be around to coach the team again next season. This year will certainly be an interesting one in Laker Land where despite their finish this season, the Lakers look for gold out of one or two key players who could possibly help them in their quest to become a championship-caliber team again in the near future. •

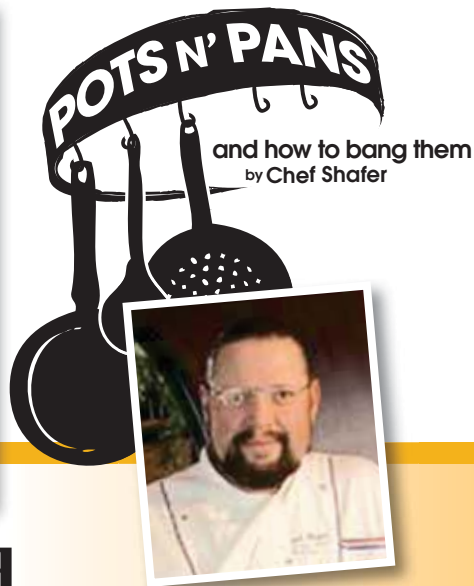
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It's November, and that means pumpkin, turkey and cranberry time. For the next three weeks, I will feature some great thanksgiving recipes for your family to enjoy. The first one is a quick, easy dessert and can be done a day ahead to keep your oven space free for everything else.

*The Chef*



## Pumpkin and Dried Fruit Pecan Trifle



1 box of yellow cake mix, bake according to directions and cool (or you can use any kind of sponge cake or biscuit you'd like)

### Pumpkin Mousse

- (1) 15 oz. can Libby pumpkin meat
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1 tablespoon vanilla
- 2 cups heavy cream
- ½ cup brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1 cup chopped dried fruits (figs, dates, apples cherries or plums)
- 1 cup toasted, salted pecans

Mix the pumpkin, brown sugar and vanilla in a bowl. Set aside.

Whip the cream, brown sugar and cinnamon to a stiff peak.

Keep chilled.

Assemble in a large glass bowl.

With alternating layers of cream, cake, pumpkin, fruit, nuts. Ending with whip cream on the top final layer.

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# Politically Speaking

## One Man's Opinion

By Gerry Chong

Well, it was quite a Halloween. The ghosts and goblins left me with nightmares even days later. Last night, for example, it seemed the dawn would never come. I tossed and turned, and one imagined horror simply morphed into another.

In the fog of my subconscious, I learned that both government and private entities project employee terminations and conversions from

*The sheets are a tangled mess and the pillow has hit the floor, but the nightmare goes on).*

Medicaid officials are now confirming that the cost of replacing cancelled policies with Obama(s)care policies will explode across the country and be 30 percent higher in California. As a result, some consumers are turning to low-quality Medicaid as opposed to buying Obama(s)care insurance they cannot afford. Others will opt to pay the \$95 federal penalty

*"As a result, some consumers are turning to low-quality Medicaid as opposed to buying Obama (s) care insurance they cannot afford."*

full-time to part-time employees will cause 11 to 35 million to lose their health insurance. That had to be something I dreamed because no law could cause that much damage, could it?

But, then, the scene morphed into a second projection that 50 percent to 75 percent of those 14 million with individual coverage would have their policies cancelled because they did not meet Obama(s)care's spooky standard. Now that had to be an absurdity. Why, if true, that would mean those two projections would result in 18 to 45 million losing their health coverage! Absurd, isn't it?

Now, in my nightmare, there was a ghoul who knew this would happen as far back as 2010, but for political reasons hid it from the public (*the night-sweats started as bad thoughts cascaded one on top of the other*). Then, to compound the disinformation, he claimed the software glitches on his website would be resolved by the end of November. He had better be right because the insurance exchange companies had based their premiums on an April 2014 start date, and any delays would cause their premium quotes to be invalid! (OMG!

and go without replacement insurance until they get sick. At that point, because they could not be turned down, they will sign up. Shaking his head, one insurance executive said selling insurance to someone with a pre-existing condition is like selling fire insurance on a house that's on fire. A dazed Democrat admitted, "I'm all in favor of everyone having medical insurance, but I didn't realize I would have to pay for it." Duh.

