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NICE WORK

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Actress Leighton Meester (right), from the television show 'Gossip Girls,' helps kids from the Braille Institute paint a glowing ball created by Portraits of Hope at Downtown's ICE at Santa Monica outdoor rink on Fifth Street and Arizona Avenue on Tuesday afternoon.

County funds extend, expand chronic homeless program

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

DOWNTOWN OPCC, a leading provider of homeless services in Santa Monica and the Westside, will be able to help 25 more chronically homeless individuals thanks to an increase in funding from the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors.

The board voted Tuesday to spend $335,000 to expand OPCC's chronic homeless pilot program, which over the last two years has targeted and assisted 70 people living on the streets of Santa Monica and neighboring communities. Of those, 54 have found permanent housing and are receiving supportive services such as mental health

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Should voters pick the mayor?

Councilman Shriver wants to change selection process of top post

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL The power to select a mayor from among Santa Monica's seven City Council members could end up in the hands of the voters, if a proposal by Councilman Bobby Shriver gains traction.

He's planning to ask his colleagues to consider undoing the current system, under which council members are responsible for selecting a mayor, and giving the choice to the people instead.

Details of the proposal are not yet available, but Shriver said he plans to bring the idea before the council on Tuesday for a preliminary discussion.

If a majority agrees to look into it, City Hall staff would return with more information at a later meeting, and the council would then have the option of voting to place a specific proposal on the ballot.

Because a change in the method used to select a mayor would be an amendment to the city charter, a citywide election would be the only way to enact the change, according to City Clerk Maria Stewart.

Either a majority of City Council members or a resident who submits a petition containing the names of at least 15 percent of registered Santa Monica voters could qualify the proposal for the ballot, she said.

Shriver's proposal comes after varying degrees of contention arose during each of the last two mayoral decisions.

In May, it took eight voting rounds for a slim 4-3 majority to select Shriver as the fill-in mayor for Ken Genser, who died in January of 2010. Following November's election, the choice of Richard Bloom, who

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HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Samohi preps for nation's top hoops team

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

SANTA ANA Looks like Marty Verdugo is getting his wish.

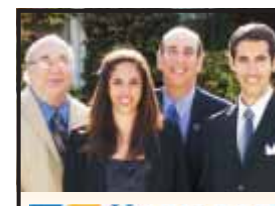
Santa Monica High School's head girls' basketball coach came into the season looking to play some of the best teams in the nation. Samohi has already played (and lost to) the second ranked team in the country, Illinois' Bolingbrook, and now prepares to face No. 1 Santa Ana Mater Dei on the road this Saturday.

Despite the long odds, Samohi, ranked No. 6 in the current California Interscholastic Federation Southern Section Division 1AA poll, is no slouch, said Mater Dei head coach Kevin Kiernan. He's been following Samohi's rise to being a regional power and had nothing but praise for a program that won its first CIF-SS title in the

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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA AND SURROUNDS



Thursday, Jan. 6, 2011

A movie (or two) with Ben
Aero Theatre
1328 Montana Ave., 7:30 p.m.
Ben Affleck will host the screenings of "Gone Baby Gone" and "The Town," a pair of flicks he's directed. Word has it that this event is nearly sold out. For more information, call (310) 260-1528.

Snooki comes to Santa Monica
Barnes & Noble
1201 Third Street Promenade, 7 p.m.
Nicole "Snooki" Polizzi, from MTV's "Jersey Shore," will be in town to sign copies of her novel, "A Shore Thing."

Green drinks for all
LiVity Outernational
2401 Lincoln Blvd., 7 p.m.
Environmental group Sustainable Works is hosting a "Happy Green Year" cocktail party to spread the word about being green. As a special treat, non-profit Surfrider will be transforming old shirts into reusable bags to teach people to rise above plastics. The Green Truck will also be on hand to serve up enviro-friendly grub. For more info, visit sustainableworks.eventbrite.com.

Last look at pier centennial exhibit
Santa Monica Pier
Carousel Building, 11 a.m. — 5 p.m.
Catch the final days of photographer Jeffrey F. Giglioli's Santa Monica Pier Centennial exhibit. His photos, shot in 1982, feature the historic pier in black in white. For more information, call (310) 458-8901.

Friday, Jan. 7, 2011

Fireside at the Miles: 'Acoustic Fire'
Miles Playhouse
1130 Lincoln Blvd., 7:15 p.m. doors
Featuring acclaimed singer/songwriter David Poe along with local favorite Amy Raasch and newcomer Madeline Mondrala, "Acoustic Fire" promises an evening of stellar lyricism and musical dexterity.
For more information, call (310) 458-8634.

Meet Andy Garcia
Aero Theatre
1328 Montana Ave., 7:30 p.m.
Andy Garcia appears in person with this year's "City Island," which won the actor critical praise for his comedic chops as the father of a dysfunctional family in the Bronx. For more information, call (323) 466-FILM.

'Homegrown' art show and sale
Santa Monica High School
Roberts Art Gallery, 3:30 p.m. — 7:30 p.m.
The artwork of Santa Monica High School students will be on display, and sale, at the Roberts Art Gallery, located in the History Building on campus. Most pieces are under $100 and many are under $50. For more information, call Amy Bouse in Samohi's art department at (310) 395-3204 ext. 71443.

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.

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SMC program introduces low-income students to TV marketing biz

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

SMC A lot of money is made producing promotional spots for television shows and films, and thanks to a just-launched program at Santa Monica College, some if it could soon be in the hands of formerly at-risk students.

The one-year program, which is a partnership between the South Bay Center for Counseling (SBCC) and PromaxBDA, an association of broadcast promotion and marketing professionals, kicked off on Monday with 25 students.

The students, 14 of whom were already enrolled at SMC, are from cities around the region including Compton, Wilmington and East Los Angeles and were selected from a pool of 308 applicants, according to organizers. Each student will receive a scholarship that covers SMC fees, equipment, transportation and childcare.

The curriculum begins with basic math and English workshops and proceeds to cover project management, digital video fundamentals, promo writing and production.

Graduates will earn a writer/producer/editor certificate. They could step into jobs that pay up to $80,000 per year, program officials said in a press release.

"This is a great opportunity for the college and the students, who will have a shot at getting some great jobs in the industry," said Frank Dawson, chair of SMC's communication department and a former promotional writer and producer at CBS and NBC.

Jonathan Block-Verck, president and CEO of PromaxBDA, said the effort is believed to be the first of its kind in the country.

"This program will help these young people understand there's a future in creative ability," he said.

The program is funded by the Every Child Foundation and a state grant, PromaxBDA and SBCC said.

SBCC is a non-profit organization in Los Angeles dedicated to developing career pathway programs for low-income individuals.

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Pacific Park sells for $34M

It's official.

Pacific Park, home to the nation's first solar-powered Ferris wheel, has been sold to CNL Lifestyle Properties, Inc. for $34 million, officials with the real estate investment trust said Wednesday.

The amusement park, which attracts more than 4 million visitors annually will continue to be operated by its previous owner, Santa Monica Amusements, under a net-lease agreement.

General Manager Mary Ann Powell, who has been managing Pacific Park for 13 years, will continue to be responsible for all operations as well as the development and execution of the park's long-term plans. Powell serves on the board of directors for the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce.

"Business conditions made this a favorable time to sell the park," Powell said.

The park, located on the historic Santa Monica Pier, consists of 2-acres and features family-style entertainment with 12 rides, including a roller coaster, 18 midway games and other attractions.

"Pacific Park matches our strategy of owning properties that are located in or near large population centers," said Byron Carlock, president and CEO of CNL Lifestyle Properties. "This is an iconic property in a city with significant character; we are very pleased to have it in our portfolio."

CNL Lifestyle Properties owns the ground lease and physical assets of Pacific Park.

As owner and operator of the pier, the City Council in December had to approve the sale. City Hall was expected to receive a transfer premium payment of $1.4 million.

CNL Lifestyle Properties also owns three marinas, three ski resorts, two resort village properties, one family entertainment center, one water park and six golf courses in California. The acquisition of Pacific Park boosts the company's amusement park portfolio to 22 nationally.

Powell said her team will continue to honor the legacy of the pier and support the local community. The park is one of the city's largest youth employers and a significant sales tax generator, she said. As a sign of its commitment to the pier and its traditions, Pacific Park donated $20,000 to the struggling Twilight Dance Series, which helped save the 26-year-old summer concert series.

"Pacific Park has been a key player in establishing the Santa Monica Pier as a world-class destination and local favorite. We look toward a seamless transition between the city, new owners, pier tenants and park management team," said Kent Smith, chairman of the Board of Directors of the Pier Restoration Corp. "The new owners are committed to an uninterrupted transition in park management and ongoing operations, which will serve our pier guests and tenants to the fullest."

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Extending the deadline

Those interested in becoming members of the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District's Financial Oversight Committee now have until Jan. 28 to submit an application. District officials extended the deadline.

The district has four vacancies on the committee and is looking for "qualified candidates who will bring a depth of business and/or financial expertise to the committee."

The application is available on the district's website at www.Smmusd.org/fiscal/financialDAC.html.

The committee advises the school board on its budget and typically meets once or twice each month. Last year the committee was responsible for analyzing revenue enhancing measures, including the proposed parcel tax measure.

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SCORE TWO Morgan Genser *news@smdp.com*

Brentwood's Jordan Jace scores a layup over New Roads' Truman Shackleford on Tuesday night at Brentwood High School. Brentwood won the Westside matchup, 58-30. With the loss, New Roads falls to 0-7 this season. Brentwood improves to 6-2.

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Spending money elsewhere

Editor:

I wasn't dreaming this time.

It was the week after Christmas and I went to Sears, but walked through Santa Monica Place first. It was raining and there was little or no cover in our new Santa Monica Place. The plastic tree still stood there with empty music. The stores were really not that busy.

Armed with gift certificates from my boys, we headed to Culver City and to what I still call the Fox Hills Mall. The rain still was coming down but we were dry and warm inside their mall. They still had their Christmas tree up and their colorful decorations still hung above me. We went to JC Penny, Target and Best Buy where we spent some of our gift certificates. I had one gift certificate for Macy's and got some socks and ties and then even applied and got their store card also, as I knew I would return one day to their store. We then went to their food court and had some wonderful sandwiches and soup. Before we left, I dropped by See's Candy and got a box of candy to take home. Then one more stop at Mrs. Fields for cookies and milk to go.

