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THE NEW DECADE, NEW DIRECTION ISSUE

Smoking ban not necessarily a drag on business

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY WIDE As Los Angeles and West Hollywood consider banning smoking on restaurant patios — a step Santa Monica took three years ago — opponents of the new rules have argued additional restrictions could hurt businesses.

But, those fears are unfounded, said Santa Monica proprietors who have dealt with one of the toughest smoking bans in the region since 2006.

While some restaurant and bar managers said the ban caused a dip in business when it first took effect, they agreed the idea of non-smoking patios at bars and restaurants has become so ingrained customers rarely complain.

"Everybody's used to it now. Now it's normal for people not to smoke on the patio," said Stephanie Dyer, manager at World Cafe on Main Street.

She said it's much more common for people to complain about the California public health code that bars pet dogs from areas where food is served. Since the long-standing rule started being enforced at World Cafe, regulars who used to sit on the patio with their pets have been chased away.

"I get the dog thing every day. The smoking thing — nobody even talks about that anymore," Dyer said.

Mike Mininsy, general manager of another restaurant with a large patio, El Cholo on Wilshire Boulevard, said he agrees the smoking ban hasn't hurt business. He said in some ways the ban has even helped.

"I think more people sit outside just because you can't" smoke cigarettes there, he said. "I don't think it's hurt business at all. I think people are just used to it."

The bans proposed in Los Angeles and West Hollywood could differ from Santa Monica's ban. In L.A., for example, the proposal would exempt bars with outdoor areas and other over-18 establishments, whereas the patio ban applies to all businesses in Santa Monica. West Hollywood's ban is still being formulated, but discussion so far has

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OLD SCHOOL: **Patrick's Roadhouse has been a fixture on Pacific Coast Highway since 1974. The owners of the building are trying to oust the eatery.**

Roadhouse battle heads to court

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

SANTA MONICA CANYON The owner of Patrick's Roadhouse is contesting an eviction notice he received in November, and now the fate of the historic restaurant on Pacific Coast Highway likely will be decided this month in court.

The property owners, Lee and Christine Benchay, did not return a call for this story and haven't disclosed their plans for the site. Last month, they sent Anthony Fischler, whose father opened the restaurant in 1974, a notice to leave the premises within 30 days.

Their lawyer, Duane Hall, said there will be a civil trial within three weeks to decide the case.

"I expect within a month the restaurant won't be operating," he said this week.

Hall declined to explain why the owners want the Roadhouse off their property, except to say, "The powers that be in this case — the persons that own the property — have made a determination they've finally had it with the relationship and they want to terminate it." He added, "We're not evicting him for non payment."

With its lime green facade and prime seaside location, Patrick's Roadhouse has become a favorite for Santa Monica Canyon residents as well as a local landmark. Fischler said he's holding out hope that a deal can be struck with the Benchays to at least extend the restaurant's lease, but so far no negotiations have taken place.

"When it's silent on the other side, I mean what can you do?" he said.

Hall said the Roadhouse has been leasing the property on a month to month basis for years and the Benchays were within their rights when they sent the 30-day eviction notice.

Hall acknowledged the Benchays have declined to discuss the matter with anyone directly, but said the owners would consider proposals presented to their attorney.

"I think it's a little peculiar nobody seems to be doing anything concrete to try to resolve" the situation, he said.

In a court document filed Dec. 24, Fischler's lawyer, Rosario Perry, argues the eviction notice was improper because his client had recently invested $8,000 in repairs to the property and because residential units attached to the restaurant property are rent controlled and require a longer notice period before eviction. In the document Perry also alleges the eviction notice was sent in retaliation after an attor-

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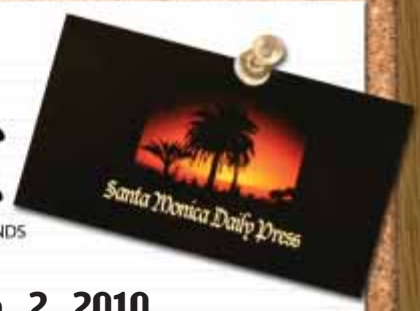
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Saturday, Jan. 2, 2010

Shop healthy, shop local
Downtown Farmer's Market
Arizona Avenue between Second and Third street
8:30 a.m. —1 p.m.
Stock up on hundreds of kinds of vegetables, brilliant cut flowers, fresh breads, cheeses, delicious foods, live music and more in Downtown.

Hike in the beautiful outdoors
Santa Monica Mountains
8:30 a.m.
What better way to begin the new year than to get out and having fun while strengthening your body? Since no experience is necessary, anyone is welcome. Meet at the trailhead on Saddle Peak Road and don't forget to bring gloves, lunch, water, wear a long-sleeve shirt, sturdy shoes and long pants. The hike should take about six hours. Reservations are required, so call (310) 45204443.

Unique antiques for a good cause
John Muir Elementary
2510 Lincoln Blvd.
8 a.m. — 3 p.m.
This is a traditional flea market with real deals and real finds. Visit this long-standing collectibles event with many high quality vendors selling items including antique jewelry, furniture, music, books, antique crystal collectibles and novelties from around the world. All proceeds are used to support essential educational opportunities throughout the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District. Admission is $1.
Call (310) 570-6483 for more information.

Sunday, Jan. 3, 2010

Sunset yoga on the beach
Ashland and Main Street
Nourish your mind, body and soul with yoga in the park. Bring your own mats, dress warmly and flow to the rhythm of the ocean and the warm sun setting on the horizon. Donations are $12. Event status depends on the weather so visit www.graceyogala.com or contact Grace at (310) 985-8395 for event details.

Art on the pier
Carousel, Santa Monica Pier
11 a.m. — 7 p.m.
Witness Jeff Giglioli's photographic vision of the Santa Monica Pier. Los Angeles Native and Vietnam War veteran Giglioli presents black and white photographs that capture his passion for the pier's beauty throughout the years, found above and below the wooden planks of this iconic structure. Grab a bite to eat, ride the carousel and enjoy this wonderful artistic tribute. Admission is free. Call (310) 458-8901 for more information about this event.

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.



Sierra snow below average despite recent storms

SAMANTHA YOUNG
Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO California's first snow survey of the winter showed the Sierra snowpack below normal Wednesday despite a series of storms that has drenched much of the state and pleased ski resort operators.

The state Department of Water Resources reported the findings from monitors located along the 400-mile-long Sierra Nevada. The snowpack, which is the source for much of the water used by California cities and farms, contains about 85 percent of its usual water content for this time of year.

Sue Sims, the water department's chief deputy director, said the results suggest California may be facing a fourth year of drought.

"Despite some recent storms, today's snow survey shows that we're still playing catch-up when it comes to our statewide water supplies," Sims said in a statement in which she also urged conservation.

Measuring water content in the Sierra snowpack is important because it helps hydrologists determine how much water farmers and cities can expect in the coming year.

Most of California's December-through-March wet season lies ahead, providing hope that the state can avoid another year of drought.

Forecasters also are predicting a moderate to strong El Nino effect this winter. The periodic warming along the equatorial Pacific generally produces heavier-than-normal precipitation in California.

Kathy Hoxsie, a meteorologist at the National Weather Service in Sacramento, said Northern California has "an excellent shot of getting above-average precipitation" through early March.

"If we have an above-normal year this year, it will really ease the drought conditions," she said.

Three years of below-average rain and snowfall have drained California's reservoirs. Lake Oroville, the key reservoir in the State Water Project, is slightly less than half as full as it should be at this time of year.

Earlier this month, state officials announced they expected to release a record-low amount of water to 25 million California residents next year if the drought continues — just 5 percent of what contractors have requested.

Farmers who depend on state and federal water deliveries say they are hoping for a cold, wet winter.

"We're so dependent on Mother Nature," said Paul Wenger, a Modesto almond and walnut grower and president of the California Farm Bureau Federation. "We just cross our fingers and hope and pray that we get some wet weather."