The coup de gras occurred when John McAfee, the founder of the McAfee Antivirus company, confirmed the problem with the website is not the software. It is the program's failure to put everything under government ownership and control. As written now, any hacker can create a phony website, claiming to sell Obama(s)care and steal consumers' identities. The website's cost is already 500 percent over budget and is growing--and while it has serious software glitches, it does not address the programmatic problem that will render Obama(s)care useless.

*(My hair is matted down, and the bags under my dark-circled eyes tell me I've got to skip Halloween next year. It's frightening out there.)*

## Another Man's Opinion

### Apology Doesn't Solve Problems, Highlights Inefficiency

By Cristian Vasquez

As the problems to register for health coverage under the Affordable Health Care Act, Service Administrator for Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Marilyn Tavenner apologized before Congress for the complicated rollout. Unfortunately, an apology four weeks after the rollout and with little having been solved in those four weeks is no more than a reminder of how ill prepared everyone in charge was.

Tavenner's opening statements that they know how eager consumers are to purchase some type of coverage comes across more as an attempt to divert attention from what really matters which is that the majority of people attempting to use HealthCare.gov are struggling to make a purchase. At the core of this issue is that everyone responsible for making sure that this website and that these health care options be made available by now, have failed. The Affordable Care Act was passed back in 2009. That means that those who have championed this law and have fought for giving more Americans access to health care coverage were not able to figure out the logistics of their brainchild in four years. That is flat out embarrassing.

I've said it before and I stand by it now, I am looking forward being able to purchase my own health insurance. I was uninsured throughout my 20s as I worked part-time jobs and made my way through school. Now, as an independent contractor, I am responsible for my own health care coverage and this is

supposed to be a legitimate option for people like myself. Unfortunately, the only way to sign up for coverage has turned out to be a headache and Tavenner's apology is simply a reminder of everyone's failure to properly prepare, in four years, for this moment.

Also disturbing is the fact that it took four weeks for someone to address the issue. It's difficult to determine why it took almost an entire month for anyone to come out and acknowledge the deficiencies of the rollout but it remind me of Washington's inability to be accountable. In any other job having four years to prepare for something like this rollout would result in unemployment. Unfortunately, Tavenner isn't an election official so we can't oust her for her role in this snail-paced rollout and nor do we have any idea who is directly responsible for this failure.

Despite Tavenner's apology and her taking responsibility for the program's failures, there aren't any signs of reprimands for anyone involved with this fiasco [at least for now]. All that is left is waiting to see how long it is going to take the same people who got this wrong the first time, despite an almost four-year head start to get it right the second time around. Apologies mean a lot when they come immediately and in this case should have been accompanied with an explanation as to how this will be fixed. Sadly, the apology comes a month after the initial problems were encountered and with no real solution in sight. Maybe they need four more years to get it right. •