Don't get me wrong, I love Santa Monica. The Third Street Promenade is great. Barnes & Noble and Old Navy get my business. Of course Sears is my store for my family's needs. I do like the movie theaters on the promenade. High praise to the small food court near the theaters. Compliments to Baja Buds; good prices, great food. Thank you Subway and McDonald's. Your meals are within my budget.

I hope Santa Monica Place does not go into bankruptcy, but I agree with Kent Cullom ("Too pricey," Dec. 21, Letters to the Editor) that it will if they cater to only a "target shopper" that doesn't necessarily live in Santa Monica.

And to all a Happy New Year 2011!

Mike De Mendoza
Santa Monica

Stop with the consultants

Editor:

It is ironic that the same day Helen McRoskey's letter to the editor excoriating the city's trash manager for blowing a half a million dollars on what would appear to be a needless study on an unnamed consultant's report appeared in your paper ("Waste creates wasteful spending," Dec. 30, Letters to the Editor), there appears an article on the first page outlining an attempt by Phil Brock, the parks and recreation commissioner, to make the beach bike paths safer next summer ("Commissioner pushing for safer beach bike path," Dec. 31, page 1) .

Though I support any efforts to make biking safer, I was shocked to see that another "study" by yet another consultant has languished for a year in City Hall. This kind of consultant nonsense makes me wonder what the city staff gets paid to do. It appears that they are there to only hire consultants. Maybe it's time we the taxpayers of Santa Monica start demanding that the people we pay to run the city start running the city and quit all of the wasteful spending on consultants. After all, if they don't know how to run the city, why are we paying them a salary in the first place?

Barry Barker
Santa Monica



That Rutherford Guy



John W. Whitehead — **Send comments to editor@smdp.com**

Walking down that lonely street

SOMETIME IN 1955, I WAS JOLTED BY A song I heard on the radio, "Maybelline" by Chuck Berry, America's first black rock'n'roll hero. So when I saw Berry on television duck walking across the stage, playing his guitar, there was no turning back for me. Rock'n'roll had become the music of my soul.

Then Elvis Presley came along, and everything changed. As John Lennon would say years later, "Before Elvis there was nothing." Elvis (who, had he lived, would turn 76 on Jan. 8) combined all the images of rebellion into one solitary figure.

To my 10-year-old self, he was exactly what I wanted to be like when I grew up. I totally identified with him. I even dressed up in tight pants and drew mascara sideburns. Grabbing my toy guitar (with no strings), I stood in my front yard serenading little girls who would stare listlessly at me. Two favorite songs, "Hound Dog" and "All Shook Up," sometimes seemed to stir my young audience, though. One little girl, I remember, said I even looked a bit like the King except I was shorter and not as good-looking.

At first, Presley's story seemed liked the American Dream come true. As Sam Phillips, the legendary Memphis recording artist and African-American music enthusiast remarked, he had been looking for "a white boy who could sing like a black boy and catch the beat of black music." With his early "greaser" style, Elvis fit the bill, and Phillips recorded him on his now-iconic Sun label.

Those 1954-55 soundtracks for Sun Records, including "It's All Right, Mama" and "Blue Moon of Kentucky," were some of Elvis' best recordings. A synthesis of the white and black cultures, Elvis' music also had a general gospel flavor that reflected his early singing in church.

Elvis wasn't popular with all segments of society, however. Some local newspapers denounced his performances as "demon rock as jungle music," while ministers publicly attacked him, even threatening to lead a crusade to have him arrested if he set foot in their communities. But religious and parental disapproval only increased Elvis' popularity among the young, and his television appearances cemented it.

After Elvis performed his first national hit, "Heartbreak Hotel," on the Milton Berle Show in April 1956, the song moved to number one on the music charts. An appearance on the Steve Allen Show followed in July 1956. Although Allen had persuaded Presley to wear a tuxedo and limit his movements, he still only shot Presley from the waist up to avoid those wiggling hips. And for the first time, Allen beat the legendary Ed Sullivan in ratings.

Sullivan, who disliked rockers and believed that Elvis' act was too sexually suggestive, wanted nothing to do with Elvis. But after Steve Allen's success, Sullivan surrendered to market economics and signed Elvis for three shows at the unprecedented sum of $50,000.

In reality, Sullivan's decision to sign Elvis augured a profound change in American taste. While the white elite had appreciated black jazz in the past, they had a visceral, democratic reaction to Elvis. The old order had been challenged and had not held. New forces were at work, driven primarily by new technology and television. The young no longer had to listen to their parents. It was a critical moment for American society.

Then, in 1958, Elvis joined the Army. Suddenly, he was part of the establishment, and that's when his rebel image was tarnished. Indeed, years later, when John Lennon heard of Elvis' death, he remarked, "Elvis died the day he went into the army."

By the late 1960s, the British rock invasion, led by the Beatles, had dated the music and stance of '50s rockers like Elvis. Elvis' blatant sexuality provoked a rash of outraged sermons. Politicians and newspaper editors rallied against him. Adults found him ridiculous or dangerous, while the kids screamed and swooned. There was virtually no crossover.

By 1964, however, respectable adults and even intellectuals were listening to the Beatles. At first, the older generation even seemed to like John, Paul, George and Ringo, although that would change later. Exuberant, fun-loving and generous, they seemed to suggest a world that was a fun place to be. Beatlemania was born and Elvis' generation of hip-swinging artists seemed passé.

But Elvis didn't go down easy. His appearance on the classic 1968 Singer Television Special for NBC proved that the boy from Memphis could still move an audience. And in the mid-1970s, with a couple of new hits, Elvis made a comeback.

Unfortunately, his success was short-lived. After his 1972 divorce brought on violent mood swings, Elvis began to eat voraciously, sometimes consuming a dozen cheeseburgers and a pound of bacon at a time. Ballooning to around 250 pounds, the whale-like Elvis was forced to cancel all-important Las Vegas and Lake Tahoe shows. And after hints of drug dependence circulated, Elvis secluded himself at Graceland or his Palm Springs home. Then, on Aug. 16, 1977, to the shock and sadness of fans worldwide, Elvis died at the age of 42.

After his death, Elvis became larger than life, with a cult following that approached a religious fervor. Then there are those who still believe he is alive.

Yet in Elvis' life and death, we see an allegory of the entire American experience during the 1950s and beyond. Like many before and after him, a youthful and dynamic beginning ended in premature old age and a bloated, overweight body. A victim of success, Elvis became a parody of himself and of modern, materialistic America. And in the end, like so many of the generation he spawned, Elvis was a solitary soul trapped on that lonely street that leads to the Heartbreak Hotel.

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Dressing for success

DEAR NEW SHRINK,

For many years I have worked in an office where a specific dress code has not been enforced. I have enjoyed this environment and have taken advantage of the flexibility by dressing casually. However, I recently had dinner with a friend of mine who mentioned that I might not be reaching my full potential with my firm because of the way I dress. How much does dress impact your career success?

Signed,
Casual Dresser

DEAR CASUAL,

The way you dress can certainly impact the way that others perceive you. Think about meeting someone for the first time. Notice the details you pay attention to and the opinion you make based on what you see. My guess is that dress is one of the key details you pick up on. Dress definitely communicates a message to those around us.

Some managers believe that the way you dress can show your level of commitment or engagement. A 2008 Careerbuilder.com survey found that over 40 percent of employers indicated that those who dressed professionally were more likely to be promoted. While dress can be industry or company specific, taking time to consider your look can be important for your own professional development.

Beyond showing commitment and engagement, dressing professionally can be a symbol of respect to others. Even if your workplace is casual, it is important to dress up for client or management meetings to show respect and build trust and confidence. If your workplace does not enforce a strict dress code, you may find it helpful to keep a jacket in the office in case of a last-minute meeting. Dressing the part does not need to involve a major shopping spree. Consider easy ways that you can dress up your typical work wear.

While the components of your wardrobe itself may make a difference, it might also be the way one feels when dressed professionally. When you feel good about yourself, and the way you look, you tend to have a more positive and confident approach to your work. It may be these key characteristics that managers are picking up on when making salary or promotion decisions. Studies also show that employees tend to dress up during a down economy. It's likely that when times are tough you can't afford to look too laid back. Dressing the part may be a key component of maintaining or advancing your career.

However, business formal dress isn't everything. For some industries relaxed dress codes have become industry standards. It is not always about wearing a suit to work, but rather wearing clothing that fits you well. An employee can look unprofessional in an ill-fitting suit and another employee can look well dressed in tailored jeans and a sport coat. Rather than looking for standard answers on what to wear, compare your dress to others in your office. Focus specifically on colleagues who have been promoted and note how they dress. If you dress more casually than most employees then you may want to rethink your wardrobe. Beyond clothing, it can also be your grooming techniques. If you frequently show up to work unshaven, with wet hair, or otherwise unkempt, you are sending a message.

Finally, remember that some companies are successful because they allow employees to dress however they like. Your dress is an extension of your personality. Working for a firm that appreciates your individuality may increase your devotion to the company mission.

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Looking forward

Now that we have entered 2011, we're curious to see what makes news in Santa Monica this year.

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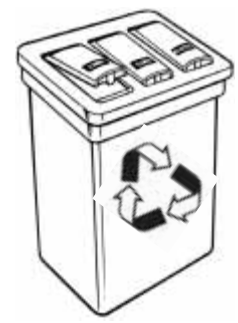
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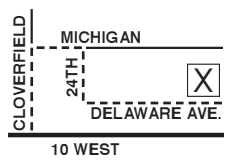


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Bodyguard: Jackson's doctor ordered cleanup of vials

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AP Special Correspondent

LOS ANGELES As Michael Jackson's lifeless body lay on a bed in his palatial mansion, a bodyguard obeyed a frantic doctor's instructions to bag up medicine bottles and intravenous bags and shield the Jackson children from seeing their father — all before being told to call 911, court testimony revealed Wednesday.

Alberto Alvarez said he was the first security guard to reach Jackson's room after word came that something was wrong. He described a shocking scene.

The King of Pop was on his bed connected to an IV tube and a urinary catheter. His eyes and mouth were open, and Dr. Conrad Murray was leaning over him doing one-handed chest compressions to try to revive him.

Alvarez said he was "frozen" at the sight.

"I said, 'Dr. Murray, what happened?' And he said, 'He had a reaction. He had a bad reaction,'" Alvarez recalled.