At Phillips Station near South Lake Tahoe, state water officials measured the snow depth at 38.5 inches and the water content at 9 inches, which is 75 percent of the average for this time of year. The area is at an elevation of 6,800 feet.

Electronic readings show the average water content level for the northern Sierra, which stretches from the Trinity River to the Feather and Truckee rivers, was 77 percent of normal. Water content was 85 percent of normal in the central Sierra snowpack and 99 percent of normal in the southern region, which stretches from the San Joaquin River and Mono Lake basin to the Kern River.

While the snow levels were below normal, the recent storms have drawn skiers and snowboarders to the slopes in the Sierra over the holiday season. At the Lake Tahoe ski resort of Alpine Meadows, more than 100 inches of snow had fallen by mid-December, said resort spokeswoman Rachael Woods.

"We were very optimistic about the season because it had been forecast as an El Nino winter," Woods said. "That typically brings significant amounts of snowfall to our region."

AT&T is latest to end sponsorship deal with Tiger Woods

PETER SVENSSON
AP Technology Writer

NEW YORK AT&T Inc. said Thursday it would no longer sponsor Tiger Woods, joining Accenture in dropping support for the world's top golfer, who's taking a break from the sport to focus on his marriage after his admitted infidelity.

The phone company hasn't used Woods' image extensively in advertising, but its logo appeared on his golf bag. That deal had been billed as a "multiyear" agreement when it was signed early in 2009, after Buick ended its endorsement one year early because of its financial woes.

Woods has also been the host of the AT&T National PGA Tour event since it started in 2007. Tour spokesman Ty Votaw said that since Woods is on indefinite leave from professional golf, he will not serve as host for the 2010 event. However, his Tiger Woods Foundation will continue to be the beneficiary of the AT&T National, under a contract that runs through 2014, Votaw said.

AT&T said it would continue to sponsor the event.

Woods won the 2009 AT&T National in July at the Congressional Country Club in Bethesda, Md. The AT&T National is moving to Aronimink Country Club outside Philadelphia the next two years as Congressional prepares to host the 2011 U.S. Open.

AT&T has also been the presenting sponsor of the annual Tiger Jam concert event in Las Vegas, but that contract has expired, according to AT&T spokesman Michael Coe.

AT&T, which is based in Dallas, did not comment on its reasons for dropping Woods, or how much the relationship was worth.

Woods' agent, Mark Steinberg, had no comment on AT&T's decision.

Woods' image has taken a beating since a Thanksgiving holiday car accident at the golfer's Florida home was followed by an admission of extramarital "transgressions." Most of Woods' $100 million in annual earnings has come not from tournament winnings but from companies that wanted to be associated with his persona.

Consulting firm Accenture dropped the athlete two weeks ago, saying he was "no longer the right representative" of the company's values.

Gillette, a unit of the Procter & Gamble Co., also has said it won't air ads for its razors that include Woods or include him in public appearances.

Swiss watch maker Tag Heuer, a unit of luxury goods empire LVMH Moet Hennessy Louis Vuitton, also said that it would "downscale" its use of golfer Tiger Woods' image in its advertising campaigns for the foreseeable future.

Electronic Arts Inc., which puts out the "Tiger Woods PGA Tour" series of golf video games, has not said what its plans are for the franchise. The company did not immediately return requests for comment Thursday. Nike Inc. and PepsiCo Inc.'s Gatorade are other big sponsors that haven't severed their ties.

Meanwhile, the Florida Highway Patrol confirmed on Thursday that troopers met with Woods on Dec. 1, four days after the accident outside his home, to deliver a $164 citation for careless driving. The meeting was earlier reported by WESH-TV in Orlando, Fla.

In an e-mail to The Associated Press, FHP captain Mark Welch said Woods was "polite" and "only said, 'Yes Sir.'"

"The only injury that troopers observed was a bump and cut on his lip, which was consistent with the crash investigation," Welch said.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Ticky tacky

Editor:

Steve Breen has written a column in the SMDP for it seems like two years or more and all Kenny Mack can come up with is that he got his attendance figure at some teabag event mixed up?

All those protest events, left or right, have dubious and inflated numbers. Who cares? It's a non-issue.

Honestly I think the take-away for most readers of your column is going to be if you have to seek out one single insignificant issue and build an entire article around it (after keeping silent for years) then one must conclude that most of what Mr. Breen is saying about the bigger issues of the day must be true.

You have an archive of what, 100 of Breen's articles? And this is all you could find? Breen has said hundreds of critical things about President Obama and the Democrats and this is your big smoking gun? I know you are the smartest columnist in America but don't you think a researcher could find a similar yawn inducing error in 100 of your columns?

As a side note, I'm actually surprised that the SMDP would allow one of their columnists to attack the other. A comment here or there about another columnist is OK, but to write an entire article specifically attacking another columnist in the paper seems quite tacky.

Eric Cooper
Santa Monica

Looking for leadership

Editor:

We desperately need leadership in our school district. Why do our school district leaders find it easier to organize a phone bank to raise our property taxes instead of making bold decisions on becoming financially responsible? If district enrollment is dropping, it is time to close and consolidate small "boutique" elementary schools where the principal to student ratio is 1:250. In comparison, Franklin Elementary School has a ration of 1:420. At these large numbers, it is still the academically top-rated school in the district. Save on salaries and sell the land for park space. Are there no MBA's on these school advisory boards who can take our school budget into the next decade responsibly? We need leaders who make tough decisions and do not simply take the easy way out by sitting in a phone bank and raising our taxes.

Dr. Lisette Gold
Santa Monica

Calling for a boycott

Editor:

At Brookstone on the Third Street Promenade one can purchase a 5 3/4-inch-by-5 1/2-inch plastic cube that incarcerates two delicate miniature aquatic frogs in an un-healthy, artificial, so-called eco-system. One pinhole on the top allows air and food to enter. It is heart-rending to see these graceful creatures trapped so thoughtlessly.

Not even the bamboo plant can survive in that environment. I, for one, choose to boycott a store that would choose profit over the humane treatment of these innocent frogs.

Marissa Rubin
Santa Monica

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Modern Times

Lloyd Garver — **Send comments to editor@smdp.com**

Free can be expensive

MY OLD CELL PHONE DIED RECENTLY. We had been so happy together. It was a very simple phone, not like today's "smart phones." All I used it for was to make and receive calls and an occasional text message. It was perfect for me, so I took it with me to the phone store so I could show the salesperson what I wanted. Boy, was I living in a dream world.

I'm not going to say the name of the company. Let's just say, it starts with an "A," and ends with a "T & T." And it's on the corner of Lincoln and Wilshire boulevards. Anyway, once inside the store, I had to put my name in a book of people waiting. It was like when you arrive at a crowded restaurant — except in the phone store, the dessert is a two-year contract. Finally, they called my name, and a salesperson greeted me. I showed him my old phone, and he held back a laugh. As he stared at it, I knew he was wondering if it ran on steam power. When I told him that I wanted a phone exactly like that one, he just shook his head. He said the model was no longer made. However, he added that I could get a pretty simple phone for free.

NOT ONLY WAS I UNINTERESTED IN ALL THE FANCY FEATURES, BUT I FIGURED THAT BY THE TIME I LEARNED THEM, I'D NEED ANOTHER NEW PHONE. WITH ANY LUCK, BY THEN, I'LL BE ABLE TO GET A FREE PHONE FOR ONLY A COUPLE OF HUNDRED DOLLARS.

He showed me a phone that was selling for $50 with a $50 rebate. In other words, it was a free phone. It sounded great to me, except the phone didn't look anything like my old phone. For one thing, there were no buttons to push. How was I supposed to call anyone? He explained that it had a "touch screen." When he turned it on, it looked like a small computer screen.

I told him I wasn't used to a touch screen, and he said that it was time for me to join the 21st century. I don't know why, it seems like most of my best times were spent in the 20th. But the more I thought about it, the more I thought it might be fun to have one of these new devices. Besides, there was always that free price tag.

