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THE SMALL WORLD ISSUE

Ready, set, Glow

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

CITY HALL Planning is underway for the second installment of Glow, Santa Monica's signature, dawn-to-dusk art event that drew roughly 200,000 people to the Santa Monica Pier and beach in the summer of 2008 to experience exhibits that lit up the night sky.

Jessica Cusick, City Hall's cultural affairs manager, said she is working with leaders in the art world to develop a program that will be similar to the first session and include a wide cross section of creative minds to produce original work that is interactive and participatory.

"Glow instantly became Santa Monica's signature cultural event," Cusick said. "It is an opportunity for us to celebrate our community's unique attributes as a center for culture and innovation."

Glow is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 25.

Partners on the project include the Santa Monica Arts Foundation, the Bayside

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HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS ROUNDUP

Samohi girls take on chief rival Inglewood

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

SAMOHI Head Coach Marty Verdugo hopes all the hard work pays off.

After a preseason filled with games against elite teams from SoCal to Arizona, Santa Monica's girls basketball team (10-4 overall, 1-0 in league) finds itself facing a game against Ocean League rival Inglewood tonight at home that very well could be the biggest test of the season to date.

The meeting is the second matchup between the two schools with Inglewood coming out victorious in the Redondo Battle of the Beach tournament in December. Samohi's top player Thea Lemberger played limited minutes in the first matchup. Also hurting the Vikings' depth was the absence of transfer Moriah Faulk, who was not cleared to play by California Interscholastic Federation Southern Section officials. She

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Brandon Wise *brandonw@smdp.com*

INSTALL: **Employees from Bird Busters work on building the pigeon net under the Santa Monica Pier on Thursday. Officials hope the net deters pigeons from roosting under the pier.**

CIty takes steps to curb pier pigeons

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

SM PIER For pigeons, the Santa Monica Pier has long been something akin to easy street, where even the beta males seem to get fat and happy off discarded pizza crust and fallen churros.

But the times are changing and Santa Monica is taking a more aggressive stand against the birds, which studies have shown contribute to poor water quality near the pier.

In recent months, City Hall has begun a four-pronged campaign to curb the pier's pigeon population, saying fewer pigeons will mean less bacteria from fecal matter in the ocean.

In addition to constructing a net underneath the pier aimed at keeping the birds from nesting, city officials have also put out spikes on selected roosting spots, installed sound devices that mimic the noises of predators and started putting out special "contraceptive feed" that makes the birds infertile.

"It's all about trying to eliminate or at least mitigate one potential source of bacteria in this area near the pier," said Lee Swain, City Hall's director of public works.

Water underneath and around the pier has long received poor grades for water quality from environmental watchdog Heal the Bay. A recent project that replaced a leaky storm drain has helped, but the area still suffers.

The net is partially installed and should be in place by the end of February. The other measures have been phased in during the past six months, Swain said.

The contraceptive feed is said to reduce the population by 5 percent per month, he said, though "it takes about 12 months to reach full effect."

The anti-pigeon measures stem in part from a 2006 study by Heal the Bay that said "pigeons are a definite source of fecal bacteria and the elimination or reduction of roosting sites in the intertidal zone area would help reduce fecal bacterial densities in the surf zone."

Ben Franz-Knight, executive director at the Santa Monica Pier Restoration Corp.,

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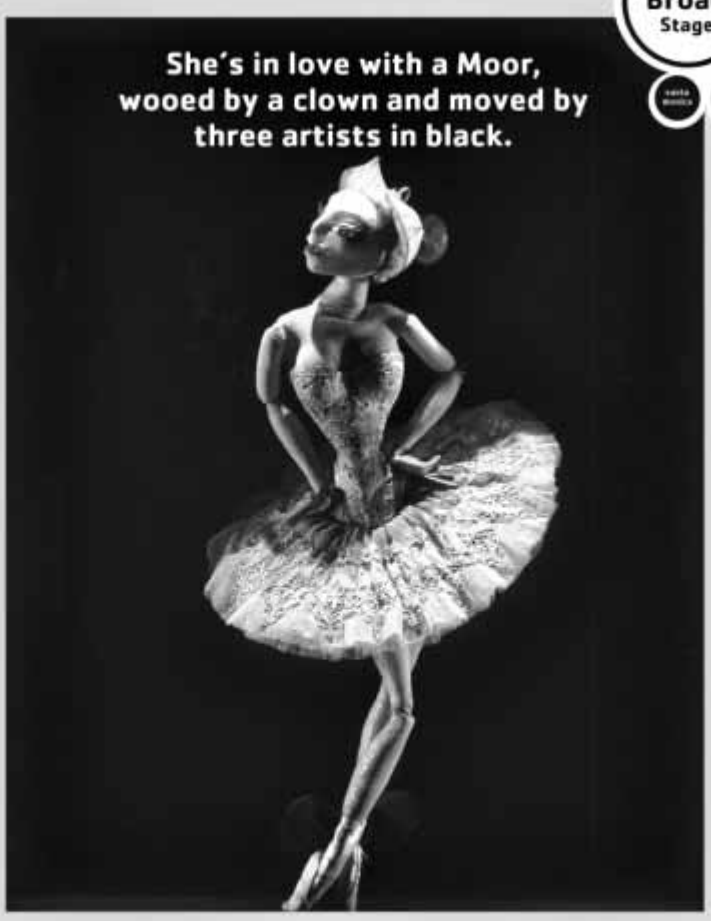


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Friday, Jan. 15, 2010

Making up, Italian-American style

Ruskin Group Theatre
3000 Airport Ave., 8 p.m.
The Ruskin Group Theatre presents a comedy that knows that the greatest success to enjoy is true love. "Italian American Reconciliation" will play Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Showtime is 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays; 2 p.m. Sundays. This play runs through Jan. 23. For more information, call (310) 397-3244.

Mariachi and dinner

El Texate Restaurant
316 Pico Blvd.
Mariachi Alta California fills the air with the sounds of Mexico every Friday night. Show times are 6:30, 8 and 9:30 p.m.
There is no cover charge.

Ice skating by the beach

Arizona Avenue at Fifth Street
10 a.m. — 10 p.m.
Bring back childhood memories — and create new ones — as you slice through the ice in a festive atmosphere filled with holiday cheer and balmy ocean breezes. The ice rink will remain open through January. Admission is $10 and includes skate rental. The rink is periodically cleared for short periods to groom the ice. If raining, the rink will remain open in light rain or drizzle conditions, closing only for heavy downpours. For more information go to www.downtownsm.com.