The testimony came during a preliminary hearing to determine if Murray, the singer's personal physician, will be tried on a charge of involuntary manslaughter.

Authorities contend Murray gave Jackson a lethal dose of the powerful anesthetic propofol and other sedatives in the bedroom of his rented mansion before he died on June 25, 2009.

Deputy District Attorney David Walgren said in his opening statement that Jackson was already dead when Murray summoned help and tried to conceal his administering of propofol to the pop star, ordering the bodyguard to collect items before paramedics were called.

Murray was providing Jackson propofol roughly six times a week since being hired as the singer's personal physician in May 2009, as Jackson prepared for a series of comeback concerts, Walgren said.

On the witness stand, Alvarez recalled Jackson's children Paris and Prince walking into the room during the effort to revive their father.

"Paris screamed, 'Daddy!' and she started to cry. Dr. Murray said, 'Get them out. Don't let them see him like this,'" the bodyguard said.

Alvarez's voice choked as he described Paris crying and he took a moment to compose himself.

"I said, 'children, don't worry, we'll take care of this.' And I escorted them out and left the door ajar," Alvarez said.

No prison time sought in Anna Nicole Smith case

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LOS ANGELES Prosecutors in the Anna Nicole Smith prescription drug case are urging a judge to choose felony probation, community service and fines rather than prison for her psychiatrist and lawyer-boyfriend convicted of obtaining drugs for her under false names.

On the eve of their scheduled sentencing, lawyers for Dr. Khristine Eroshevich and Howard K. Stern want something different. They are asking to have their clients' convictions reduced to misdemeanors or dismissed in the interest of justice.

They argue in written motions that using pseudonyms to protect the privacy of celebrities in medical situations is common practice. They accuse the district attorney's office of singling out the doctor and lawyer for prosecution "for political and publicity purposes, not justice."

Superior Court Judge Robert Perry, who presided over their nine-week trial, has the option to sentence them to up to three years and eight months behind bars at a hearing Thursday.

In a sentencing memorandum filed Tuesday, Deputy District Attorney Sean Carney advocated sentencing both defendants to five years of supervised felony probation, 300 hours each of community service, with Stern working for Caltrans, California's highway maintenance department. The memo suggested Eroshevich's community service be directed by the California Medical Board and that each defendant pay a $5,000 fine.

Carney also asked that Eroshevich be barred from prescribing controlled substances, severely limiting her ability to continue practicing medicine.

Stern and Eroshevich are seeking dismissal, a new trial or reduction of their convictions to misdemeanors. A third defendant, Dr. Sandeep Kapoor, was acquitted of all charges and the jury deadlocked on several counts.

Stern's attorneys, Steve Sadow and J. Christopher Smith, noted in written motions that Stern was convicted of only two of 11 counts involving conspiring with Eroshevich to use his name on prescriptions for Smith.

"The evidence proved that Mr. Stern honestly believed the practice was legal," said the motion, which noted past use of false names on prescriptions for celebrities including the late Michael Jackson and actress Brittany Murphy. It said their doctors were never charged with violating the false names statute.

The sentencing hearing will mark the denouement of a long-running drama centering on the blonde beauty's troubled life, which was documented on reality TV, in tabloids and in trial testimony. Smith also made headlines in a continuing $300 million court fight with the estate of her oil tycoon husband.

Stern, 41, had been Smith's lawyer, manager, lover and friend since they met in 2001. Testimony showed they were inseparable, even when she was involved with other men.

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Missing Georgia children found safe in SoCal

Los Angeles police say three missing children from Georgia have been found safe with their mother.

Sgt. Alfredo Reyes tells the Los Angeles Times that the children were found in a red van that was spotted on a Los Angeles freeway around 10:30 a.m. Wednesday.

KABC-TV showed the mother being handcuffed and the children and a dog being removed from the van.

Reyes says 11-year-old Michelle Hogan, her 4-year-old brother, Jonathan, and 3-year-old sister, Jasmine, were taken to a police station for questioning along with 28-year-old Carolyn Hogan.

The family had driven from Greensboro, Ga., and vanished Tuesday morning after leaving a mission in Los Angeles' Skid Row.

A Georgia court had issued a protective order for the children because of concerns about the mother's mental state.

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LOS ANGELES

Destructive beetle found at LAX in rice shipment

Customs officials say they've intercepted what they're describing as one of the world's most destructive grain and seed pests during an inspection at Los Angeles International Airport.

U.S. Customs and Border Protection said Tuesday that the so-called khapra beetle was spotted late last month in a shipment of Indian rice arriving from Saudi Arabia. The shipment was quarantined and destroyed.

Inspectors say the beetle is especially difficult to control because of its ability to live without food for long periods and its tolerance to many insecticides.

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SACRAMENTO

Brown appoints Dems to enviro, employment posts

Gov. Jerry Brown on Wednesday named his top cabinet members in key employment and environmental departments and appointed seven members to the state Board of Education.

All are Democrats, and several served in Brown's previous administration as governor. All the nominees require state Senate confirmation.

Brown retained Mary Nichols as head of the California Air Resources Board, where she has served since 2007 under former Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger. Nichols, a former Clinton appointee to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, has led the board as it seeks to implement California's landmark global warming law. Her annual salary is $142,965.

Brown also named former state Assemblyman John Laird, a former mayor of Santa Cruz who recently lost a bid for the state Senate, as secretary of the California Resources Agency. The salary is $175,000.

Marty Morgenstern, a longtime labor activist who worked under Brown in the 1970s, was named secretary of the Labor and Workforce Development Agency. The salary is $142,965.

Brown also appointed Ronald Yank, a retired labor attorney who has represented California's powerful prison guards union, as director of the Department of Personnel Administration. The salary is $175,000.

Brown has remained silent about many of the top officials who will guide his administration as he copes with a massive state budget deficit. Previously, Brown announced he is retaining Schwarzenegger finance director Ana Matosantos and named another former Brown staffer, Diana Dooley, as secretary of Health and Human Services.

Brown's appointees to the state Board of Education are a blast from the past, and some are controversial. The board helps set statewide education policy, and its significance could increase under Brown as he is expected to eliminate the duplicative post of secretary of education.

Among them is former three-term Superintendent of Public Instruction Bill Honig, a Brown appointee to the board from 1975 to 1983 who was convicted of conflict-of-interest charges in 1993 for using state Department of Education funds to finance his wife's education project.

The felony charges were later reduced to misdemeanors, but Honig's wife Nancy committed suicide in 1999, partly because of stress over the legal case, he said at the time.

Also named to the Board of Education were noted Stanford education professor Michael Kirst, a member from 1975 to 1982 who advised Brown on education during his recent gubernatorial campaign.

The other appointees are:

Patricia Rucker, a top lobbyist for the powerful California Teachers Association; former San Diego schools superintendent and education professor Carl Cohn; San Manuel Band of Indians chairman James Ramos; Bakersfield School District administrator Aida Molina; and Trish Boyd Williams, longtime executive director of EdSource, an education reform group.

Board members receive a $100 per diem for two-day board meetings held about six times a year.

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LOS ANGELES

Charter schools getting more special ed money

Charter schools in the nation's second-largest school district are getting more money to educate disabled students.

The Board of Education approved a deal Tuesday to funnel more money to charters for special education programs. The Los Angeles Unified School District previously kept state special ed money for traditional campuses.

Board member Steve Zimmer says the costs are unclear.

The Los Angeles Times says charter schools, which are publicly funded schools that are independently operated, have been criticized for enrolling a lower percentage of special education students than traditional schools.

The cost of schooling disabled students is two to three times as high as for other students.

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SAN FRANCISCO

Former L.A. civil rights lawyer Yagman disbarred

Former civil rights lawyer Stephen Yagman, who specialized in filing brutality and misconduct charges against the Los Angeles Police Department, has been disbarred.

The San Francisco-based California State Bar says on its website that Yagman, who was convicted of tax evasion in 2007, was stripped of his law license on Dec. 22. The Los Angeles Times and California Bar Journal first reported Yagman was disbarred.

Yagman was convicted in federal court of 19 felony counts of tax evasion, bankruptcy fraud and money laundering.

The 66-year-old Yagman, who lives in the Venice area, had been on interim suspension since his conviction.

The State Bar Court's review department says disbarment is warranted because bankruptcy fraud is a felony and involves moral turpitude. Yagman argued the crime didn't constitute moral turpitude.

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LOS ANGELES

Attorney: Lohan didn't do drugs at rehab

Lindsay Lohan's attorney insists the 24-year-old actress didn't drink alcohol or do drugs during her 90-day stint at the Betty Ford rehab center.

Shawn Chapman Holley said in a statement Wednesday that "it was never suggested by anyone that she ever drank or used drugs" during the course of her treatment at the Rancho Mirage drug dependency center, about 120 miles (190 kilometers) east of Los Angeles. Holley added that Lohan's "discharge letter from the facility is totally consistent with that."

Holley made the statement after Internet reports surfaced claiming Lohan was under the influence during a Dec. 12 altercation with a Betty Ford rehabilitation technician.

Lohan was released from the facility this week after receiving treatment there since late September in connection with her 3 1/2 year-old drunken driving case.

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Bus-Only Lanes Approved for Wilshire Boulevard

Initial approval has been given by the Metro Board of Directors to go forward on plans to build rush hour bus-only lanes on segments of Wilshire Boulevard between MacArthur Park and Santa Monica. The lanes would reduce bus travel time about 12 minutes along the length of the line.

Public Hearing on Bus Service Feb. 9

Proposed bus service changes will be discussed by the Metro Westside/Central Service Council on Wednesday, February 9 at 5pm at the La Cienega Tennis Center, 325 S. La Cienega Boulevard, Beverly Hills. Details about the proposed changes will be available at the meeting or online at *metro.net*.

Construction Planned at Wilshire, I-405

Metro anticipates building new on-and off-ramps to the I-405 at Wilshire Boulevard starting in February as part of its freeway improvements project. As a result, the Wilshire ramps will be closed for extended periods in 2011. For details, as well as project updates, go to *metro.net/405*.