He walked me back to the cash register. I was confused. I thought the thing was free. He reiterated that it was, but I would probably want some kind of case "to protect my investment." (What investment? It's supposed to be free). He showed me a case that he said was almost indestructible. He also thought it would be a good idea for me to have a cable to connect the phone to my computer so I could back up all my contacts in case I broke the phone. "I thought you said that case was indestructible," I reminded him. "I said it was 'almost indestructible.' But you also could lose the phone, or someone could steal it. If you have everything backed up on your computer, you'll have less to worry about."

"Less to worry about?" I never worried about any of this stuff before I had a cell phone. And I didn't have a case or cable for my old cell. But since I was joining this century, I said, "OK." Then there was another surprise: the sales tax on the phone. I couldn't understand why I would have to pay tax on something that costs nothing, and he explained that it was the law. In fact, I didn't just have to pay tax on the phone as if it cost me $50, I had to pay tax on the phone as if I had paid the regular retail price. So, including accessories and tax, the total for my new phone was $75. That's how much a free phone costs.

When I got home, I struggled with the phone and eventually figured out how to dial and receive calls. I didn't learn how to check the stock market, how to watch an episode of "Yesterday's Stars Who Have Lost A Lot Of Weight," or how to make my ring tone sound like a chicken squawking. Not only was I uninterested in all the fancy features, but I figured that by the time I learned them, I'd need another new phone. With any luck, by then, I'll be able to get a free phone for only a couple of hundred dollars.

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The Q Line

Making a change

This past week, Q-line asked:
It's the new year and people are making pledges to lose weight, save money or be nicer to people. What should Santa Monica's New Year's resolution be?
Here are your responses:

"SANTA MONICA'S NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION, I think, should be 'Let it be, let it be.' We've got to stop trying to dictate and baby-sit and handhold and mother the good people of Santa Monica through laws and regulations. I believe the leaf blower regulation changes are good because they affect the quality of health, noise, and it's a excellent way to tighten up the poorly-worded original regulation. However, the smoking in apartments regulation is poorly thought out. What about all those tons of people who smoke pot in their apartments in Santa Monica? Trust me, there's a lot. Since we made it the lowest priority for the city of Santa Monica to arrest someone in their own homes for smoking marijuana, and there are many people who are truly ill with cancer and debilitating issues such as anorexia who are able to have their appetites stimulated through marijuana smoking, trust me it's stimulated, then this is a poorly thought out regulation. What happens to the pot smokers in their apartments with valid reasons, medical or otherwise. Are they then going to bare the brunt of the smoke regulations being proposed … ?"

"I THINK THE WHOLE CITY COUNCIL AND most of the entire city administration should retire and do all of us a big favor. They have done so much damage to this city, most of which is irreversible. But just not having them around would be a big New Year's treat. Oh, and take all the favorite bums and freeloaders with them."

"MY SUGGESTION IS TO GET AN ALL NEW City Council as soon as possible."

"MANY YEARS AGO WHEN I WAS 5 YEARS old, prior to the Marina del Rey inlet being dredged and Marina del Rey being built, our family would drive from Manhattan Beach along the coast line to Venice to enjoy pirate days being held on the Venice amusement pier. Soon after the Venice amusement pier was completely torn down, leaving only the Santa Monica Pier that was eventually torn down. My point being is that the area between Washington Boulevard in Venice and San Vicente Boulevard in Santa Monica has always been in a state of transition and nary a day has passed that I have not heard the ping of a hammer hitting the flat head of a nail. I do not expect this transition to end, not with the railroad coming to town. I cannot wait until the railroad passes across Lincoln Boulevard. So with this thought in mind, I will seek a simple New Year's resolution for the city of Santa Monica, which is the city should implement a cleaning program. The sidewalks are filthy dirty with wads of chewing gum embedded into the concrete and the 70,000 palm trees in the city have wild weed growth at their bases. The alleys are abominable due to urine, vomit and feces. I trust those reading my comment will understand my point, without me going on, and on, and on."

"AFTER OVER 30 YEARS OF FASCIST CONTROL of our town by Santa Monicans for Renters' Rights, let's finally vote the crooks out."

"SANTA MONICA SHOULD RESOLVE TO PLANT more trees and appoint Jerry Rubin as the next city manager."

"WHAT THEY SHOULD DO IS GET RID OF ALL those drunkards, the bums who steal the shopping carts, put them in jail for stealing the shopping carts because it's a crime. We should get rid of them."

"TO GET RID OF THE CITY COUNCIL. RENT Control has been the foul idea of inserting greed and avarice into our community. The council and its progressive, European socialist thought has turned Santa Monica into a very ugly town. And don't forget the school board. If the teacher's union and SEIU had any backbone they would ask the whole school board to resign. People are going to lose their jobs because of the board's incompetence. Just like Wall Street, the little people will get the ax while the head honchos will get a raise. Happy New Year, even to you carpetbaggers supporting these clumsy comrades."

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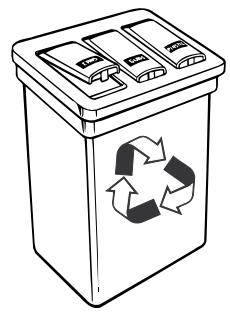