Saturday, Jan. 16, 2010

The world in pictures

Santa Monica Civic Auditorium
1855 Main St., 11 a.m. — 7 p.m.
The 19th Annual International Los Angeles Photographic Art Exposition will feature works from some of the finest galleries from around the globe. The show, dubbed photo l.a. 2010, will feture a preview installation of the upcoming Museum of Latin American Art exhibition, "Changing the Focus: Latin Amarican Photography (1990-2005)." For more information, visit www.photola.com.
This show runs through Sunday.

Farm fresh

Downtown
Arizona Avenue and Third Street, 8:30 p.m. —1 p.m.
Get the freshest of the fresh at this weekly Farmers' Market. Everything from fresh goods to prepared foods are available.

Yoga in the park

Ocean Avenue and Palisades Avenue, 10 a.m. — 11:30 a.m.
Start your weekend off right with an energizing and rejuvenating yoga class in Palisades Park, overlooking the ocean. Beginners and all levels are welcome. All you need to bring is your yoga mat and an open heart. If you've always wanted to try yoga, this is the class for you. All classes are run on donations, suggested at $12.
Call (310) 560-4317 for more information, or e-mail jonathan@alignmentforlife.com.

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.



City buys electric car from former adversary

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL The man who was once targeted by the Santa Monica City Attorney's Office for allegedly selling electric cars without permission is now doing business with City Hall, and last month delivered a fully electric pickup truck for use in the city's fleet.

Last year, City Hall lawyers spent about six months trying to prosecute Paul Pearson for manufacturing electric cars without a license. In June, prosecutors dropped the charges, and any hard feelings from the case appear to have been overcome.

"I'm very happy [we] have turned an alleged miscreant into a valued resource for the city," said City Councilman Kevin McKeown.

Pearson's arrest in December of 2008 was based on an undercover California Department of Motors investigation that was carried out with the cooperation of Santa Monica code enforcement officers. Officers posed as potential customers and arrested Pearson for allegedly indicating he would convert a car from gas to electric for a fee. The DMV initially said Pearson didn't have authorization to retrofit cars but later changed its policy and stopped requiring a state license for car conversions.

The incident attracted widespread media attention and became the subject of a documentary, "Govt. vs. Green."

After experimenting with electric cars for several years, Pearson, a former mechanical effects engineer in the movie business, last year started a company, Gas To Electric, that specializes in converting regular vehicles into zero-emission cars that run entirely on battery power.

The vehicle he delivered to City Hall is a converted Ford Ranger that outperforms most other all-electric trucks.

Rick Sikes, Santa Monica's fleet superintendent, said the appeal of Pearson's truck is that it can travel faster than the other 13 electric pickups in the fleet, which max out at 25 miles per hour. Pearson said his truck tops out at 73 miles per hour and has an optimal speed range of 35 to 45 miles per hour.

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RIGHTFUL OWNERS

Brandon Wise *brandonw@smdp.com*

Santa Monica College Investigator Russell Ruetz helps students retrieve their stolen items at the main campus Thursday afternoon. The items, which included cell phones, MP3 players, books and clothing, were stolen from the men's locker room by two former students who recently plead guilty and are serving three years in prison. Over 130 items were recovered.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

CITYWIDE

In relief of Haiti

A pair of local eateries have agreed to host fundraisers to assist the Red Cross' ongoing recovery efforts in the wake of a major earthquake in Haiti.

The Pourtal Wine Bar is donating 25 percent of its wine tasting sales to the Santa Monica chapter of the American Red Cross Haitian relief effort on Tuesday, Jan. 19 from 7 p.m. until closing. The Pourtal Wine Bar is located at 104 Santa Monica Blvd.

California Pizza Kitchen at 210 Wilshire Blvd. is donating 20 percent of all sales including take-out and catering from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., also on Tuesday.

To help with the massive relief effort, the local chapter of the Red Cross is actively seeking cash donations. No food or clothes donations will be accepted.

A spokesman with the Red Cross said that no volunteers from the area will be deployed to Haiti, but added that may change in the weeks to come.

Those wishing to donate can also do so by texting "Haiti" to 90999 to donate $10 to the Red Cross effort.

Visit www.redcrossofsantamonica.org for more information, or call (310) 394-3773.

DAILY PRESS

CIVIC CENTER

Free parking for memorial

While the late Mayor Ken Genser would have most likely preferred it if you walked or rode the bus (he was a major proponent of alternative transit), City Hall is offering free parking for the memorial service paying tribute to Santa Monica's longest-serving elected official.

The memorial for Genser, who passed away Saturday at the age of 59, will be held Sunday, Jan. 24, at 1:30 p.m. at Santa Monica High School's Barnum Hall, 601 Pico Blvd. A reception will follow in the East Wing of the Civic Auditorium, according to the City Manager's Office.

Free parking is available at the Civic Center Parking Structure located at 333 Civic Center Dr. and at the Santa Monica Civic Parking Lot. The entrance for both parking locations is at Civic Center Drive and Fourth Street. Parking for people attending the memorial service who have a disabled parking placard or license plate can access parking on the Samohi campus by entering Olympic Boulevard from Fourth Street and turning right into the parking lot. Accessible parking is also available in the Civic Center Parking Structure and the Civic Auditorium lot.

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Alternative for our schools

Editor:

You have recently published two letters written by the school district's superintendent, and two members of the school board. These letters talk about the impact of the state's financial crisis on our school district. They tell us to expect larger classes, loss of basic educational services, and a 40 percent increase in our parcel tax. None of these unpleasant outcomes need to be endured. Ninety school districts, including Santa Barbara and Beverly Hills, have rejected reliance on funding from the state, and have become basic aid school districts. Under the basic aid program, the lion's share of property taxes, generated in Santa Monica and Malibu, would go to the school district rather than the state. With our high property values, funding for our children would go up dramatically. We would no longer suffer from the state's fiscal mismanagement.

Jeff Segal
Santa Monica

Memories of Genser

Editor:

There is no individual that I can think of who exemplified such dedication, hard work, knowledge and flexibility as our great city of Santa Monica's longest serving public official: Ken Genser. I have known Ken and his wonderful sister Harriet for nearly 30 years.

Ken was an activist, an appointed commissioner, a many-times elected City Council member and a truly amazing person who always persevered even through ongoing medical challenges. We strongly disagreed on very few issues, but then again I sometimes even disagree with myself.

I'll miss his sense of humor, also. Ken always kidded me in a good natured manner about my always wearing shorts.

I'm sure Ken wouldn't mind that I'll be attending his public memorial on Jan. 24 at Barnum Hall wearing my best shorts. I can only imagine that Ken's memorial will be tear and laughter filled, and a special day of remembrance and dignity for a truly dignified human being.