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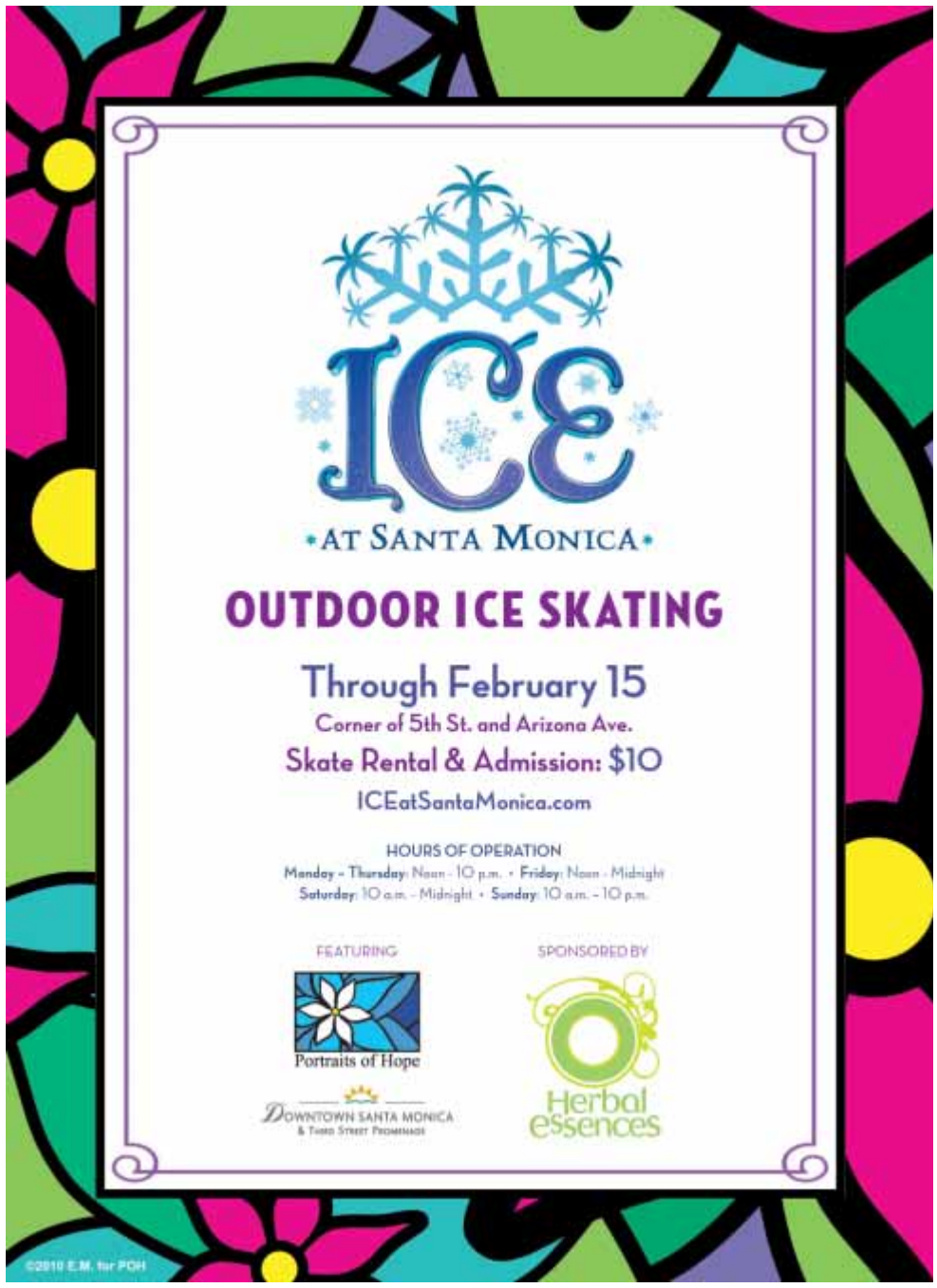

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and drug/alcohol counseling, said OPCC Director John Maceri.

With the funding, Maceri said OPCC will be able to assist 25 more individuals who have been identified by City Hall as being the most vulnerable. These are individuals who have been living on the streets the longest and have complex medical conditions that result in the high utilization of costly hospital emergency rooms, acute inpatient units and other services.

Maceri said those who have been helped are now living in apartments in Los Angeles and Santa Monica, and are receiving "wrap-around" services. Finding housing for the remainder of those in the program has been difficult, Maceri said, but with more funding, OPCC can continue working with them to find a solution.

"This is exciting," Maceri said. "It's better for these individuals to be in stable housing with services rather than continuing to utilize expensive jail and hospital or paramedic services. … These are people who have been on the streets the longest and are most likely to die without intervention."

The county's homeless population is estimated to be 48,000, and a recent study by United Way of Los Angeles' Business Leaders Task Force found that it was 40 percent cheaper to house the homeless, rather than to leave them on the streets, where they often become ill, unstable and get arrested or abused.

The housing-first model used by OPCC and other agencies has garnered support from city and county officials who believe it is more cost effective and produces better results. In 2008, city officials embarked on a project to identify the city's most vulnerable and have since focused their efforts on housing these individuals. A year later, city officials said more than half of the 131 homeless individuals identified in 2008 as being the most vulnerable were taken off the streets and placed in either temporary or permanent housing.

Maceri praised Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky for his leadership on the homeless issue. Funding for the chronic homeless program comes from Yaroslavsky's Third District office as well as the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation. The funding is intended to cover expenses for two years.

"Permanent supportive housing is the state of the art as far as ending homelessness in this country," the supervisor said. "As I like to say, to end homelessness you have to give people a home."

An additional $250,000 will be used to expand the services offered under a similar program in Hollywood, targeting 40 people on the Hollywood Homeless Service Register.

Those 40 will be housed in a 24-unit motel and eight-unit apartment building, both near Sunset Boulevard and Formosa Avenue. The board offered another $400,000 to help renovate the properties purchased by Santa Monica-based Step Up on Second, which focuses on helping homeless individuals struggling with mental illness. Some of the funding Step Up received will also be used to pay for an outreach team to make contact with those on the streets.

"We wouldn't be able to do this without this funding," said Tod Lipka, president and CEO of Step Up. "We are indebted to the county and Supervisor Yaroslavsky. He's really done a great job in leading in this area."

The board also unanimously approved Supervisor Mike Antonovich's proposal to declare Jan. 25-27 Homeless Count Week 2011 and encourage county employees to assist as volunteers in the federally-mandated biannual street census.

Santa Monica's City Hall will conduct its own homeless count on Jan. 26. City Hall is looking for volunteers. Over 200 are needed. Those interested in helping with the count can learn more by contacting Dina Aubrey at (310) 458-8701 or dina.aubrey@smgov.net.

According to City Hall, the number of homeless individuals in Santa Monica dropped by 25 percent from 2007 to 2010. That conclusion was based on the results of the 2010 homeless count.

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is now in his third stint as mayor, in particular prompted criticism from supporters of Councilman Kevin McKeown, who has received the most votes in his last two elections but has never served as mayor during his 12 years on the council.

Shriver, who has received the most votes of any candidate both times he has been elected, said the proposal has nothing to do with sour grapes after he was denied a full term as mayor last month.

He said it's about common sense.

"People think the word 'mayor' means you're elected by the people. That's the definition of the word, therefore I think the charter should be amended to reflect that popular understanding," he said. "When you say to people 'I'm the mayor,' they think you've been elected by the people and I want that to be true."

He said he's not contemplating any expansion of the mayor's mainly ceremonial role.

It's unclear what level of support the proposal will receive on the dais.

Councilman Terry O'Day on Wednesday said he was open to considering alternate ways to select the mayor, but carefully avoided saying whether he would support Shriver's idea.

"The current process is certainly difficult and often can get a new council out to a rough start," he said of the current system. "But I think it's important to keep in mind that our city government structure is a city manager government, and that the role of the mayor is an agenda setting and ceremonial [one] and it's a collegial role. It's about leading colleagues to work together and find solutions and what we have as a process now really reflects those three priorities."

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> Council member

Reached on Wednesday, Bloom said only: "Rather than speculate about what's going to be proposed I'd like to know what it is that Bobby would like us to consider before I comment on it."

For his part, McKeown said he believes there's a problem with "a self-selected mayor's club … passing the seat amongst themselves."

"I'd agree the collegial system that worked for decades has now failed us, but I'm not sure what would be a better option. We should explore [changing] it," he said.

The idea of a popularly elected mayor in Santa Monica is not new.

In 2002, voters overwhelmingly rejected a ballot measure that would have given residents the job of picking a mayor, though that measure would have made several more sweeping changes, such as giving the mayor veto authority, establishing seven City Council districts and requiring municipal primary elections. Thirty-six percent of voters supported the proposal and 64 percent opposed it.

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SAMOHI
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sport last year.

This matchup is particularly interesting because Samohi was elevated to CIF-SS Division 1AA this season, the same division Mater Dei won last year. If both teams are to advance deep into the playoffs, a rematch is a real possibility. So, this game may be a preview of what's to come for both squads.

"I think [Santa Monica] is a tough team to play," Kiernan said. "They are the kind of team, talent wise, that can get it going at the right time and give anybody trouble."

The two teams had a sneak peek at each other in December during the elite Nike Tournament of Champions in Arizona. The teams were in the same bracket and had the opportunity to see each other play on multiple occasions. Both Verdugo and Kiernan came away impressed by the opposing side. While a matchup didn't transpire, the scouting done by each school should pay dividends on Saturday at Mater Dei.

"I know we can play with them," Verdugo said. "But, they are big, athletic and confident. They definitely have swagger."

To combat Mater Dei's obvious poise, Verdugo said that he hopes to exploit mismatches created by the Monarch's man-on-man defensive scheme. He said that Samohi sophomore Briana Harris, who has come into her own this year, may prove to be the wild card he needs to topple the nation's top team according to USA Today's poll.

"From first glance, they rely on overpowering teams," Verdugo said. "They have the ability to go on 10-point runs at any moment."

Besides seeing Mater Dei during the Nike tourney, Verdugo has a bit of practical experience to rely on. Samohi hosted Mater Dei last year, falling 69-57. Despite the final score, Samohi was able to keep pace with the Monarchs through three quarters, but ultimately fell victim to Mater Dei's superior talent in the fourth period.

While Mater Dei returns many of its stars including UConn-bound Kaleena Mosqueda-Lewis and nationally recruited junior Jordan Adams, Samohi's roster has matured a year.

Back are UCLA-bound Moriah Faulk and Long Beach State recruit Bianka Balthazar, two players who have made Mater Dei's Kiernan take notice. But, of all of Samohi's weapons, he fears point guard Kristina "KJ" Johnson most.