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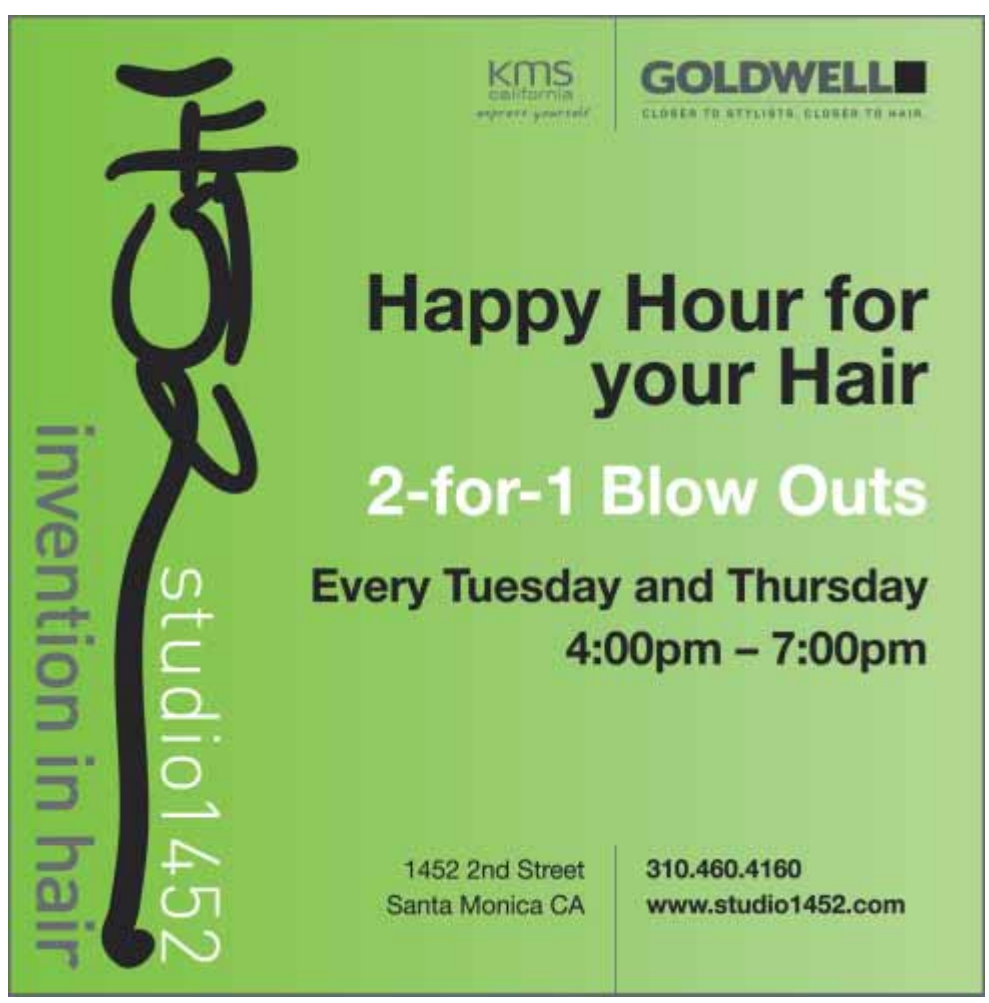
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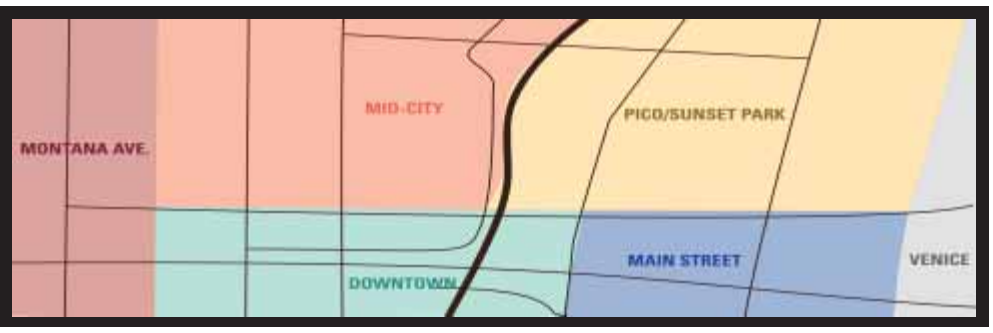
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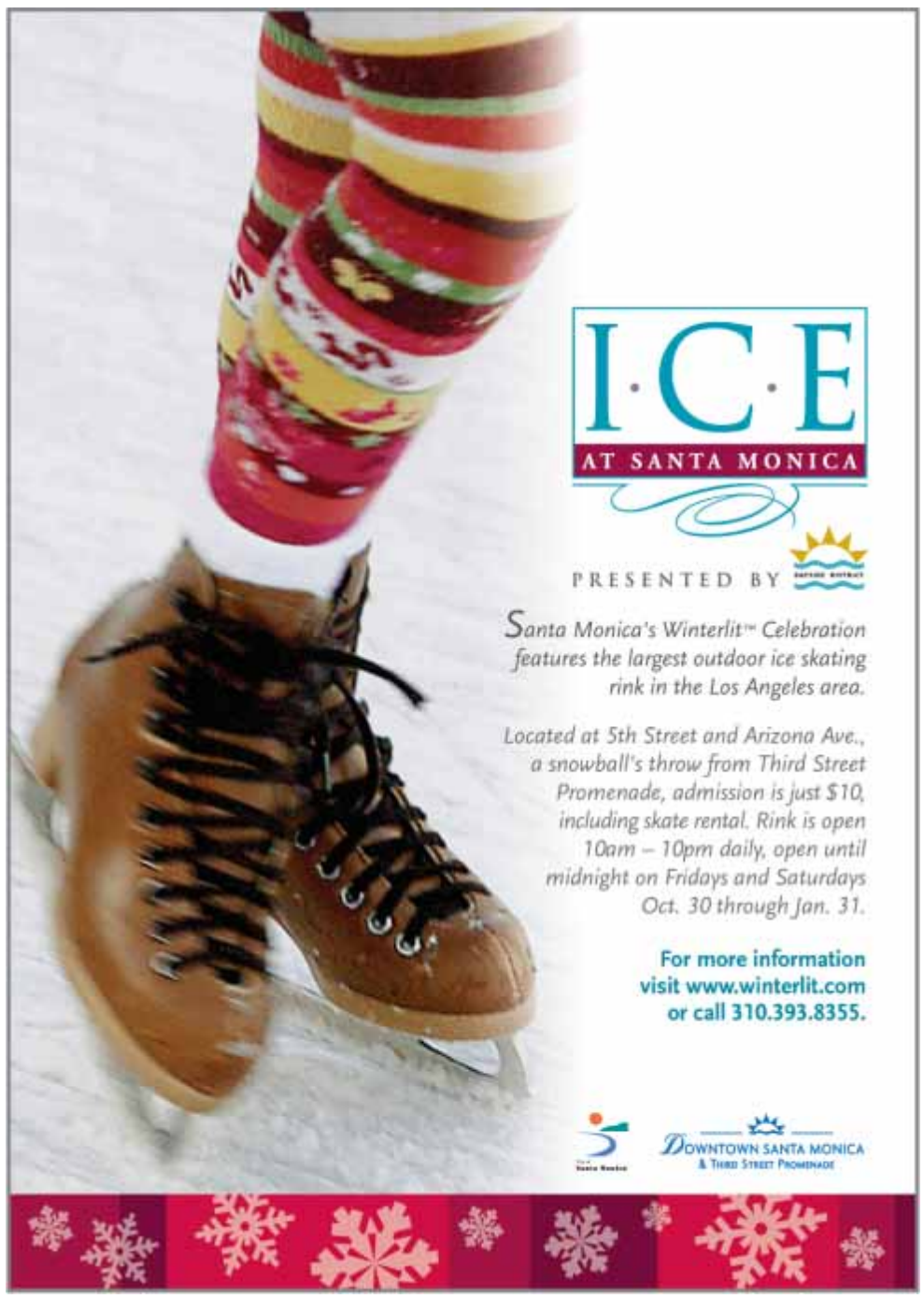
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A shiksa's kosher Christmas

ALTHOUGH I WAS RAISED TO CELEBRATE Christmas, this year seemed to be my time to explore some other holiday traditions. I attended a holiday party hosted by a Jewish family who follow a kosher lifestyle. A neighbor invited me for a kosher meal on Christmas Eve. Then there was my visit to the kosher winery a few weeks ago. And I've been revisiting my "Sex and the City" DVDs. I just happen to be on the season where Charlotte converts to Judaism for a man. So I can't help but think that someone is trying to tell me something.

As a dietitian, I do occasionally come across patients who practice a kosher eating style, yet I have never fully explored what it means to be kosher. Like many, I have used the word kosher, which literally means fit, proper, or worthy, in everyday speech, but many of us who use Yiddish vernacular probably don't really understand its true meaning. So let me present my shtick on kosher eating. Please bear with me, I feel a little verklempt. Talk amongst yourselves.

Prior to doing any research, my understanding of kosher was no pork, no shellfish and no dairy served with any other animal protein, for example, chicken parmesan or any meat sautéed in butter, not kosher. So to learn more, I decided to visit the Santa Monica Library where I found a helpful book entitled, "How to Keep Kosher" by Lise Stern.

Keeping kosher, or Kashrut, isn't just about do's and don'ts, it's about pausing and thinking about what we eat and how we eat it and according to the author, it elevates the act of eating into a spiritual as well as physical activity. So far this sounds like my kind of mindfulness practice.

I also remember learning that people who follow a kosher lifestyle sometimes have to bury their dishes. I would fail at that. I have this hand painted mug I made that I treasure as if it were made of gold. In fact, I had it filled with hot chocolate and was heading out to enjoy my cocoa while watching the sunset. I was so proud when everyone in the elevator commented on how lovely it is.

According to Stern, there are three core concepts for keeping a kosher diet. They are no pork, shellfish or birds of prey. What is a bird of prey that one would eat? All that comes to mind is a pterodactyl which went out with the Stone Age. Milk and meat cannot be eaten together and there are separate dishes, cookware, and utensils for meat and milk. So my hot chocolate mug would be safe as long as I don't also sip chicken consommé from it.

Meat consumed must be kosher, meaning that the animal was ritually slaughtered (shechita) and cleaned according to specifications. An animal that has been "shechted'" has been killed in the quickest and most painless way possible to prevent suffering. This may also make the meat more tender than meat that is not kosher since the animal was not under the same stress as animals slaughtered in the typical fashion. Plus there is the inherent energy of an animal which was treated in a more humane manner as it also rested on the Sabbath. As for not mixing meat and milk, one Rabbi explains it this way, "in terms of life forces," "Milk is that which nurtures and sustains life, meat represents a life that's been taken." Hmm, that makes sense.