In peace,

Jerry Rubin
Santa Monica

Many thanks

Editor:

I want to say thank you to all the wonderful people who help me and my husband when I fell in front of Starbucks on Montana Avenue. They say no one wants to get involved any more when someone is in trouble. Well I am here to say that's not true, thank God. I could not see the people around me, as my eyes were swollen shut, but I could hear and feel them; Starbucks with towels and ice, people calling 911, and trying to help my very upset husband, who cannot use a cell phone, and a lady doctor that never left my side, telling me everything will be all right. She's right. In time I will heal. This is hard to type with one broken hand, but sent with much love to the people on Montana on Jan. 2.

Ronnie Kukler
Santa Monica

Commended not condemned

Editor:

I just read the letter about coaches feeding people on Steve Taub's lot at 14th Street and Santa Monica Boulevard. Steve Taub should be commended for taking this action.

For years, this lot has been an eyesore, with car dealer after car dealer trying to make it work, all to no avail. Instead of censoring Steve Taub, City Hall should give him a gold key for this tremendous effort to change the lot's history.

Paul Weller
Santa Monica

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Laughing Matters

Jack Neworth — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Reflections of a survivor

WHENEVER OSCAR AND I GO FOR A walk, it's obvious he's the one walking me. I'm just the schnook holding the leash. He loves to meet new people and I merely tag along for the ride.

Three years ago, Oscar befriended an intelligent 83-year-old woman sitting on a bench enjoying the sunset. She quickly observed that Oscar seemed more human than canine, a phenomenon I had noticed long ago.

A week later we ran into the same woman. She introduced herself as Salome but in an accent I couldn't place. Her explanation was fascinating. Even Oscar seemed to listen.

Salome was born in 1923 into a Jewish family living in Antwerp, Belgium. In early 1940 her father passed away. And then, on May 10, Salome awoke wondering why the woman next door was beating her rugs so early. Moments later, her mother rushed into the bedroom with the terrifying news that the Germans were bombing the harbor.

Two days later, Salome, her younger sister, Doris, and their mother were on an overcrowded train to France, never to return to Belgium again.

With bombs still dropping, they spent eight days packed into that train, which had no bathrooms and often no food. Out the window Salome saw desperate souls walking dazed or passed out, suitcases and bundles scattered over the landscape.

Salome's family eventually wound up at a French government "Welcoming Center" for refugees. There were artists, professors, musicians, actors and politicians. It was like a college education for 17-year-old Salome.

But, as Germany spread its occupation throughout France, the "Welcoming Center" morphed into a barbed wire concentration camp with food rations cut to subsistence levels. Doris, who was flirtatious with the guards to obtain information, learned that the camp was going to be "liquidated." That night they escaped.

They managed to board a train for Marseilles and upon arriving felt enormous relief. Then they spotted French collaborators with the Nazis inspecting people's documents. Nearby were trucks to take the undocumented to what likely would be death camps. Salome suddenly noticed the "toilette" sign and knew from experience that there might be a door that exited onto the street. She was right, and, once again, her family was saved.

In 1942, Jews were being arrested everywhere. During nightfall, Salome's family sneaked from place to place to stay one step ahead of the Nazis. Doris had befriended members of the resistance who planned a dangerous escape to Switzerland.

For three weeks Salome's family lived in caves by the ocean reachable through a railroad tunnel. One night the tide came in so high that they feared they might drown. In the tunnel, Salome still remembers hugging the walls when a train suddenly came through. She also remembers holding her mother, who was so distraught that she wanted to throw herself under the train.

With their last money, Salome's family took another train to Chamonix, near the Swiss border. But collaborators boarded and began checking documents. Among those arrested, and likely sent to their deaths, was a family with three children, all of whom Salome knew well.

The agents approached Salome when suddenly a whistle blew and they hurriedly exited the train. Fate had given Salome's family another miracle.

From Chamonix, Salome's family began their journey to Switzerland. If caught, the Swiss military would send them back. But if they made it over the border they would be refugees and allowed to stay.

They met their "contact," who was dressed as a priest. He gave them a map detailing how to avoid the border guards. In darkness, they walked endlessly. Every time they rested Salome's mother begged them to leave her behind so they might live.

After 20 hours, literally crossing the Alps, Salome heard the sound of cowbells. They were in Switzerland!

In 1943, Salome met her future husband, Bert. To escape the Nazis, he swam across the Rhine, arriving in Switzerland barefoot. They married in 1944, came to America in 1946 and became U.S. citizens in 1951. They were married for 51 years.

Today, Salome is 86, a widow with two children, eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Her mother lived to be 94. Doris, whom Salome phones weekly, lives in Zurich. After raising her children, Salome went to UCLA, got a master's degree in two foreign languages, and taught college for seven years.

Most of Salome's extended family did not survive the Holocaust. And yet the idea of mechanized mass murder is still inconceivable to her. Remarkably, she always looks for the best in humanity. "After all," she said, "think about how many people risked their lives to save mine."

A voracious reader, Salome's active in politics, including the Santa Monica Democratic Club and Santa Monicans for Renters' Rights. She's passionately anti-war and anti-racism. She also favors the rights of undocumented workers. When some of her grandchildren disagree, she points out that had she not been given undocumented haven in Switzerland, none of them would have been born.

At my urging, Salome recently wrote a longhand account of this living history for her family. I edited and entered it into the computer. She generously offered me money but I held out for tea and cookies.

Reflecting on her survivor experiences Salome said, "They are the foundation for who I am today."

Perhaps they are where she gets some of her abundant wisdom. It's so true. Oscar introduces me to the most amazing people.

When he isn't busy with tea and cookies, **JACK** can be reached at Jackneworth@yahoo.com.

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Write Rachel

Rachel Iverson
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Making love with the lights on

DEAR RACHEL,

I turn the lights off when my boyfriend and I make love because I'm insecure about my body. My first boyfriend told me I had saddlebags, so I've never let a boyfriend see me naked since. I know that I'm an attractive person; I just feel that men are critical of a woman's tiniest flaws, even though they would die if a woman told them they were short, balding, had love handles, thinning hair or a small package. Recently, my boyfriend mentioned showering together and making love with the lights on. Aah! I don't know how much longer I can hold him off. Society is so unfair! What should I do?