The speedy little point guard is exactly the type of player that Kiernan said gives his team fits on defense. He hasn't decided who will guard Johnson, but predicts that she will be the most difficult Samohi player to contend with.

"That little point guard can move," Kiernan said. "We saw her in Phoenix [during the Nike tournament] and were impressed by her ability to move the ball."

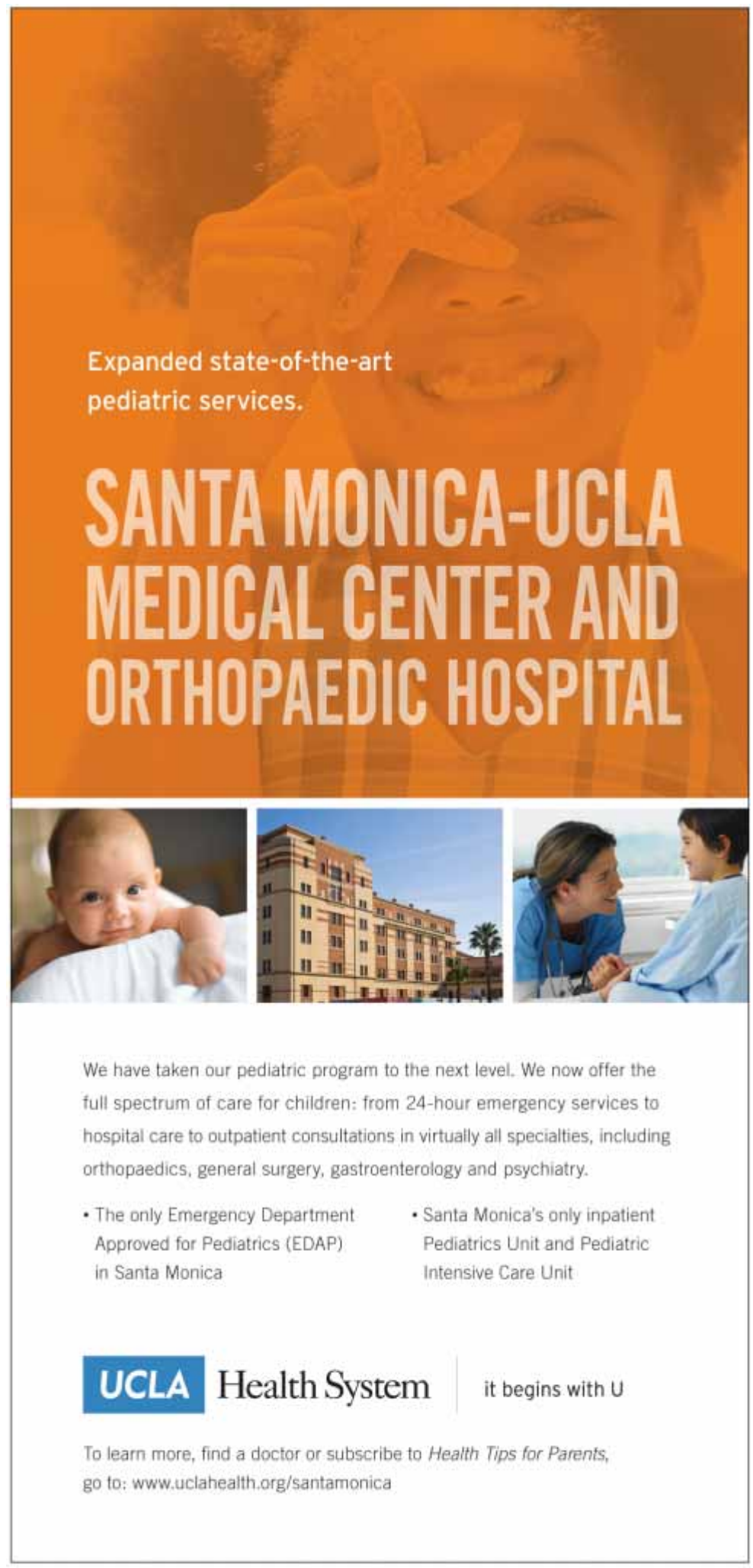
Samohi's big three of Faulk, Balthazar and Johnson may have caught Mater Dei's attention, but Verdugo said that the less heralded Kalaria Obasi and Imani Holloway may be the keys to what would be a historic victory for the program.

The pair of post players emerged during the Arizona trip with Holloway getting a pair of starts.

"We need our bench," Verdugo said. "I need them to help us pound the boards."

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Veganism becoming a popular diet choice across U.S.

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You've come a long way, vegan.

Once mocked as a fringe diet for sandal-wearing health food store workers, veganism is moving from marginal to mainstream in the United States.

The vegan "Skinny Bitch" diet books are best-sellers, vegan staples like tempeh and tofu can be purchased at just about any supermarket, and some chain restaurants eagerly promote their plant-only menu items. Today's vegans are urban hipsters, suburban moms, college students, even professional athletes.

"It's definitely more diverse. It's not what you would picture 20 years ago, which is kind of hippie, crunchy," said Isa Chandra Moskowitz, author of vegan cookbooks like the new "Appetite for Reduction." She says it's easier being a vegan now because there is more local produce available and more interesting ways of cooking.

"It's not just steamed vegetables anymore and brown rice and lentils," she said.

Veganism is essentially hard-core vegetarianism. While a vegetarian might butter her bagel or eat a cake made with eggs, vegans shun all animal products: No meat, no cheese, no eggs, no honey, no mayonnaise. Ethical vegans have a moral aversion to harming animals for human consumption, be it for a flank steak or leather shoes, though the term often is used to describe people who follow the diet, not the larger philosophy.

It's difficult to come up with hard numbers of practicing vegans. There's a blurry line between people who define themselves as vegan and vegetarian and some eaters dip in and out plant-only diets. For instance, New York Times food writer Mark Bittman has described his "vegan till 6" health plan, in which he becomes more omnivorous in the evening.

In a 2009 survey, advocates at the not-for-profit Vegetarian Resource Group reported about 1 percent of Americans are vegan, roughly a third of the people who reported being vegetarians. A separate survey released last year by the same group found a similar breakdown for Americans aged 8 to 18.

That makes veganism something short of a fad sweeping the nation like low-carb once did. Consider that while Kraft Foods reports that it shipped out more Boca Original Vegan Burger Patties and Boca Ground Crumbles last year, the increase was a modest 1 percent. Still, there are plenty of signs that vegans have pushed beyond their old, exclusive cocoon that once inspired celebrity chef Anthony Bourdain to mock them as the "Hezbollah-like splinter faction" of vegetarians.

Exhibit A would be the "Skinny Bitch" diet books, which provide vegan lifestyle tips in a blunt, girlfriend-on-the-phone style (Sample passage: "Soda is liquid Satan. It is the devil."). Actress Alicia Silverstone added a dose of star power to the vegan cause more recently with "The Kind Diet," a No. 1 best-seller. Vegan diets also have been touted by other celebrities, including Emily Deschanel in "Bones" and Lea Michele of "Glee."

Veganism has been buoyed by the same health-conscious wave that has drawn Americans in unprecedented numbers to low-fat, vegetarian and organic foods. The idea of eating lower on the food chain is especially attractive to environmentally conscious consumers, since large-scale meat production is a major source of greenhouse gases.

Veganism also provides a safe harbor for the growing number of people concerned about where their supermarket meat comes from. Critics of industrial-scale food processing like writer Michael Pollan have been gaining a wider audience in recent years.

And — sign of the times — some famous guys are eating vegan now, too.

Bill Clinton, known for his burger-loving ways when president, has credited his trim build at his daughter Chelsea's wedding this summer to a "plant-based diet" (though he eats a little fish sometimes). Even former heavyweight champion Mike Tyson has talked up his vegan diet.

And vegan cookbooks, once a niche product, are coming out at such a fast clip that there are now sub-niches. Da Capo Press' 20 vegan cookbooks in print include one on vegan soul food and another with Latin vegan recipes. A book of vegan recipes containing alcohol, "The Tipsy Vegan" is upcoming.

Abstaining from animal products is an ancient practice found in cultures worldwide. But veganism never got traction in meat-loving America. Tracye McQuirter, a vegan for 23 years and author of "By Any Greens Necessary," a vegan guide aimed at black women, said things were different until about a decade ago. While she was part of a vegan community in her hometown of Washington, she says there was little understanding beyond it.

"People did not know what it meant," McQuirter said. "There were not a lot of options in terms of grocery stores. There was no Whole Foods... We had to basically cook everything for ourselves."

That's changed. More than half the 1,500 chefs polled by the National Restaurant Association for its new "What's Hot in 2011" list included vegan entrees as a hot trend. Vegan entrees came in at No. 71 out of 226 trends (beating out organic beer and drinkable desserts) — that's far from No. 1, but evidence of veganism making inroads beyond urban strongholds like New York City and Los Angeles. Some chain restaurants like Souplantation and Pizza Fusion even mark vegan items on their menus.

In Fort Lauderdale, Fla., Roseann Marulli Rodriguez, a blogger for the SuperVegan website, said while there are not many vegan restaurants in her area, her local supermarket has "fake" chicken tenders and "fake" bacon.

"It's definitely widening in scope," said Rodriguez, a recent New York City transplant who has been eating vegan for five years, "and I think that's why more people are doing it, because it's getting easier."

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Positive job news gives stocks boost

MATTHEW CRAFT
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK A surprising jump in hiring sent bond prices lower and lifted the dollar Wednesday. The Dow Jones industrial average edged higher for the third straight day of the new year.

A survey from payroll processor ADP found that private companies added 297,000 jobs last month, nearly triple the number that economists were expecting. The report is the first chance for investors to see how strong the job market was in December.

The next look comes Friday morning when the Labor Department releases its monthly report on total U.S. payrolls and the unemployment rate. Economists expect the rate will dip to 9.7 percent from 9.8 percent.

The unexpectedly high jobs survey from ADP suggests that the Labor Department report will also be strong. But economists cautioned against reading too much into the ADP figures, which also take into account weekly figures on claims for unemployment insurance, said Thomas Simons, market economist at Jefferies & Co.

"When the ADP number comes in strong, it doesn't mean all the other labor reports will come in strong," Simons said. "But it does show that the labor market is improving. You have to take all these numbers together and come up with a mosaic view."