Some people "keep kosher" at home but not necessarily when dining out. If they are unsure about the preparation methods used when eating away from home but want to stay as close to kosher as possible, they may choose fish or vegetarian entrées to be safe or they may choose to eat only at kosher restaurants. For some, being kosher can lead to a permanently vegetarian lifestyle out of respect for all living creatures. I like that!

Although I understand that keeping kosher is a choice based on Jewish religious practices, I feel that understanding these practices can benefit us all. One man wrote that Kashrut, "trains us to master our appetites; to accustom us to restrain our desires; and to avoid considering the pleasure of eating and drinking as the goal or man's existence." In a world wrought with obesity, these truly are words to live by.

Matzo ball soup is universally known as a Jewish meal that can easily be kept kosher. Your Jewish friends will swear their own Bubbeh was in the kitchen.

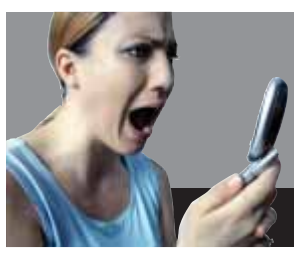
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Matzo ball soup

(Adapted from "How to keep kosher")
1/4 cup canola or olive oil
4 eggs, lightly beaten
1 cup matzo meal
1/2 tsp. sea salt
1/4 cup chicken or vegetable broth or stock

Plus at least 64 ounces of chicken or vegetable broth and four cups of fresh chopped vegetables for the final product.

Combine the oil and eggs. In a separate bowl, combine matzo meal and salt. Stir the egg mixture into the matzo-meal mixture. Add the chicken stock. Consistency should be thick like cookie dough. Add more matzo as needed to reach desired consistency. Cover and refrigerate for at least one hour. Bring 4 quarts water to a boil. Add 2 teaspoons salt. Use a teaspoon to scoop batter then roll quickly into a ball. Batter should be cold when it drops into the water. When all the batter has been formed into balls and added to the boiling water, reduce the heat and simmer for one hour. Test for doneness by removing a matzo ball and cutting in half. Should be pale yellow throughout. If the center is darker, they're not done. Cook another 20 minutes. Remove from water and serve with chicken broth laced with fresh vegetables and herbs. Do not add cheese unless you opted for vegetable broth. You need me to tell you this after reading my article? You learned bupkis!



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Pot makes way into groovy cuisine

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Associated Press Writer

DENVER Any slacker living over his parents' garage can make pot brownies. Gourmet chefs are taking the art of cooking with marijuana to a higher level.

In Denver, a new medical-marijuana shop called Ganja Gourmet serves cannabis-infused specialties such as pizza, hummus and lasagna. Across town in the Mile-High City, a Caribbean restaurant plans to offer classes on how to make multi-course meals with pot in every dish.

And in Southern California, a low-budget TV show called "Cannabis Planet" has won fans with a cooking segment showing viewers how to use weed in teriyaki chicken, shrimp capellini and steak sandwiches.

The evolution of pot cooking was perhaps inevitable given the explosion of medical marijuana around the country in recent years. Many health-conscious patients would rather eat the drug than smoke it. And they would prefer to eat something other than sugary treats.

"When I started using marijuana, I was eating a brownie every day. I gained a ton of weight," said Michael DeLao, a former hotel chef who hosts the "Cannabis Planet" cooking segments on Los Angeles' KJLA. "Then I learned how to really cook with marijuana, and once more people learn about all the possibilities, we're going to see a lot more people wanting this in their food."

Ganja Gourmet's menu includes lasagna ("LaGanja"), "Panama Red Pizza" and an olive tapenade called "ganjanade," along with sweets such as cheesecake, muffins and brownies. Employees wear tie-dyed T-shirts that proclaim, "Our food is so great, you need a license to eat it!!!"

All patrons at the Ganja Gourmet must show a medical marijuana card that proves they have a doctor's permission to use pot for some kind of malady. The place opened last week, and so far, 90 percent of its business has been takeout.

The food isn't cheap. A whole pizza sells for $89, and a dozen sweet treats called Almond Horns cost $120.

"The food is really good," said Jamie Hillyer, a 41-year-old medical marijuana patient who paid $12 for a serving of vegetable LaGanja. Hillyer said that he can't taste the weed in the food and that it gives him a "more mellow" buzz than smoking pot.

Chefs are able to use marijuana in cooking because its key ingredient, the mind-altering drug THC, is fat-soluble, meaning it binds with oils or fats.

Marijuana chefs put leaves or buds in a food processor and grind the marijuana into green flour. Then they add the flour to oil or butter, cook it slowly for up to a couple of days while the THC binds to the fat, and strain out the green flakes.

The result is "cannabutter," or butter that makes a diner high. Chefs say 2 teaspoons of cannabutter typically contain the amount of THC in an ounce of weed.

The pot-infused oils and butters have a greenish tint and an earthy taste, but chefs say the flavor can easily be masked with garlic or other herbs and spices.

Denver's 8 Rivers Modern Caribbean restaurant does not serve pot-infused food, but its husband-and-wife owners, Scott Durran and Wanda James, plan to offer cooking-with-marijuana classes starting next month. They also own a medical marijuana dispensary, which they hope will eventually offer take-home soups and roasted chicken.

Marijuana chefs say it takes 20 minutes to two hours for the pot-laced food to produce a high. The biggest problem, they say, is that users often eat too much, thinking the food isn't working. While you can't exactly overdose on marijuana food, people who eat too much may feel more sluggish or disoriented than they would like.

So at Ganja Gourmet, customers are allowed to eat only one menu item every 45 minutes.

(The drug takes so long to start working that there's little chance of a customer developing a case of the munchies and getting hungrier the more he ate.)

Ganja Gourmet owner Scott Horowitz tried to get liability insurance of the sort bars take out to protect themselves against damage caused by intoxicated patrons. But he said he couldn't find any insurers selling similar coverage for pot shops.

Ganja Gourmet does offer customers a ride home if they need one. "If someone leaves my place wasted, I'm liable," Horowitz said.

Horowitz's liability worry may be short-lived. Denver's City Council is considering an ordinance banning dispensaries from allowing marijuana to be smoked or eaten on site.

On the Net:
Cannabis Planet: http://cannabisplanet.tv

Food bank pioneers gluten-free donations

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LOVELAND, Colo. As a mother of seven, Anne Miller already had a whopping grocery bill. When doctors recommended her teenage daughter go on a gluten-free diet, the family food bill went higher than Miller could afford.

So Miller was first in line this week when a food pantry in this northern Colorado city became the nation's first to promote gluten-free food for needy families with wheat allergies.