Signed, Scared of the Light

DEAR SCARED OF THE LIGHT,

I agree that it's unfair that society holds women to a higher standard of physical perfection than men. While you can't change society's views on female beauty overnight, there is a way that you can make a small, but immediate impact on the acceptance of women's bodies that could have a far-reaching ripple effect. You could choose to be proud and accept your body as it is right now, despite your ex-boyfriend's insensitive comment. You say you are an attractive woman, and I bet you're even more attractive than you realize. Your current boyfriend seems to think so, hence his pro-showering and lights-on suggestions regarding your lovemaking rituals. In fact, despite all the time you've spent hiding yourself, I'm sure your boyfriend has a fairly clear idea of what you look like naked and he's still coming back for more.

But, forget what any past or present boyfriend thinks for a minute and consider this: Whatever your age, you'll never be this young again. You don't want to look back one day and feel like you wasted your energy being insecure about your imperfections when, in retrospect, you realize how beautiful you were. Start by accepting and loving yourself as you are now, and then if you want to make improvements, exercise is good for both your body and your self-esteem.

The secret is this, if you think well of yourself, others will too. And if you don't feel confident yet, fake it 'til you make it. Behave as if you love yourself until it starts to feel natural, and never trash-talk yourself by pointing out your flaws. Most people don't judge us as harshly as we judge ourselves, and you don't want to declare open season on your imperfections. The people who matter the most will either overlook your flaws or find them endearing because they love you.

Instead of being your own worst critic, why not start a revolution in your own life by being proud of the body you have? You may find that you've been missing out on even more than romantic showers and lighted lovemaking sessions.

DEAR RACHEL,

A month ago I had a great date, but then the guy never called. He told me I was beautiful and that he really liked me; he even talked about restaurants and concerts he wanted to take me to in the future. I thought it was one of the best first dates of my life and he was smitten. How could I have been so wrong?

Signed, Fool for Love

DEAR FOOL FOR LOVE,

I've mentioned men with "good style" before, and your question is a classic case of a date with a good style man. When I refer to good style, I'm not talking about Armani v. Birkenstocks. I'm referring to a man's interpersonal style or charm. These men are charismatic and have a way of leading women to believe they care more deeply than they actually do. They do all the little things that drive women crazy, like gently stroking her cheek or brushing the hair out of her eyes, and they toss around constant, sincere-sounding compliments, like sweetie, honey and beautiful. Men with good style are great listeners and they have a talent for making women feel special. Dating a man with good style is bittersweet; sweet because they shower you with attention and make you feel like the most beautiful woman in the world for a moment, then bitter once that moment passes and they make a fuss over the next woman.

Good style, in itself, is not a bad thing, but it's important to recognize this quality in a potential date so that you can identify their behavior for what it is — superficial charm. It's not indicative of any deeper feelings on the guy's part because they use their style with everyone they meet, from young women to elderly ladies and everyone in between. Good style men are not necessarily promiscuous, although their good style serves as an asset for those who are. Enjoy a man's good style, but take it with a grain of salt. The only way to gauge this man's feelings for you is by repeated dates over a length of time. Although these men appear warm and open, their charm often acts as a shield to keep women at a distance, since it tends to take longer than average for these men to develop an emotional attachment.

Your good style date sent you mixed signals by acting affectionate and then disappearing. You may never know why he didn't call and it doesn't matter. Either his interest in you wasn't high enough, or there was an external obstacle that outweighed his interest in pursuing you. Now that you know about good style men, you'll be able to spot them in the future and you'll never have to be a fool for love again.

RACHEL IVERSON is a freelance writer, dating coach and author, who lives with her husband in Venice Beach. Her book, "Don't Help A Man Be A Man: How To Avoid 12 Dating Time Bombs," has been endorsed by Dr. John Gray, author of "Men Are from Mars, Women Are from Venus." For more information on Rachel or her book, visit www.rebelgirlpublishing.com. For dating advice, contact: rachel@rebelgirlpublishing.com.

The Q Line

Remembering Mayor Genser

With the passing of Mayor Ken Genser last week, a flood of memories come to mind. In his many years in office, he made quite a mark on local government.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
What do you think will be the lasting legacy of the late mayor?

Call (310) 285-8106 before Friday at 5 p.m. and we'll print your answers in the weekend edition of the Daily Press.


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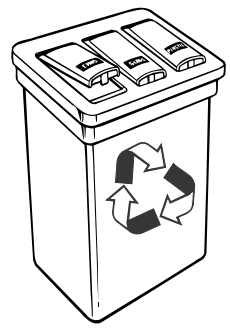
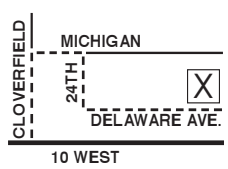
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CRIME WATCH
BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

Sears still popular with shoplifters

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.

SUNDAY, JAN. 10, AT 5:43 P.M.,
Santa Monica police officers responded to the 300 block of Colorado Avenue — Sears — regarding a theft suspect in custody. When officers arrived, they made contact with store security who said they observed a man walk into the store, remove a plastic bag from his waistband and place boxes of perfume inside it. The suspect then left the store, failing to pay for the items. Security guards stopped the suspect outside of the business and placed him under citizen's arrest. Officers took the suspect into custody and he was booked for burglary and a parole violation. He was not eligible for bail. The suspect was identified as Anthony Bomer, 46, a transient.

SUNDAY, JAN. 10, AT 5:55 P.M.,
Officers on routine patrol in the area of Yorkshire Avenue and Pico Boulevard saw a man who they knew to be on probation. When officers tried to make contact with the man, he allegedly started running. Officers saw the man run into a residence in the 2900 block of Pico Boulevard. When the suspect left the residence, he was wearing a new outfit. Officers felt the man was under the influence of some controlled substance, possibly a stimulant. Officers made contact and placed the suspect under arrest for being under the influence and a probation violation. He was identified as Johnny Jimenez, 20, of Los Angeles. His bail was set at $10,000.

SATURDAY, JAN. 9, AT 2:26 P.M.,
Officers responded to the 2700 block of Pico Boulevard regarding a fight in progress. When officers arrived, they made contact with the alleged victim who said that the suspect was upset over her having two parking spots. The suspect allegedly threatened the woman by swinging a metal bar at her. The suspect struck the victim in the arm, police said. Officers located the suspect a short distance away. Officers placed her under arrest for assault with a deadly weapon and for making criminal threats. The suspect was identified as Sherry Bell, 54, of Santa Monica. Her bail was set at $50,000.