Signs that the economy is improving weakened demand for low-risk investments. Treasurys prices slid, pushing their yields higher. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note rose to 3.47 percent from 3.33 percent late Tuesday. The yield helps set interest rates on many kinds of loans including mortgages.

The higher rates in the Treasury market helped push the dollar up against other currencies. The dollar rose 1 percent against an index of six other currencies.

The Dow gained 31.71 points, or 0.3 percent, to 11,722.8. It closed at its highest level since August 11, 2008.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 6.36, or 0.5 percent, to 1,276.56. The Nasdaq rose 20.95, or 0.8 percent, to 2,702.20.

Financial companies led the 10 groups that make up the S&P index with a 1.2 percent gain. Utilities did the worst, losing 0.6 percent.

American Express Co. rose 2.9 percent to $45.04, the largest increase among the 30 stocks that make up the Dow. Intel Corp. had the largest fall, slumping 1 percent to $20.94.

A survey from the Institute for Supply Management showed that service companies reported more new orders and higher prices last month. The ISM's monthly index measuring the economic strength of U.S. service providers rose to its highest level since May 2006.

Homeless man gets voice-over job offers

TOM WITHERS
AP Sports Writer

CLEVELAND With a deep, refined voice, Ted Williams simply asked for help to get off the streets.

He's been heard.

Left homeless after his life and career were ruined by drugs and alcohol, Williams has been offered a job by the NBA's Cleveland Cavaliers and is being pursued by NFL Films for possible work. He and his compelling tale became an online sensation after The Columbus Dispatch posted a clip of Williams demonstrating his voiceover skills by the side of the road.

"This has been totally, totally amazing," Williams said in a phone interview with The Associated Press on Wednesday, his voice choking with emotion. "I'm just so thankful. God has blessed me so deeply. I'm getting a second chance. Amazing."

Williams was contacted Wednesday by the Cavaliers, who have offered him a position that could include announcing work at Quicken Loans Arena, the team's downtown arena. Williams said the team has offered him a two-year contract and said they would pay his living expenses.

"I can't believe what's going on," said Williams, a father of nine, adding he feels like Susan Boyle, the Scottish singing sensation who became an overnight star. "God gave me a million-dollar voice, and I just hope I can do right by him."

Cavaliers spokesman Tad Carper said exact details of the team's offer and their plans to help Williams with housing were still being worked out.

The Cavaliers did not know much about him, but were touched by Williams' ordeal.

"When you know something's right, you just have to launch," said Tracy Marek, the team's senior vice president of marketing. "One of the big things that we talk about here, with our organization, is how important urgency is — when you see something that feels good and seems right. The important thing that we wanted to do is to let Ted know that we have something here for him."

The 53-year-old Williams planned to fly to New York later Wednesday to see his 90-year-old mother, who lives in Brooklyn and has stood by him during his battles with addiction.

"She has always been my best friend," he said, crying. "When I was a kid, she would take me down to Radio City Music Hall and on the subway. I'm just glad that she is still around. I prayed that she would live long enough that I could make her proud and see could her son do something other than stand along the side of the road with a sign asking for money."

An instant celebrity, Williams is scheduled to appear Thursday on NBC's "Today," and he most certainly will be sought for other interviews.

It's been a whirlwind for the golden-voiced man, who was recently living in a tent and whose past includes a lengthy list of arrests. He has served time in prison for theft and forgery and has been cited with numerous misdemeanors, including drug abuse.

Julia Williams is thrilled her only child is turning his life around, and she can't wait to see him.

"This will be my day to see my son get up and do something to help himself," she said. "He has so much talent. I hope this will be the thing for him. He came from a nice family. And then he went poor, poor. So, maybe this will build him up and let him see that there's more in life than hanging around with the wrong people, and taking drugs."

Williams said his life began spiraling downward in 1996 when he began drinking alcohol "pretty bad." He used marijuana and cocaine and lost interest in his radio career. He eventually wound up on the streets, despite the best efforts of his children, seven daughters and two sons who all live in the Columbus area.

"They have mixed emotions about what is going on," Williams said. "During my detox stages, I had a tendency to eat up everybody's food. I'm a grandfather, too, and I was eating what should have gone to their kids."

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D.U.I. Do's & Don'ts For The Holiday Season

The holiday season is officially upon us, and thank goodness for that! With a slumping economy, ensuing global conflicts, and our own personal dilemmas this holiday season brings with it a wanted escape for many. But before you go adding extra drops of rum to that eggnog make sure you are aware of some new laws and issues that may drastically affect your driving privileges. California has some of the toughest DUI laws in the country, and while no one plans to get arrested for DUI this holiday season, here 5 helpful tips to remember if you find yourself at the wrong end of a checkpoint:

1) Submit To FSTS: When arrested for DUI many people look for a quick and easy way out of it such as refusing to submit the officer's tests. Well, truth be told, this doesn't really work. Refusing to submit to field sobriety tests (FSTS) will almost always earn a year suspension from the DMV regardless what happens with your court case. Refusing to submit to FSTS might weaken the State's evidence against you, but is it worth risking an automatic one year suspension? This includes submitting a breathalyzer test at the scene of the arrest (called a PAS test). A PAS test might not even be admissible in the criminal case, but if you are below a .08 it will save you a ton of hassle…and probably earn a get out of jail free card. Submit to testing and let a skilled lawyer take it from there. Even if the test results appear "bad," by hiring the right attorney there are many legal arguments and challenges that can be made to the manner in which the tests weand administered, your statements, and the results of the tests.

2) Request A Hearing: if arrested for DUI you will receive a temporary driver's license that is good for 30 days before your license is suspended. However, you have the right to request an administrative hearing with the DMV in order to challenge the suspension. This hearing might also yield valuable testimony from the arresting officers that could help you later on when fighting your case in court. Administrative hearings are conducted either in person or telephonically, are far less formal than a court proceeding, and have a lower evidentiary standard of proof required to sustain a suspension. Administrative hearings must be requested within 10 days of arrest, so make sure to act fast if you are arrested. A trained experienced lawyer is also advantageous in order to help navigate through the complexities of the DMV.

3) Know The Penalties: In most Los Angeles County courtrooms a "standard" first time DUI conviction carries with it a $390 fine, 3 month alcohol program, 3 year probation, and mandatory installation of an ignition interlock device (a new 2010 law that L.A. County D.A.'s and C.A.'s are widely enforcing). Typically, prosecutors will not seek jail confinement on a 1st time conviction. In addition to the fines, the court will add on various penalty assessments and fees that could raise your final bill to upwards of $1,750. Depending on the circumstances of your case (under 21, high blood alcohol, refusal) the court could also order you to complete community service, caltrans work, attend AA meetings, and complete a MADD or hospital/morgue program. A first time DUI conviction is priorable, meaning it will be used to enhance punishment on any subsequent DUI in a 10 year period. A second time DUI begets similar punishment with heightened fines and a mandatory minimum of 96 hours (4 days) in jail. Of course, all of these penalties and punishments are subject to change based on varying circumstances, and it should be noted that there are additional restrictions that the DMV can enforce on top of all the court required punishments.

4) Be Polite & Courteous: No matter what crime you are arrested for, be it for DUI or some other offense, dealing with police officers in a calm, respectful, and appropriate manner is always the best approach and will reward you in the end. Officers will note your behavior in their reports, and any belligerent outburst or tirade will likely be used against you as a sign of intoxication and could also earn you additional charges. Of course the opposite is also true meaning if you are calm and collected it could be used as a sign of non-impairment. Even if you didn't do anything wrong always remember that you attract more bees with honey!

5) Don't Drive!: The easiest tip of all...drink to your heart's content and enjoy the holidays, and when you're done take a cab, ride a bus, or call a friend...just don't drive!

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SURF REPORT

Surf Conditions **Water Temp:** 61°

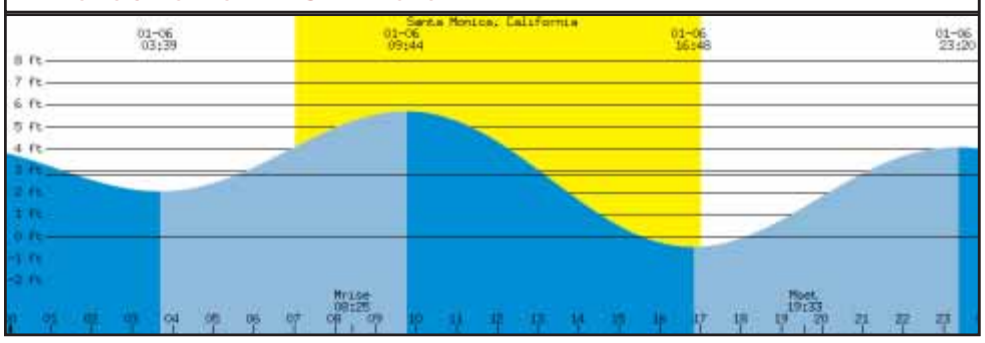
Swell Forecast

Looks rather small as well.

Long Range Synopsis

We could see wind swell increase to chest high around west facing breaks, but sloppy and storm driven.

Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica



BEACH REPORT CARD

NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous 30 days up to the ending date of **December 22, 2010**

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QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 0
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 12
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 42 / 19
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 6 / 22

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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Las Alins creeks.	A+	C
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A	A
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A+	B
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	F
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	A+
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A+	A+
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Solstice Canyon at Dan Blocker County Beach.	F	A
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	A+
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	A+	B
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fences.	A+	C
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	F	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	A+	F
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	B
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	A+
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A+	C
Pena Creek at Los Tunos County Beach.	A+	A+
Tuna Canyon.	A+	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	A	F
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	A+
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	F	D
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	A+

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

LEGEND

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

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Alomar and Blyleven elected to baseball's Hall of Fame

BEN WALKER
AP Baseball Writer

NEW YORK Roberto Alomar and Bert Blyleven became Hall of Famers on Wednesday, the two-time World Series champions easily elected after narrow misses last year.

Sluggers Rafael Palmeiro, Mark McGwire, Jeff Bagwell and Juan Gonzalez came nowhere close. Hall voters, for now, seem intent to prevent the cloud of the Steroids Era from covering Cooperstown.

Alomar was picked on 90 percent of the ballots by the Baseball Writers' Association of America. The 12-time All-Star won a record 10 Gold Gloves at second base, hit .300 and helped the Toronto Blue Jays win titles in 1992-93.