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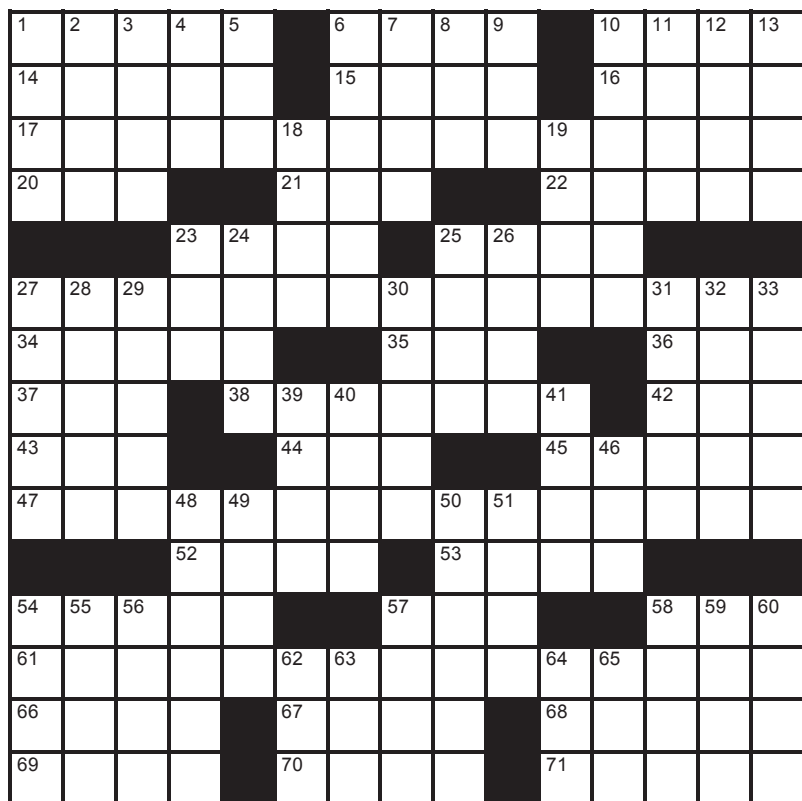
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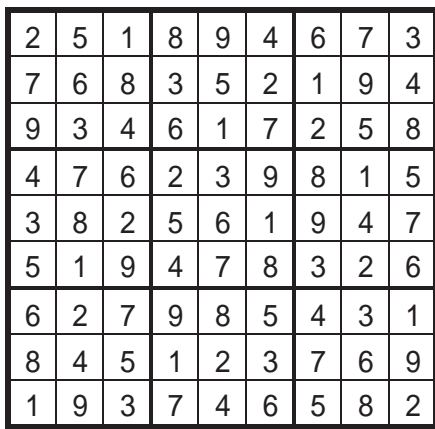
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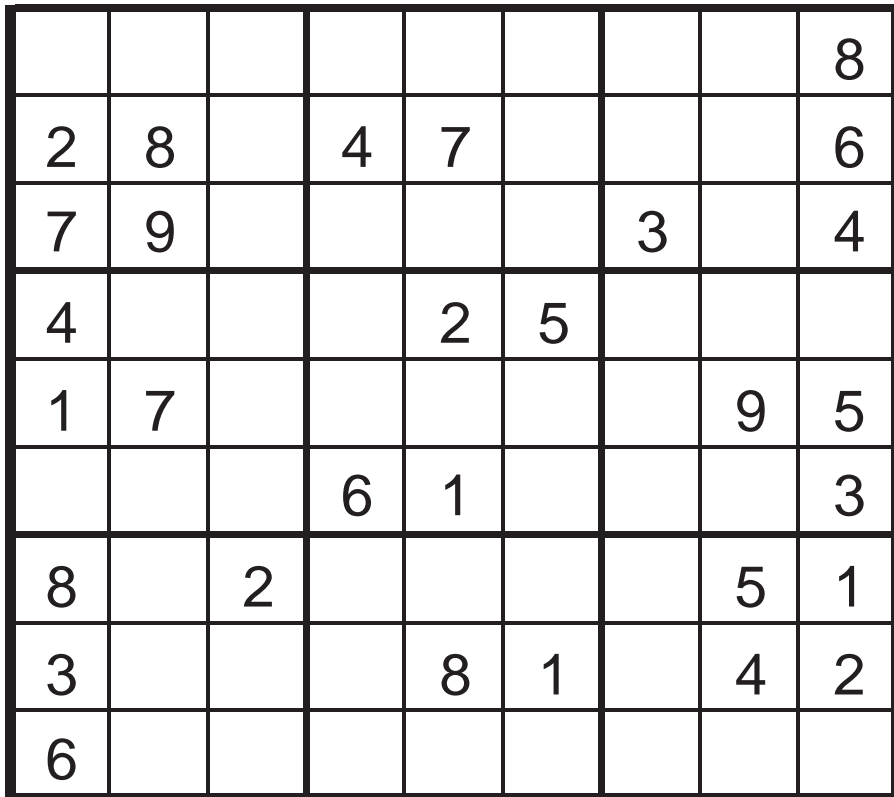