FRIDAY, JAN. 8, AT 1:15 P.M.,
Officers responded to a local emergency room regarding an assault at the hospital. When officers arrived, they made contact with the alleged victim who told officers that she went to an apartment in the 800 block of Cedar Avenue with a friend. The victim's friend had to leave and left her there with a resident in the apartment. The resident allegedly became violent and started kicking the woman and hitting her in the head. The victim ran out of the apartment and went to the hospital. Officers went to the apartment and made contact with the suspect, who had a no-bail warrant for his arrest. Officers placed him in custody. Officers searched the suspect and found drug paraphernalia, police said. The suspect was booked for the warrant and assault with a deadly weapon. He was identified as Michael Moch, 40, of Santa Monica. He was not eligible for bail.

FRIDAY, JAN. 8, AT 3:55 P.M.,
Officers were conducting a periodic check on a property in the 1800 block of 16th Street to see if people were loitering. The owner requested the check ups, police said. When officers arrived, they located a man who was extremely intoxicated and in possession of an open container of alcohol. Officers also found another individual who was under the influence and in possession of marijuana. One suspect, Jesus Martinez, 27, of Canyon Country, was arrested for public intoxication, a probation violation and possession of an open container. His bail was set at $10,000. The other suspect, Mark Alvarado, 19, of Santa Monica, was arrested for marijuana possession. His bail was set at $75.

TUESDAY, JAN. 5, AT 4:45 P.M.,
Officers responded to the area of 2400 Santa Monica Boulevard regarding an attempted strong arm robbery. When officers arrived, they made contact with the victim who said the suspect accused him of causing damage to his vehicle. The suspect allegedly demanded $200 in cash. The suspect tried to remove the victim's wallet from the rear of his pants. The suspect and the victim struggled, causing the victim to fall to the ground, police said. As a person tried to assist the victim, the suspect left the location. A witness saw the suspect enter a vehicle and drive off. The witness was able to copy the license plate number. Officers used the information to track down the suspect at his home. Officers placed the suspect under arrest for attempted robbery. The suspect was identified as Alex Tronik, 24, of Santa Monica. His bail was set at $50,000.

TUESDAY, JAN. 5, AT 12:05 P.M.,
Officers responded to the 300 block of Arizona Avenue regarding a suspect attempting to damage a parking meter. Witnesses told the officers that they saw the suspect place a shiny object into the coin slot of the parking meter. When contacted by city staff about the meter, the suspect allegedly said he did not have change for the meter and was using a paper clip to jam the meter. The suspect was placed under arrest for vandalism, a probation violation and warrants. He was identified as Adrian Torres, 28, of Torrance. His bail was set at $26,966.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 30, AT 7:33 P.M.,
Officers responded to the 300 block of Colorado Avenue — Sears — regarding a theft suspect in custody. Upon arrival, officers were advised by store security that the suspect entered the store and placed several items in his pant pockets and left the store without paying for the items. The items included watches and a MP3 player. Security stopped the suspect once he was outside the store and detained him until police arrived. When security guards approached the suspect, he allegedly fought with them. Officers placed the suspect under arrest for robbery and warrants. He was identified as Brian Karsten, 40, of Santa Monica. His bail was set at $76,000.

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U.S. begins aid efforts in Haiti

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AP White House Correspondent

WASHINGTON President Barack Obama and the U.S. moved to take charge in earthquake-ravaged Haiti on Thursday, dispatching thousands of troops along with tons of aid to try to keep order as well as rescue the suffering in a country dysfunctional in the best of times.

Tested with the first large-scale humanitarian disaster of his presidency, Obama ordered a relief effort of historic proportions despite the deep strains it was sure to put on both the U.S. budget and on military forces who are already fighting two wars. He pledged an initial $100 million — with the likelihood of more later.

"The United States is providing a lot of the glue that is keeping people communicating and working together as we try to assert authority, reinstate the government and begin to do what governments have to do to rebuild," Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton said on Fox News Channel.

Aware of the deep political cost George W. Bush paid for an ineffective response to Hurricane Katrina, the White House has labored to show Obama has been intensely engaged since immediately after the 7.0-magnitude quake late Tuesday afternoon. Details of evening Situation Room meetings, phone calls with world leaders and canceled events were being released almost hourly.

Obama announced that "the first waves" of the American response were in place Thursday, with two search-and-rescue teams on the ground, Coast Guard cutters in port, the U.S. Southern Command in control of the airport and airlifts bringing in urgently needed supplies and ferrying out the injured.

But the chief emphasis out of Washington was the huge amount of U.S. help that was still on the way — some half-dozen ships and 5,500 troops making their way across the Caribbean.

Officials noted the difficulty of getting resources in as fast as they would like because of needed preparation time and then the barriers of damaged communications, roads, airport and port. Obama himself warned it would take hours "and in many cases days" to get the full U.S. contingent to Haiti.

"None of this will seem quick enough if you have a loved one who's trapped, if you're sleeping on the streets, if you can't feed your children," Obama said at the White House, his second appearance on the topic in as many days. "So today, you must know that help is arriving. Much, much more help is on the way."

The U.S. Federal Aviation Administration halted all civilian flights to Haiti, while flights in the air before the ban spent hours circling the main airport awaiting permission to land. The Haitian government said there was no more room on ramps for planes to unload their cargo, and some planes on the ground at Toussaint L'Ouverture International Airport didn't have enough fuel to leave.

The role of heading the relief effort and managing the crisis quickly fell to the United States, for lack — in the short term, at least — of any other capable entity.

The government of Haitian President Rene Preval was severely disabled, with the president's own residences damaged and the Parliament building collapsed along with other ministries and departments. In one sign of difficult conditions and dearth of official Haitian activity, White House spokesman Robert Gibbs said Obama had tried twice, unsuccessfully, to get through to Preval.

The large United Nations mission in Haiti, some 9,000-strong, was still operating, with about 3,000 peacekeepers patrolling the still-calm streets of Port-au-Prince, the country's capital, population center and heart of earthquake damage. But the U.N.'s abilities to respond aggressively to possible problems were hobbled as well. Its headquarters building was destroyed, and dozens of its personnel, including some leaders, were dead or missing — leaving it in need of rescue help itself.

Defense Secretary Robert Gates told commanders via videoconference during the president's Wednesday night Situation Room meeting that the military has "no higher priority right now" than the relief efforts. Those efforts include providing security, Gibbs said.

However, there was sensitivity in Washington to any impression the U.S. was taking over Haiti, a country that has seen dramatic American interventions before, not always to good effect, and is suspicious of involvement by its much larger and wealthier northern neighbor.

So Gibbs, State Department spokesman P.J. Crowley and others emphasized that the U.S. was responding only as requested by the Haitian government, with the U.S. ambassador to Haiti, Kenneth Merten, in regular contact with Preval.

A senior administration official said Obama had directed U.S. officials to "work with and through" the Haitian government "to the greatest extent possible." The official spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to discuss private meetings.