Blyleven was picked on 79.7 percent — it takes 75 percent to reach the shrine. The great curveballer won 287 games, threw 60 shutouts and is fifth with 3,701 strikeouts. This was his 14th time on the ballot and his career stats have gotten a boost in recent years by sabermetricians who have new ways to evaluate baseball numbers.

"It's been 14 years of praying and waiting," Blyleven said in a conference call. "And thank the baseball writers of America for, I'm going to say, finally getting it right."

Palmeiro, McGwire, Bagwell and Gonzalez fared poorly in the election, with BBWAA members apparently reluctant to choose bulky hitters who posted big numbers in the 1990s and 2000s.

"The writers are saying that this was the Steroids Era, like they have done Mark McGwire," Blyleven said. "They've kind of made their point. It doesn't surprise me."

"Guys cheated," he said. "They cheated themselves and their teammates. The game of baseball is to be played clean. I think we went through a Steroid Era and I think it's up to the writers to decide when and who should go in through that era."

Palmeiro was listed on just 64 of a record 581 ballots (11 percent) in his first try despite lofty career numbers — he is joined by Hank Aaron, Willie Mays and Eddie Murray as the lone players with more than 3,000 hits and 500 home runs.

But Palmeiro failed a drug test and was suspended by Major League Baseball in 2005. The penalty came a few months after he wagged his finger at members of Congress and told them: "I have never used steroids. Period."

Palmeiro recently reiterated the anabolic steroid that caused his positive test came in a vitamin vial given to him by teammate Miguel Tejada.

Bagwell got 41.7 percent in his first year on the ballot. His career stats are among the best for first basemen since World War II — .297 batting average, .408 on-base percentage and .540 slugging percentage. He hit 449 home runs, topped 1,500 RBIs and runs and ran the bases hard. He was Rookie of the Year, NL MVP and a Gold Glove winner.

NFL

Stanford's Harbaugh meets with 49ers

JANIE MCCAULEY
AP Sports Writer

SAN FRANCISCO Stanford coach Jim Harbaugh was meeting Wednesday with the San Francisco 49ers about their head coach vacancy, a person with knowledge of the situation said.

The person spoke on condition of anonymity to The Associated Press because the interview wasn't made public. Harbaugh returned Tuesday night to the Bay Area from a 40-12 Orange Bowl victory over Virginia Tech in Miami that gave the Cardinal a program-best 12-1 record. He now must weigh his options, which appear to be many.

The 49ers formally picked Trent Baalke as their new general manager Tuesday night and he is now looking for the coach to replace Mike Singletary, fired following a 25-17 loss at St. Louis on Dec. 26 that eliminated San Francisco from the playoffs for an eighth straight season. Baalke had been the team's vice president of player personnel since March.

Team President and CEO Jed York said after Singletary was fired that he would leave the choice of head coach up to the new GM — so apparently this is Baalke's show to try to land Harbaugh. Though it might take a tag-team effort by the front office considering Harbaugh's numerous suitors.

The 47-year-old Harbaugh is 58-27 overall as a college coach and 29-21 in four seasons at Stanford. He took over a 1-11 team when he was hired in December 2006 and quickly turned the program back into a winner and bowl contender.

The Cardinal went 4-8 in his first season, 5-7 the next, then improved to 8-5 and earned a Sun Bowl berth in 2009 — the school's first bowl appearance since 2001.

Many believe Harbaugh is ready to make the leap to the next level, eager for a new challenge. He was the Oakland Raiders' quarterbacks coach from 2002-03 before spending three seasons as head coach at the University of San Diego.

When Stanford arrived back on campus Tuesday, one man hollered "Stay in the Bay Area!" when Harbaugh hopped off the bus holding his toddler daughter, Addison.

Harbaugh, a college star at Michigan where there also is a coaching vacancy, played 15 seasons in the NFL for the Bears, Colts, Ravens, Chargers and Panthers. A first-round draft pick taken 26th overall by Chicago in 1987, Harbaugh completed 2,305 of 3,918 passes for 26,288 career yards and 129 touchdowns in the NFL. He also ran for 18 TDs.

Aside from his alma mater, the Miami Dolphins and Denver Broncos are teams believed to have interest in Harbaugh. Dolphins owner Stephen Ross, CEO Mike Dee and general manager Jeff Ireland were on the Stanford sideline before Monday's Orange Bowl game.

Messages left for Harbaugh's agent, Jack Bechta, weren't immediately returned Wednesday.

The 49ers — who were picked to win the NFC West this year but haven't had a winning season since their last playoff season in 2002 — also were given permission Tuesday to talk to Raiders offensive coordinator Hue Jackson about the coaching job. The Newark Star-Ledger also reported that San Francisco requested permission to interview Giants defensive coordinator Perry Fewell. If Fewell or Jackson interview, the team will have fulfilled the requirement under the Rooney Rule to talk to a minority candidate.

Jackson also could be a candidate for the head coaching job in Oakland after owner Al Davis decided not to exercise the team's option to retain Tom Cable. The Raiders informed Cable of their decision Tuesday.

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12:30pm, 3:15pm, 6:05pm, 9:05pm

True Grit (PG-13)
1:30pm, 4:15pm, 7:00pm, 9:35pm

Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader in Digital 3D (PG) 1hr 52min
12:35pm, 3:20pm, 6:10pm, 9:00pm

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Tangled in Disney Digital 3D (PG) 1hr 40min
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Little Fockers (PG-13)
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Yogi Bear 3D (PG) 1hr 22min
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Tron: Legacy in Disney Digital 3D (NR) 2hrs 07min
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How Do You Know (R) 1hr 56min
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True Grit (PG-13)
11:30am, 2:20pm, 5:05pm, 7:50pm, 10:30pm

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1:50pm, 4:30pm, 7:10pm, 9:50pm

Rabbit Hole (PG-13) 1hr 32min
12:45pm, 3:00pm, 5:20pm, 7:40pm, 10:00pm

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Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows - Part 1 (PG-13) 2hrs 30min
12:15pm, 3:30pm

Tron: Legacy (NR) 2hrs 07min
12:45pm, 3:45pm, 6:45pm, 9:45pm

Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader in Digital 3D (PG) 1hr 52min
11:00am, 1:40pm, 4:20pm, 7:00pm, 9:45pm

Gulliver's Travels 3D (PG)
12:35pm, 2:50pm, 5:05pm, 7:20pm, 9:35pm

Tourist (PG-13) 1hr 43min
11:15am, 1:50pm, 4:35pm, 7:10pm, 9:50pm

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12:20pm, 3:15pm, 6:15pm, 7:00pm, 9:00pm, 9:45pm

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A must appearance, Taurus

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★★ Others believe you understand a lot more than you do. Sometimes allowing this type of misrepresentation might be smart, as more will be revealed. A partner or loved one might be very discouraging. Is this person having a bad-hair day? Tonight: Wherever you can relax.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Assume responsibility and worry less about the end results. At a certain point, you won't care in the least. Open up to new ideas. Your sense of humor helps loosen tension and, in some fashion, revitalize your energy. Tonight: A must appearance.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Reach out for someone at a distance. How you feel could change radically as you deal with others. Brainstorming won't help move someone off his or her position. Keep getting more information, and the story will come out. Tonight: Listen to news.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Open up to new beginnings. Listen to a family member or roommate. He or she might be negative. One-on-one relating enhances a bond. Be more nurturing and understanding with others. Tonight: Have a long-overdue talk.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Your creativity surges. You are more serious than need be. An even pace might be boring. Listen to your instincts. If you have several options, take the most upbeat. Avoid a dour neighbor or relative. Schedule meetings for late in the day. Tonight: Where the action is.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Understand what is happening. Listen to news with an open mind. If you need to, talk to a creative person you trust. Honor what might be occurring. Refuse to be challenged. Others might have too many suggestions. Go with the flow. Tonight: Go for the action.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ A conversation could perk up your mood and help you smile from ear to ear. What is quite clear is that you don't have the whole story. Are you ready to change gears? Take a walk or plan on a fun lunch to lighten up your mood. Tonight: Let the fun continue.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Take a personal day, please. Your spirit will lighten up the moment and allow for greater feedback. You might be slightly more negative than you realize, especially with a domestic matter. Open up to new ideas. Tonight: Happy at home.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ You can ask until you are blue in the face and still not get the answer. Your sixth sense is generally correct, but not when you are getting negativity from others. Be careful about snap judgments. Tonight: Consider hanging with more upbeat friends.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ You might be more in tune with a money matter than you have been of late. You could see a situation far differently from in the past. A boss could be pushing you beyond your limits. This person rethinks his or her approach. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ A friend demonstrates his or her loyalty. Good news surrounds a particular effort. Right now, certain planets pave the way to success and happiness should you be open and creative. Understanding will evolve if you detach. Tonight: Start your weekend early.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Know when to pull back and perhaps proceed in a different direction. You know what is happening behind the scenes. Relate on an individual level. Feedback from a close partner or associate could be negative. Tonight: Vanish while you can.

Happy birthday

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

This year, you put 100 percent into your work. You might not achieve at the level you want and expect. You have to put in many extra hours in order to reach your goals. Financially, you won't back away, as you need the funds, and you will receive them. If you are single, you might have difficulty meeting the right person. Part of the issue is how you project yourself. Take a hard look in the mirror. If you are attached, remember that there is more to life than work. Make special time for you and your sweetie. Ultimately, your relationship takes a higher priority. AQUARIUS views money in an interesting manner.