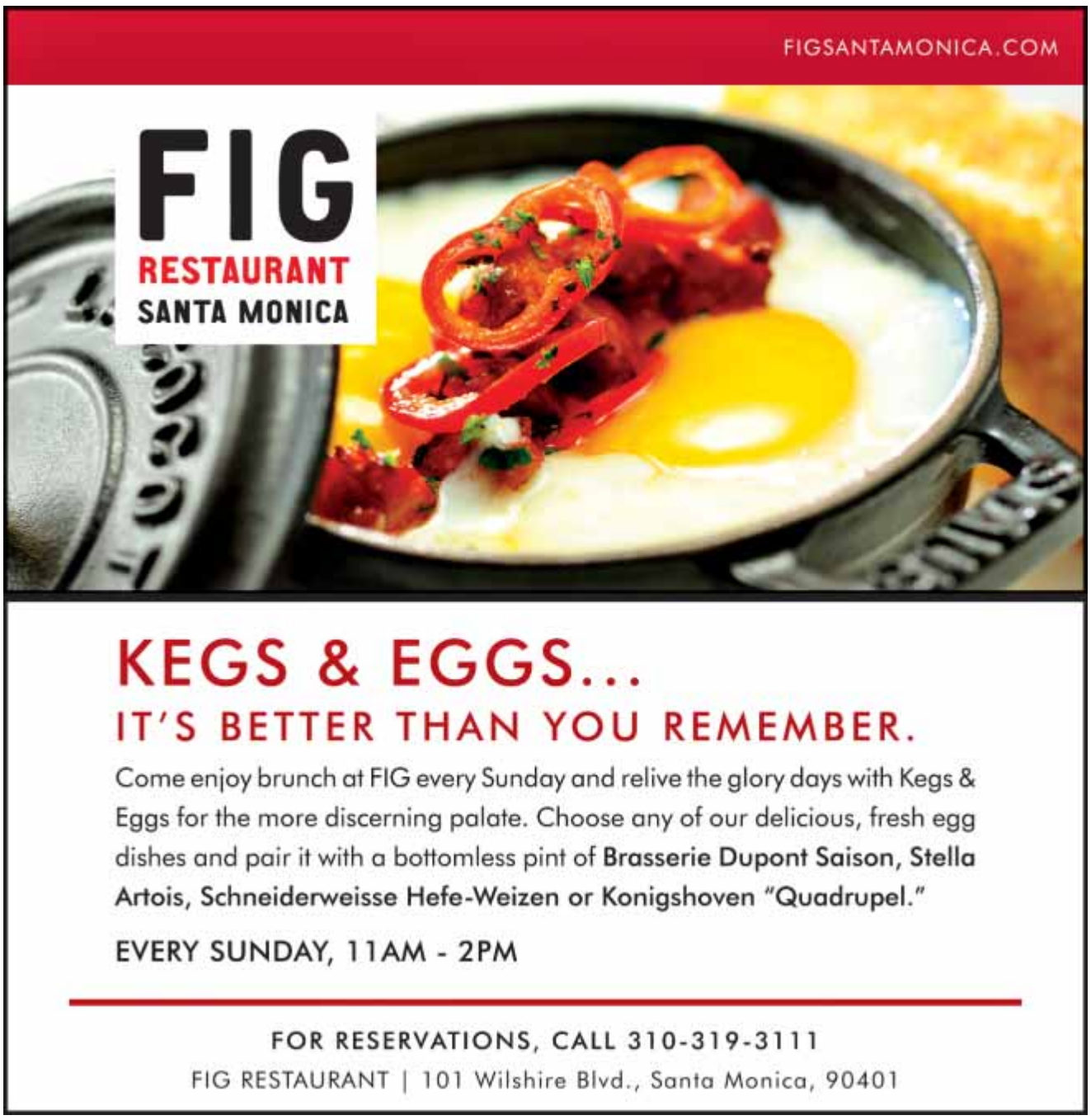
"Basically the whole family has to eat gluten-free now," said Miller, who walked out of the House of Neighborly Service food bank with a grocery cart full of gluten-free soups, pastas and pizza dough mix. "It becomes extremely, extremely expensive."

The food pantry, founded in 1961, opened its gluten-free food section after local activists with wheat allergies volunteered to pull it together. Activists say the food bank is the nation's first with a special program for people with celiac disease, a reaction to gluten in wheat or other grains.

Celiac sufferers say that although more gluten-free products are in grocery stores these days, they're so pricey that many with wheat allergies simply forego bread and stick to meat, fruits and vegetables.

Bill Eyl, 68, president of the national Celiac Sprue Association, was on hand for the opening of the gluten-free food bank. People with wheat allergies, he said, can see their food bills triple.

"You walk into a fancy food store and look for the gluten-free bread, and it's $4 to $6 for a loaf that's only this big," said Eyl, holding his fingers about six inches apart.







CRIME WATCH
BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

Wife claims she was attacked in hospital

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

SATURDAY, DEC. 26, AT 1:50 A.M.,
Santa Monica police officers responded to Saint John's Health Center regarding a domestic violence call. When officers arrived, they made contact with the alleged victim who said she was lying down when her husband entered her room. The husband allegedly pulled the blanket from underneath the victim, causing her to fall to the floor. As she started to get up, the suspect pushed the victim, causing her to land against the bathroom door, police said. The suspect then left the hospital room. Officers located the suspect and arrested him for spousal abuse. He was identified as David Nielson, 52, of Los Angeles. His bail was set at $20,000.

FRIDAY, DEC. 25, AT 4:26 A.M.,
Officers responded to the 1400 block of Montana Avenue regarding an assault with a deadly weapon. When officers arrived, they made contact with the alleged victim who said that a person he knows drove up to the rear of a business and said he, the suspect, was the son of the devil. The suspect, a security guard at ADT, reached for his weapon, a handgun, and pointed it at the victim, police said. The victim, fearing for his life, fled the location. Officers were able to contact the suspect, who was not in possession of a firearm. Further investigation revealed that the suspect had removed his equipment and placed it in his personal vehicle. He was arrested and booked for assault with a deadly weapon. He was identified as Angel Ramos, 22, of Hawthorne. His bail was set at $50,000.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 23, AT 1:43 A.M.,
Officers received a radio call about a fight in the area of Neilson Way and Kinney Street. While en route, officers observed a vehicle matching the description of the one that the victim of the fight was put in. Officers conducted a traffic stop. During the stop officers said they noticed the driver seemed to be under the influence. Further investigation revealed that the driver was intoxicated. The driver was arrested for DUI. During a search, officers said they found cocaine on the driver. She was identified as Sasan Pirouzgar, 33, of Venice. Her bail was set at $13,500.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 23, AT 9:06 P.M.,
Officers were on routine patrol in the area of Alley 8 and Pico Boulevard when they observed a suspicious person standing next to a vehicle. Officers approached the suspect and saw an open beer can at the suspect's feet and the front door of the car open. Officers made contact with the suspect and discovered that he was in possession of cocaine. The suspect was arrested for possession of a controlled substance and possession of an open container of beer. He was identified as Mauricio Hernandez-Herna, 20, of Venice. His bail is $10,000.

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Court to decide restaurant's future

FROM SUIT PAGE 1

ney for Fischler's ex-wife subpoenaed business records from the Benchays related to the couple's divorce.

"Plaintiff was annoyed by this and decided to evict [Fischler] because of it," Perry wrote.

Perry said his client is determined to fight the eviction, though ultimately it could be a losing battle.

"If he's determined to get rid of us, sooner or later he'll get rid of us," Perry said of Lee Benchay.

By law the civil trial has to take place within the next three weeks in Santa Monica or Malibu. At least until then the restaurant will be open for business. Since news of the impending closure began to spread last month, Fischler said the Roadhouse has been "jam packed full with people," many of them coming in to say goodbye or to voice their support.

"The restaurant's not going to close until the judge tells us we have to close, and that'll be at a trial," Perry said.

"We are still trying to find out why they want us to leave because we'd like to try to work out something."

Perry said there are no development permits filed for the Roadhouse site, so it's unclear what the Benchays intend to do with their property.

"I don't see what [Lee Benchay's] rush is. We're paying a good rent and the community enjoys the restaurant. I think he's just mad at us," Perry said.

"THE RESTAURANT'S NOT GOING TO CLOSE UNTIL THE JUDGE TELLS US WE HAVE TO CLOSE, AND THAT'LL BE AT A TRIAL."

Rosario Perry
Attorney for Patrick's Roadhouse owner Anthony Fischler

Fischler said he doesn't think moving the business would work.

"There can only be one Patrick's Roadhouse," he said. "I don't think you could do it at another location. I don't think lightning can strike twice."

Not even the restaurant's celebrity clientele seems likely to be of any assistance. Fischler said Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, who once was a regular and still drops in occasionally, has been made aware of the situation. But he's not crossing his fingers for the governor to weigh in.

"I don't know what he can do, really," Fischler said. "If he steps in and writes a letter maybe that'll help."

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Ban can have big impact for bars

FROM SMOKING PAGE 1

focused on crafting a ban that would apply to bars and clubs.

A slew of bar owners and business advocates spoke out against West Hollywood's proposal at a council meeting last month before the body voted 4 to 1 to move ahead with drafting a ban.

er Eugene Ganley said the ban hasn't been a big factor for his customers, who are used to going onto the street to smoke because the bar doesn't have a patio.