"We have no intention of supplanting the leadership of Haiti," said Cheryl Mills, Clinton's chief of staff who is coordinating the efforts at the State Department.

One factor in the delicate U.S. approach is a desire to not undermine Preval and recent efforts to bring more stable governance to Haiti after decades of dictatorship and disaster have left it the Western Hemisphere's poorest nation.

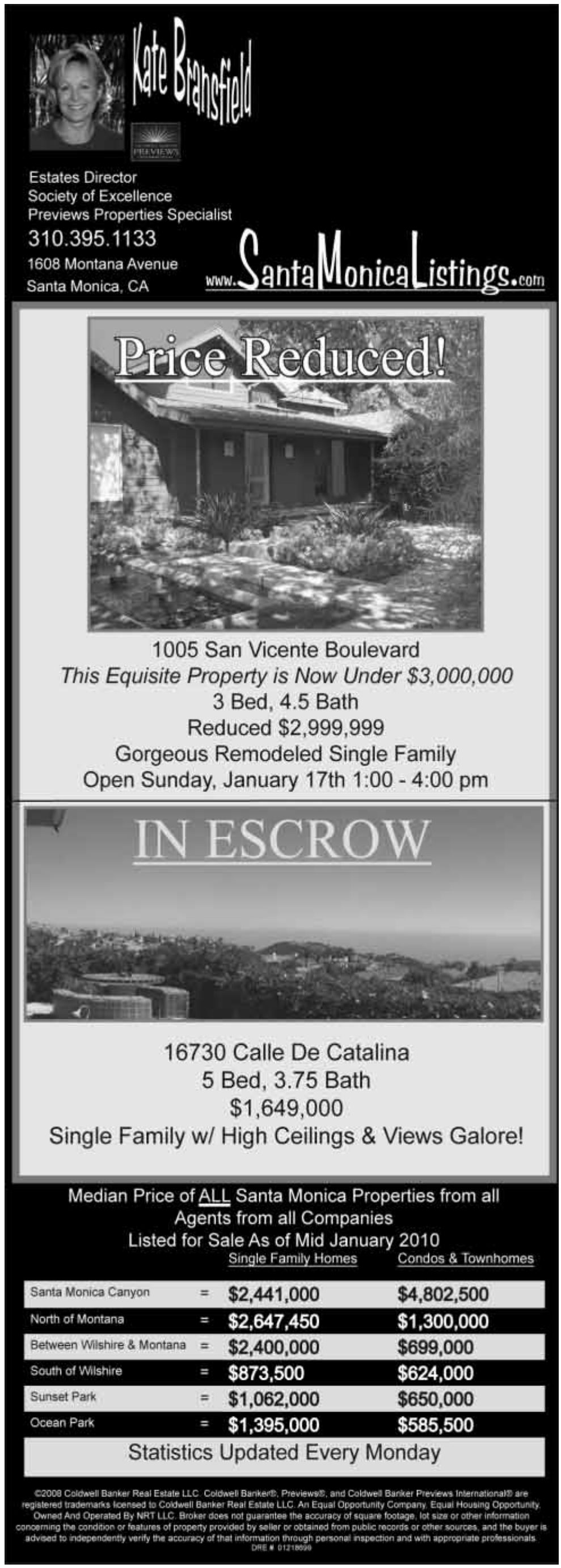
Still, officials from Obama on down promised the U.S. would be around to help long-term. Looking toward the long road of recovery and rebuilding, Obama tapped his two immediate predecessors, Bush and Bill Clinton, to help — following Bush's model of enlisting Clinton and his own father, George H.W. Bush, to shepherd the U.S. response after the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami.

Officials said that a primary goal now — beyond immediate relief — is to restore the U.N. peacekeeping command to full strength in Haiti. For though Obama wants to effectively handle the crisis, there is no upside to what could become, in effect, protracted U.S. control of the impoverished country.

Crowley confirmed the death of one American, career diplomat Victoria DeLong, a cultural affairs officer at the U.S. Embassy who was killed when her home collapsed. He said three other Americans were known to be missing and the embassy had made contact with nearly 1,000 U.S. citizens in Haiti, a fraction of the estimated 45,000 there.

By next Monday, as many as 5,500 U.S. infantry soldiers and Marines will be on the ground or on ships offshore, said Defense Department spokesman Bryan Whitman. Those include the first soldiers, from the 82nd Airborne Division, some of whom were due to arrive Thursday, and about 2,200 Marines.

The aircraft carrier USS Carl Vinson was expected Friday, and a hospital ship with 12 operating rooms, the USNS Comfort, was to get to Haiti by a week later.





GROUND RULES

Morgan Genser *news@smdp.com*

St. Monica goalie Jennifer Vargas (on the ground) attempts to make a play on a loose ball against Serra at Airport Park on Thursday. St. Monica won the El Camino League game, 4-0.

Samohi baseball field improved

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has since been granted eligability and will be in the starting lineup tonight.

It was during that non-league game that Verdugo studied Inglewood, trying to make sense of what makes them go. He didn't have to look further than the Sentinels' star point guard, Hazel Ramirez.

He said that it isn't her scoring that worries him, but her passing. It's how she sets up teammates that has helped Inglewood vault to being ranked second in the current CIFSS Division 3-AA poll. Santa Monica is currently ranked third in Division 1-A.

"There is no question they are considered the favorite [to win the league]," Verdugo said. "It's either us or them."

To slow Ramirez, Verdugo said that he has game planned different looks for the playmaker.

"She's hard to guard one-on-one," he said. "We'll start with [point guard Kristina Johnson], but we'll be mixing it up."

He said that it's her "shiftiness" and not her speed that gives defenders fits. He said her lateral movement creates passing lanes, giving her teammates easy shots.

Aside from Ramirez, who was the Ocean League player of the year last season, Verdugo said it's junior forward Deajanae Scurry that may create the most matchup problems.

Her presence in the post makes Ramirez that much more potent. She gives the point guard a big target at 6-foot-1, usually translating into easy buckets.

"[Scurry] really attacks her own miss," Verdugo said. "That's the key with Inglewood. They might miss the first or second shot, but they are usually there for the third.

"We need to stop them from getting extra opportunities."

Verdugo looks to counteract Scurry in the post with emerging sophomore center Sabrina Norton. Her play on the boards figures to factor into which team will dominate the paint.

"I couldn't be happier that Sabrina is playing well," Verdugo said. "She has been playing solid at center."

SAMOHI BASEBALL FIELD GETS TLC

Crews have been working on the baseball field at Samohi recently with money raised by the team's boosters.