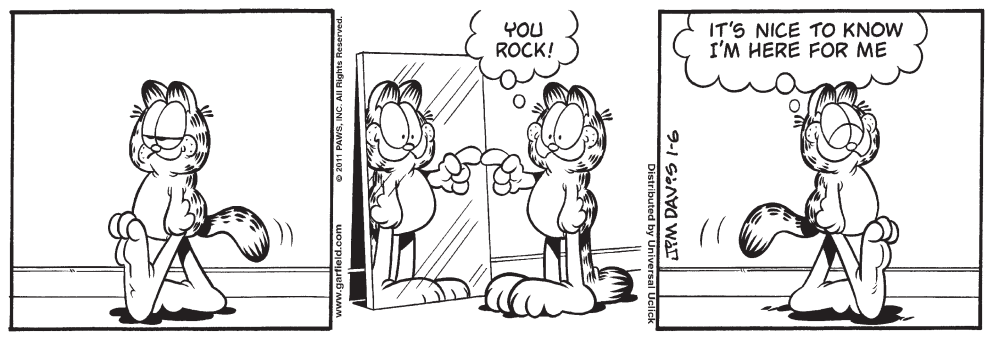
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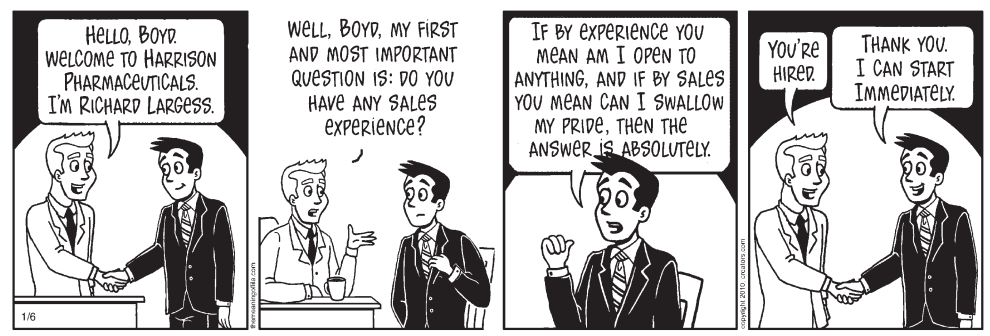
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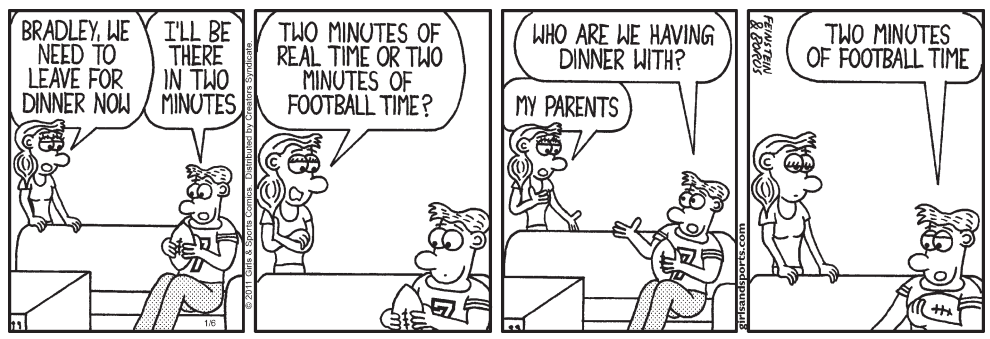
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Sudoku

Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column, and 3x3 block. Use logic and process of elimination to solve the puzzle. The difficulty level ranges from ★ (easiest) to ★★★★★ (hardest).

Difficulty Level ★★★

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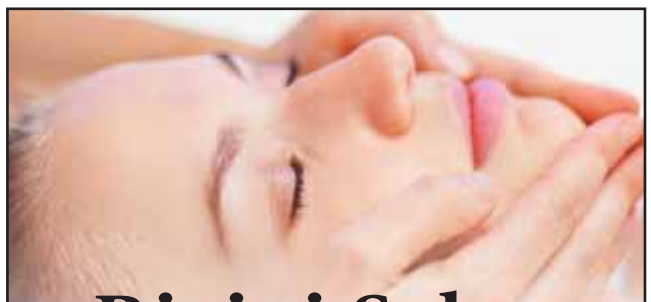
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GETTING STARTED

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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5 Market worry
10 Homer work
12 Coffee-bar order
13 Hint of color
14 Showy flower
15 Genesis name
16 Fried veggies dish
18 "I didn't do it!" for one
20 Zilch
21 Elevate
23 Days of yore
24 Front desk feature
26 Took the trolley
28 Craze
29 Go to sea
31 Mex. neighbor
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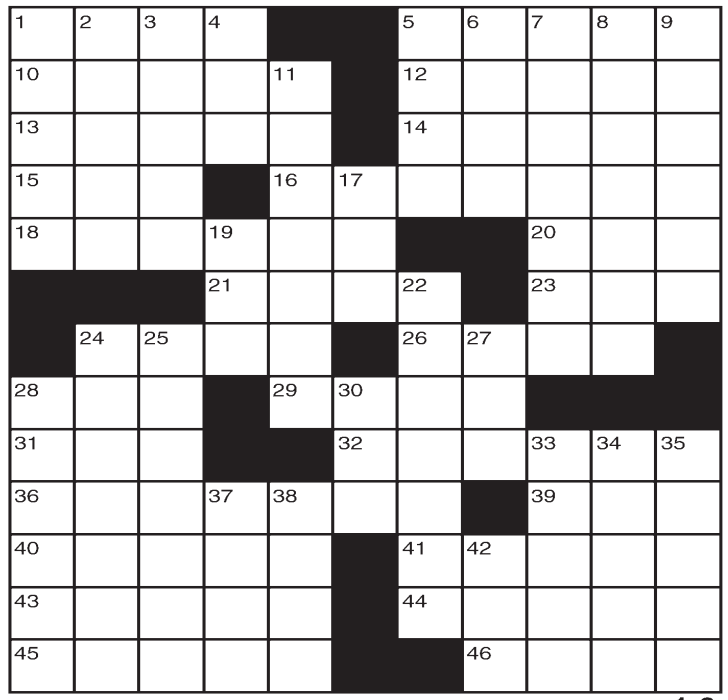
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19 Suffering
22 Checks the fit of
24 Batter's goal
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28 Thin mattresses
30 Presidential nickname
33 "See ya!"
34 TV waitress
35 Sought ore
37 Make ready
38 Reduced amount
42 Snapshot

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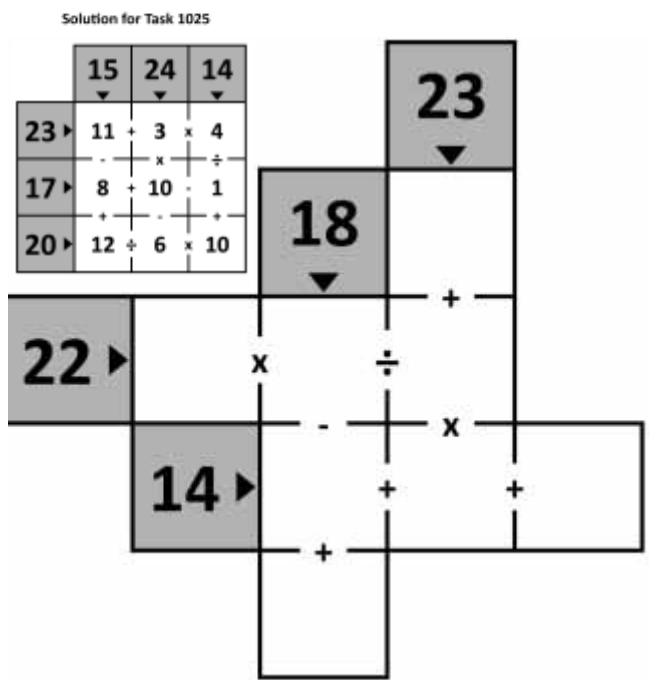
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ In November, outgoing Florida Gov. Charlie Crist initiated pardon proceedings (granted in December) excusing now-deceased singer Jim Morrison of The Doors for his 1969 indecent-exposure conviction in Miami Beach. However, Crist has ignored petitions from still-living, still-incarcerated convicts who almost certainly suffered unfair prosecutions. Orlando Sentinel crusader Scott Maxwell has reported on several dozen people convicted in part by trainer Bill Preston's dogs, who supposedly tracked crime-scene scents through water and other obstacles, sometimes months later and despite much site contamination, directly to the defendant on trial. Judge after judge permitted Preston's "expert" testimony until one demanded a live courtroom test, which Preston's dog utterly failed. In 2009 two convicts were released after DNA tests proved the dog's sniffs were erroneous, but as many as 60 similar convictions still stand.

■ News That Sounds Like a Joke: The good news for investigators covering the November shooting of a 53-year-old man in Fort Bend County, Texas, is that there were several witnesses who helped an artist sketch the shooter's face. The bad news was that the shooter was wearing a full-face "Halloween" mask the whole time. Nonetheless, the sketch of a man's head, with the face fully covered by the indistinct mask, was distributed to the media by the Fort Bend Sheriff's Office.

TODAY IN HISTORY

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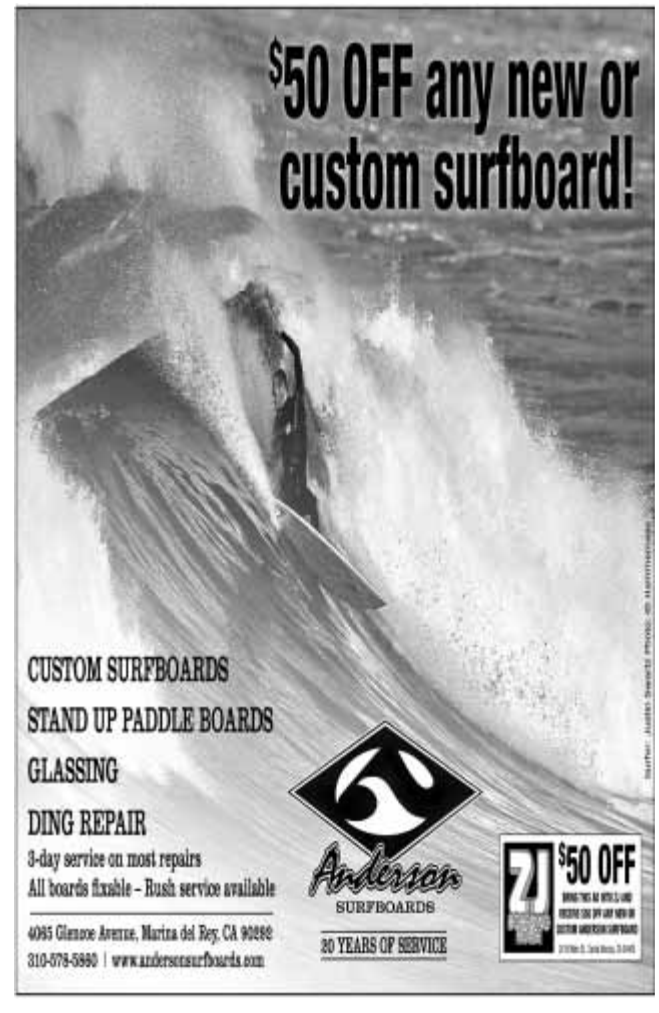
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