- Across**
- 1. A Ramsey
  - 6. Bite
  - 10. "Oh, \_\_\_!"
  - 14. Relieve
  - 15. Screen symbol
  - 16. Jump on the ice
  - 17. Dog breed
  - 20. Sugar amt.
  - 21. Make, in arithmetic
  - 22. Like many a basement
  - 23. Discomfit
  - 25. Algonquian Indian
  - 27. Develop a passion
  - 34. Hip bone
  - 35. Back muscle, familiarly
  - 36. Maintained
  - 37. KLM calculation
  - 38. Dress material
  - 42. Counter offer?
  - 43. Bread served with korma
  - 44. Ready for battle
  - 45. Poker ploy
  - 47. Heavy metal band
  - 52. Australian prime minister
  - 53. Not to be trusted
  - 54. Auspices
  - 57. One of a couple
  - 58. Safari sight
- Down**
- 1. Snoop Dogg song
  - 2. "The Sound of Music" backdrop
  - 3. Camper's purchase
  - 4. Go downhill fast?
  - 5. Hunger
  - 6. Like many wedding cakes
  - 7. Small field
  - 8. Discouraging words
  - 9. Econ. yardstick
  - 10. Noriega
  - 11. x, y or z
  - 12. Face up to
  - 13. Comrade in arms
  - 18. Where Samson died
  - 19. Final word
  - 23. Swine \_\_\_
  - 24. Bullets, e.g.
- 25. Greenish blue
  - 26. Big name in hotels
  - 27. Evil one
  - 28. Hitching post
  - 29. Jungle vine
  - 30. Guanaco's cousin
  - 31. Circle
  - 32. Ballroom dance
  - 33. Submit
  - 39. South African monetary unit
  - 40. Amsler \_\_\_
  - 41. Seed covering
  - 46. "\_\_\_ calls?"
  - 48. Hampers
  - 49. Yorkshire river
  - 50. Everyday
  - 51. Cheeky
  - 54. Fungal spore sacs
  - 55. Continental coin
  - 56. Govt. operative
  - 57. Small amount
  - 58. U.S. territory
  - 59. "Scream" star Campbell
  - 60. Computer operator
  - 62. Light into
  - 63. Pedi subject
  - 64. Hidden means of support?
  - 65. Muumuu go-with

**Last Week's Answers**



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Denali

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Gypsy

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Taylor

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Trip

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**Trip** is a happy-go-lucky goofball kitten with adorable white stockings and a chest and face that set off his orange Tabby striping perfectly. This playful dude is very outgoing and affectionate, always purring up a storm. He is bigger than his siblings and has cute pink toes.

**T’Pol** is a happy, thriving kitten with the cutest orange spot on the top of her head. If you look closely at her brown Tabby markings, you can see soft, faint lines of orange/brown that show off her Tortoiseshell side. She adores being stroked and loves to snuggle in blankets and kitty beds. T’Pol is a loving little girl with a lot of spunk and playfulness. She especially likes toys that fit in her mouth, running around



T’Pol and Archer

the house with them and batting them around with her little paws.

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As small as she is, Molly is a jumper. Not really on people because she normally hops on her hind legs straight up like she’s dancing...it’s actually pretty cute. But she



Elsie (on the left. Now “Molly”) hits the jackpot!

has jumped out of the playpen several times when I’ve tried to separate them. He’s almost twice her height and doesn’t do that. I’ve actually covered her playpen and she hasn’t done it since. I just don’t think she likes to be alone.

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