"If we had [a patio] it would severely impact us," he said of the ban.

And Jeff Enden, general manager of the Circle Bar, said, "If we had an outdoor area then I would imagine that [the ban] would be a huge impact."

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"EVERYBODY'S USED TO IT NOW. NOW IT'S NORMAL FOR PEOPLE NOT TO SMOKE ON THE PATIO."

Stephanie Dyer
Manager at World Cafe

In Santa Monica, some bar managers said while the ban hasn't hurt their businesses, an outdoor smoking ban can still have a negative effect on some types of bars and clubs, especially those with large outdoor areas.

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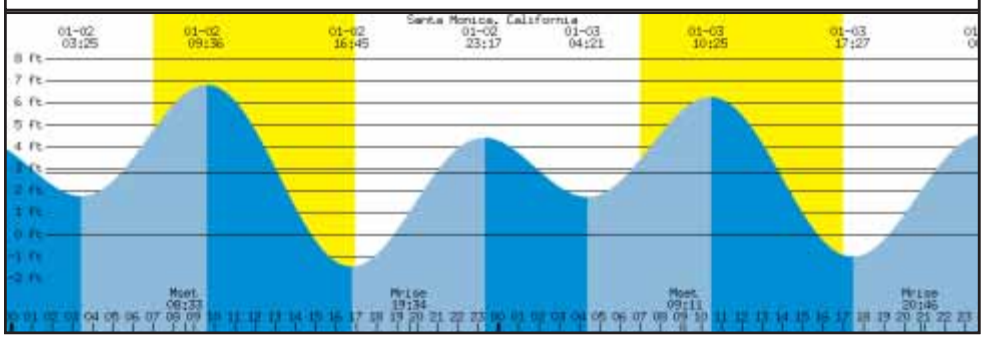
Swell Forecast

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Long Range Synopsis

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Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica



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Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A	C
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A	A+
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	F
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A+	A+
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	F
Solstice Canyon at Don Blacker County Beach.	A+	D
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	F
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	C	A+
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	A+
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	F	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	A+	F
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	B	B
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A	F
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	C	A+
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	A+	A+
Tuna Canyon.	ns	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	C	A
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	C	B
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	D

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	B	B
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).	B	F
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	D
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A+	F
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	F	B
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	A	F
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A+	D
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A+	B
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	B	A
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	B	F
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	A+	F
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A+	D
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St..	A+	D
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower.	A	B
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	A	B
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	A+	B
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	A+	B
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty).	A+	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	A+	B
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant.	B	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	A+	B

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
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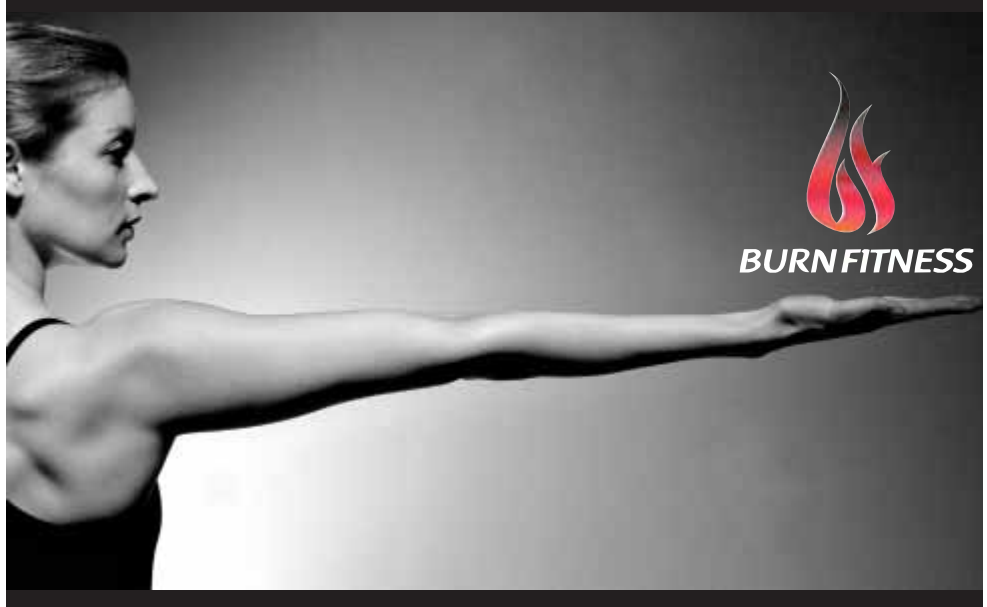
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Sherlock Holmes (PG-13) 2hrs 14min
12:30, 3:30, 6:30, 9:30

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11:15am, 1:50, 4:25, 7:05, 9:40

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12:00, 2:45, 5:30, 8:15, 10:55

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Precious (R) 1hr 59min
1:40, 4:30, 7:20, 10:00

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1:55, 4:40, 7:30, 10:00

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1:20, 4:10, 7:00, 9:40

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1:30, 4:20, 7:10

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Nine (PG-13) 1hr 50min
11:30am, 12:20, 2:00, 3:00, 4:40, 5:40, 7:30, 8:30, 10:10

The Blind Side (PG-13) 2hrs 6min
12:40, 3:40, 6:40, 9:40

Did You Hear About the Morgans? (PG-13) 1hr 43min
12:10, 2:40, 5:10, 7:40, 10:30

The Twilight Saga: New Moon (PG-13) 2hrs 10min
12:30, 6:30

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Clear the air, Libra

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Greet 2010 deciding to live your New Year's resolutions, whether it is taking a walk or making a morning call to a special friend in your life. You could feel a bit awkward as you initiate this goal. Remember, it is worth it. Tonight: Spontaneity rules.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Anchor in and spend some private time by yourself or with immediate family or roommates. Much news and information comes forward as you start to chat. You could be a little out of kilter and need some downtime. Tonight: Happy at home.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Keep reaching out for another person who you really care about. Sometimes this person is evasive, as he or she gets depressed or down. The excuse this person might give works for him or her but not for you. Be accepting. Tonight: Catch up on e-mail.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ You might want to open up to a new idea. Listen to what is being shared between you and another person. Realize this person cherishes the connection but could feel insecure. A family situation could dominate. Tonight: Gather holiday bills.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ Be spontaneous, but don't avoid an important talk with a sibling or neighbor. Yes, it might be easier to skirt the issue, but once the air is cleared, you will only feel better. Evaluate a recent choice. Tonight: Whatever knocks your socks off.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ Take some long-overdue personal time. Though you might be exhausted by everything that is going on, complete some of your must-do's. Say "no" to invitations and "yes" to some R and R. Tonight: Just vanish.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You could be very serious, which is pushing some friends and loved ones away. Though you might not want to come off that way, realize many people don't understand that is not your intent. Tonight: Clear the air between you and a friend.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Take a strong stand and make sure others realize why. Not everyone understands you or can piece together where you are coming from. Though someone might not agree, it would help if this person understood your logic. Tonight: Visit with an older relative or friend.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ Follow the music. Whether at a restaurant or just hanging out at home, feed your mind. Some of you could tumble into your imagination and just unwind. Touch base with loved ones at a distance. Tonight: Just go with the flow.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ Deal directly with others. With the holidays over, one-on-one relating takes on a new quality. Go to a movie with friends or for a drive to a favorite spot. Reconnect with renewed depth and happiness. Tonight: Togetherness works.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Establish better flow between you and others. As an Aquarian, you have a lot of friends and might need some downtime. Others want to catch up on their holidays news. Do what is best for you. Tonight: Sort through invitations -- only if you want.