Of the nearly $30,000 raised, a healthy portion is being spent on bringing the condition of the often-used field up to date, Assistant Coach Tony Todd said. Work is expected to be completed by the start of the season, which begins in early March.

SAMOHI BOYS ALSO TAKE ON INGLEWOOD

As part of a boys/girls doubleheader, Santa Monica's boys will play Ocean League rival Inglewood tonight at 7:30 p.m.

The game will immediately follow the girls varsity game, also against Inglewood.

Samohi is 10-5 overall and 1-0 in league. Inglewood is 9-6 overall and 1-0 in league.

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City officials say Glow will return in fall of 2010

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District Corp., the Pier Restoration Corp. and the Santa Monica Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Internationally acclaimed artist Celeste Boursier-Mougenot, who is known for producing music from unexpected sources, is expected to tour Santa Monica this week to scout possible locations to exhibit his work for Glow.

His work frequently includes commonly found objects such as inflatable wading pools, dinnerware, electric guitars, pianos and vacuum cleaners. Objects are carefully situated in spaces as performing sculptures; for instance the wading pools in which dinnerware floated were subject to induced ripples causing plates to gently collide, with sounds amplified by sensitive microphones. The space becomes a concert hall of mesmerizing sounds emanating from the most ordinary of circumstances. More recently, Boursier-Mougenot has incorporated digital interventions and audience-activated sounds within his artwork. He has shown extensively in museums throughout Europe, North and South America and Asia.

His project is being made possible in part by the French Consulate and Loews Santa Monica Beach Hotel.

Glow's Curatorial Committee has been meeting to select an exciting array of artists who will once again ensure the total transformation of the beach, pier and Palisades Park.

The committee includes: Mary Beebe; Stuart Collection, University of California, San Diego; Malik Gaines, artist, Los Angeles; Tom Leeser, director, The Center for Integrated Media, California Institute for the Arts; Lisa Melandri, deputy director for exhibitions and programs, Santa Monica Museum of Art; Marc Pally, artistic director, Glow, and Alma Ruiz, curator, MOCA, Los Angeles.

The committee will announce the complete first group of selected artists in February. Also In February, City Hall plans to issue a request for proposals which will provide artists from throughout the region interested in ephemeral and participatory work with a chance to submit projects for consideration.

"Glow invites participants to engage with and re-imagine familiar places through the minds and eyes of artists," Pally said.

While it did manage to draw a huge crowd, helping local restaurants and bars raise revenues, there were many critics of Glow 2008. Those who posted their displeasure on blogs said there were not enough exhibits and those that were on display were underwhelming and too small to be enjoyed by the thousands that showed up. Traffic and a lack of parking were also high on the list of complaints. Some felt the art took a back seat to drinking and drugs.

Those who supported the event said the art was average, but the real beauty was the diversity found in the crowd and the ability to meet new people.

Moving the event to the fall may cut down on the number of people attending. City officials said they will be more prepared to deal with the large number of expected visitors. In 2008, there were as many as 75,000 people at the pier and beach at one time, making it difficult for police to maintain control.

SMPD Sgt. Jay Trisler, a spokesman for the department, said there will be more officers on hand and a more coordinated effort for crowd control.

"Just like we are doing for the [Los Angeles Marathon in March], we will be working with other entities within the city to address this," Trisler said.

Cusick said the decision to hold the event in September instead of in the summer as in 2008 had more to do with helping local businesses during the colder months when tourism is down than with crowd control.

"We are looking to have more synergy with the hotels, who have greater vacancies in the fall than they do in the peak of summer," she said. "We feel that it is kind of an exciting time of the year to do it. In the art world it is kind of when everything starts up again. We feel fall weather is close to ideal and its often quite warm so we feel like it will be a good fit."

Cusick expects a third of the funding to come from City Hall, while the rest will come from private donors and corporate sponsors. City Hall spent roughly $100,000 on the event in 2008, according to previous reports.

More importantly than the cost is the benefit to local businesses, art lovers and the artists themselves, who will be paid to create original work for Glow, Cusick said.

"Everybody needs work," she said. "Everybody needs an opportunity. People have been asking me all the time when we are going to bring it back, from restaurant owners to hotel managers to artists.

"It's exciting when you get that kind of cross section of demand."



Brandon Wise *brandonw@smdp.com*

MOVING TO THE BEAT OF LIFE: **Masses of people danced to the music mixed by various DJs who performed at 2008's Glow event. The many art installations combined with music, transported huge groups of visitors into a world made to indulge all five senses.**

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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
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SUBJECT: 1681 26th Street (Papermate site) Development Agreement Float-Up
1681 26th Street
APPLICANT / PROPERTY OWNER: Hines

A public hearing will be held by the Planning Commission to consider the following request:

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- Creative arts office space;
- Ground floor neighborhood-serving commercial space;
- Mixture of affordable, workforce, and market rate housing totaling up to 40% of the project's total floor area;
- Ground-floor public open space intended for use as a community gathering and cultural arts venue;
- Street improvements to include:
  - New north-south street that bisects the site and provides vehicular and bicycle access;
  - New east-west street primarily for service access that runs along the site's northern property line;
  - North-south pedestrian access from Olympic Boulevard through the site; and
- A subterranean parking garage.

DATE/TIME: **WEDNESDAY, January 27, 2010, AT 7:00 PM**

LOCATION: City Council Chambers, Second Floor
Santa Monica City Hall
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The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. You may comment at the Planning Commission public hearing, or by writing a letter. Written information will be given to the Planning Commission at the meeting.

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Re: 1681 26th Street (Papermate site) Development Agreement Float-Up
Planning and Community Development
1685 Main Street
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If you want more information about this project or wish to review the project file, please contact Ms. Yeo at (310) 458-8341, or by e-mail at jing.yeo@smgov.net. The Zoning Ordinance is available at the Planning Counter during business hours and on the City's web site at www.smgov.net.

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UC receives record number of applicants

MARCUS WOHLSEN
Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO The University of California announced Thursday it had received a record number of applications for the coming academic year, even as the possibility of enrollment cuts loomed.

The data showed a jump in applications from minority, international and community college students, as well as an increase in freshman applications. The number of students applying for undergraduate admission for fall 2010 grew by nearly 6 percent — from about 127,000 a year ago to more than 134,000.

Those applicants could be vying for even fewer slots than last year, when the university cut enrollment of California-resident freshmen by 6 percent — about 2,300 students — to cover budget shortfalls.

Susan Wilbur, director of undergraduate admissions, said officials were discussing a comparable reduction for fall 2010, though a final decision has not been made.