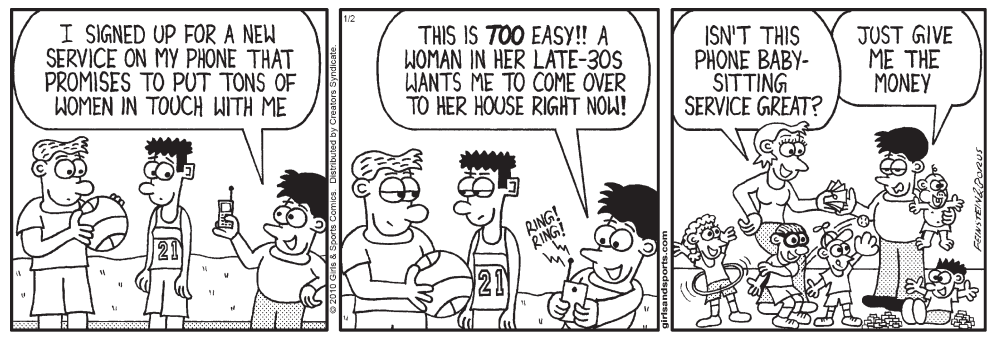
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Get into a postponed project, or clean up. The sooner you get this done, the sooner you can really kick back and enjoy yourself. Understanding evolves, especially as you recycle. Tonight: Do only what is relaxing.

Happy birthday

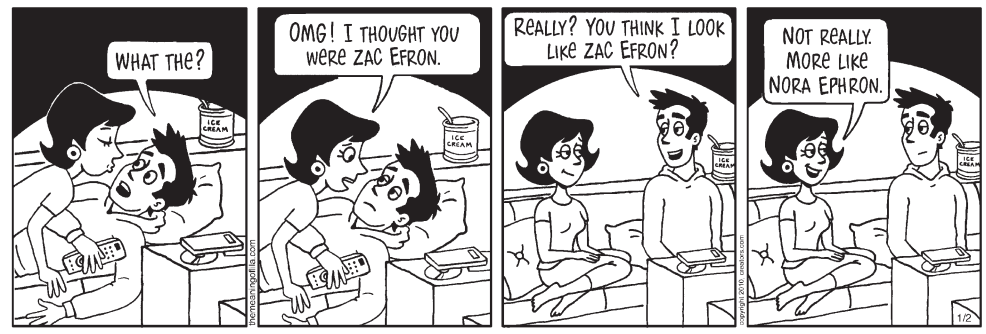
This year, you break past imposed restrictions with the help of a key partner and/or associate. No matter how you look at a situation, it can be transformed. You often feel awkward when dealing with your finances with others. Much of this discomfort comes from judgments. No one is harder on you than you are on yourself. Work on changing this trait, and your life will take a positive turn. If you are single, you desire the closeness of a relationship more than ever. Still, think about whether the person you choose offers this potential. Someone could project more of what he or she thinks you want him or her to be than who he or she really is. If you are attached, your relationship will benefit from weekends away and dinners together where sharing happens with ease. LEO understands you, nearly better than you do!

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

Girls and Sports
By Justin Borus and Andrew Feinstein



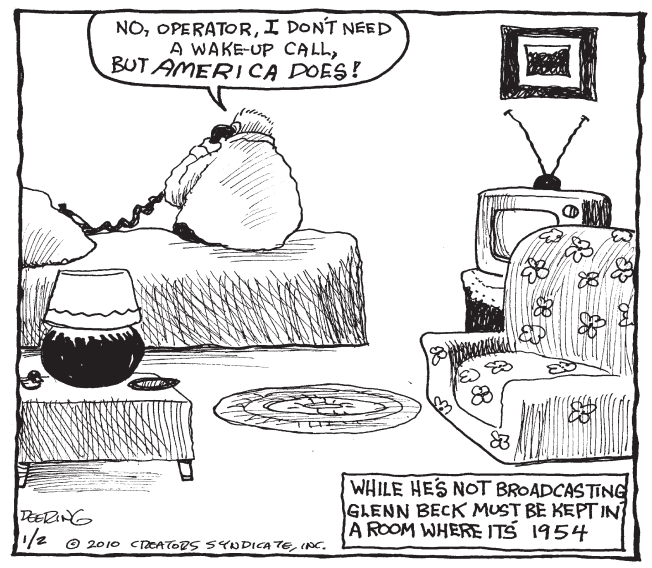
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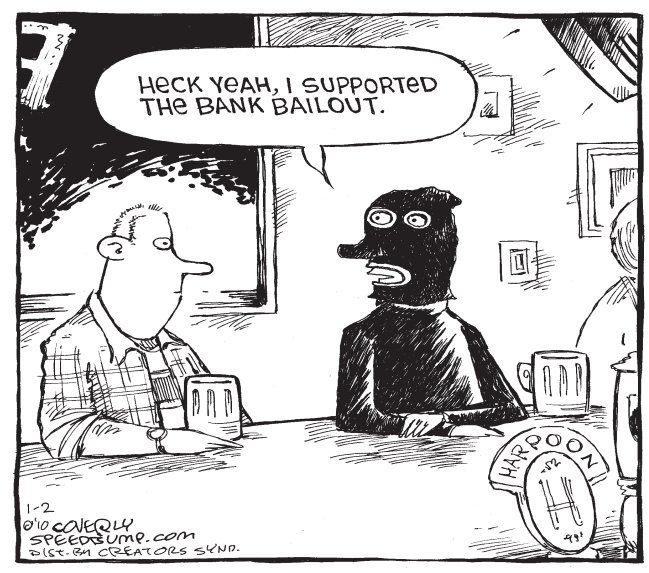
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SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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5 Complete
10 Cleared tables
12 Battle site of 1836
13 Singer Mary J.
14 Flatten
15 Avenue tree
16 Tether
18 Wing
19 Royal servants
21 Eye part
22 Reception aid
24 Pad user
25 Plane part
29 Bother
30 Cut-and-dry places
32 Little devil
33 By the unit
34 Convened
35 Out-pouring
37 Albee creation
39 Surcoat
40 Swiss geometer
41 Punish, in a way
42 Karate award

DOWN

1 Monk's place
2 Much-mocked hairstyle
3 "I, Robot" writer
4 Cribbage need
5 Story
6 Flamenco cry
7 Pub
8 Henry Fielding book
9 Lounges about
11 Cold War easing
17 Concentrated
20 Galleon poles
21 How tuna may be packed
23 Fencing cry
25 Sky-rocket
26 Sevilla's nation
27 Old cash register reading
28 Tooth coating
29 Dukes
31 Kick off
33 Quick kiss
36 Badge metal
38 Massage

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ After Nicolas Cage filed a lawsuit against him for mismanaging the actor's money, Cage's former business manager Samuel Levin filed his defense in November, charging Cage with creating his own problems by disregarding Levin's budgetary advice. According to Levin, Cage's 2007 purchases included three houses (costing $33 million), 22 cars (including nine Rolls-Royces) and 47 works of art. By 2008, said Levin, Cage owned 15 houses, four yachts, a Gulfstream jet and an island in the Bahamas.

■ Better Planning Needed: (1) Brier Cutlip, 22, and Paul Bragg, 25, who were on parole and prohibited from possessing firearms, were re-arrested in December in Elkins, W.Va., when they showed up for a parole appointment. However, they had just come in from a day of hunting and were still wearing orange vests, alerting the parole officer to the fact that they had been firing guns all day. (2) Grandville Lindsey, 30, on probation in Beaumont, Texas, after a child-sex conviction and prohibited from visiting any "social" Web sites, was re-arrested in November when he sent a Twitter alert to a woman he had met while in the probation office, asking to include her as an online "friend."

TODAY IN HISTORY

1900 John Hay announces the Open Door Policy to promote trade with China

1905 Russo-Japanese War: The Russian garrison surrenders at Port Arthur, China

1920 The second Palmer Raid takes place with another 6,000 suspected communists and anarchists arrested and held without trial. These raids take place in several U.S. cities.

1935 Bruno Hauptmann goes on trial for the murder of Charles Lindbergh, Jr., infant son of aviator Charles Lindbergh

1941 World War II: German bombing severely damages the Llandaff Cathedral in Cardiff, Wales

1942 World War II: Manila is captured by Japanese forces

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