The university was buoyed last week by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's proposed budget, which included better-than-expected funding for the UC system. The proposal gave hope that enrollment reductions could be curtailed, Wilbur said.

Regardless, she said, "the level of competition will be rigorous this year."

The university received more than 100,000 applications for freshman slots, up from 98,000 last year. The number of transfer applicants rose more than 17 percent to nearly 34,000.

The majority of transfer applications came from California community college students, a trend Wilbur said UC has worked hard to encourage.

Electric car business seeks to expand

FROM **TRUCK** PAGE 3

The truck will be used for park maintenance, Sikes said, and if it proves reliable City Hall could give Pearson additional contracts.

"We probably have over 100 pickup trucks and they could potentially all be electric," he said.

Santa Monica is the first city to purchase one of Pearson's conversions, but the entrepreneur has plans to expand his business. He said he's working on another Ford Ranger he plans to use as a demonstration vehicle to seek contracts from other Southern California jurisdictions and hopes to present a proposal to the region's air quality management district to contribute funding.

Pearson said it cost $80,000 to convert the Ranger to electric for Santa Monica because it was a prototype. The cost to do future vehicles would be around $22,000 on top of the expense of providing a factory-standard vehicle, he said.

Sikes said Pearson was offering a deal.

"We actually got quotes from other people that build the same thing and his was the best," he said.

WE PROBABLY HAVE OVER 100 PICKUP TRUCKS AND THEY COULD POTENTIALLY ALL BE ELECTRIC.

Rick Sikes
City Hall's fleet superintendent

Pearson, a Santa Monica resident, started tinkering with electric cars at his workshop off of Pico Boulevard but moved his operation to Van Nuys after his run-in with the DMV and City Hall.

He said he's hoping to move his company back to Santa Monica as soon as he can.

"This is the kind of business we want to attract, encourage and place in Santa Monica so we can have that sustainable local economy," McKeown said.

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Pigeons target of clean water campaign

FROM **PIGEON** PAGE 1

said it's too early to judge the effectiveness of the pigeon reduction measures.

He said the measures are geared toward improving water quality, not protecting businesses and tourists at the pier from the nuisance of too many aggressive birds.

"It's an issue that [businesses on the pier] face, but I certainly wouldn't qualify it as a top concern," he said.

Swain said some members of the public expressed concern about potentially harming pigeons when the measures were first discussed last year, but no pro-pigeon activists have raised the issue in the past several months.

Contacted on Thursday, a representative for the organization People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals said the group didn't have any issues with the steps being taken at the Santa Monica Pier.

Martin Mersereau, director of PETA's emergency response division, said while the group opposes any lethal methods for dealing with pigeons, all of Santa Monica's efforts appeared to be humane.

The only concern, Mersereau said, is that the netting under the pier could be improperly installed and could harm some birds. But he added, "We trust that Santa Monica activists are going to keep a sharp eye out for anything like that."

Besides being cruel, he stressed that killing pigeons is also an ineffective population control tool because it creates a spike in the food supply that quickly attracts replacement birds.

This isn't City Hall's first attempt to pry into the private lives of wild animals. Forced by county health officials to cut down the number of squirrels in Palisades Park, City Hall in 2007 began giving the rodents birth control shots. Because the number of squirrels was so high, city officials were forced to trap them, gas them and feed them to hawks at a rehabilitation center at Cal State Bakersfield.

County health officials said the squirrels posed a significant public health threat because they carry fleas that can spread bubonic plague.

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Aid workers in Haiti face a 'logistical nightmare'

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GENEVA — Roads full of hungry, homeless people. An estimated 50,000 dead. A ruined port and an overwhelmed airport. Hundreds of crumpled buildings and little heavy machinery. Few working phones.

Relief supplies and emergency experts started pouring into Haiti from around the world Thursday, but aid groups said the challenge of helping Haiti's desperate quake survivors was enormous.

"It's chaos," U.N. humanitarian spokeswoman Elisabeth Byrs told The Associated Press. "It's a logistical nightmare."

Aid deliveries by ship were impossible to Port-au-Prince because the Haitian capital's port was closed due to severe damage from Tuesday's magnitude-7 earthquake. The city's airport was open but damaged, laboring mightily to handle a flurry of incoming aid flights.

An estimated 45,000-50,000 were killed, based on government figures and a wide network of Haitian volunteers across the hard-hit capital Port-au-Prince, said Red Cross federation spokesman Jean-Luc Martinage.

Fearful of going near quake-damaged buildings, Haitians stood or rested on the roads, slowing the transport of food and other crucial aid.

Coordinating deliveries was also a problem, which is being tackled by U.N. and U.S. officials, Byrs said.

With the U.N. peacekeeping force in tatters, representatives of aid organizations say there does not appear to be anyone coordinating distribution of relief supplies at the airport in Port-au-Prince.

"It is difficult because folks at the Port-au-Prince airport are trying to get up to speed to run logistics," said Save the Children spokeswoman Kate Conradt from Haiti.

"Donations are coming in to the airport here, but some are coming without notice from very well-meaning groups," she said. "There is not yet a system to get it in."

Severe damage to at least eight Port-au-Prince hospitals made it nearly impossible to treat the thousands of injured or prevent outbreaks of disease, said Paul Garwood, spokesman for the World Health Organization.

Haiti, the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere, presents unique logistical challenges for aid workers even in the best of times. It shares an island with the Dominican Republic, meaning that aid must arrive by sea or air. Haitian streets are in poor condition under normal circumstances, and even if aid reaches the Dominican Republic, the road from there to Port-au-Prince is narrow and easily clogged.

Almost everything has to be imported, even wood for building temporary shelters, because Haitians have denuded their hillsides by cutting trees for cooking fuel.

"If you see Dominican Republic and Haiti from the air, it's really striking," said Byrs. "Half of the island is green and the rest is dust."

In addition, Haiti was already heavily damaged by a series of severe hurricanes, the most recent in 2008.

President Barack Obama announced Thursday the U.S. government was making an initial $100 million relief effort and promised an all-out rescue and humanitarian effort that included military and civilian emergency teams from across the U.S.

"We have to be there for them in their hour of need," Obama said.

The aircraft carrier USS Carl Vinson was deployed to Haiti, and the amphibious assault ship USS Bataan had been ordered to sail as soon as possible with a 2,000-member Marine unit.

Even as the United Nations stepped up its massive aid operation, the world body was trying to determine how many of its own staff were killed in earthquake.

"It's very difficult to give an exact number," Byrs said. "This is also a tragedy for the United Nations."

She said up to 100 U.N. staff were trapped in the main U.N. peacekeepers' building, which was destroyed.

Byrs said the U.N. believes there is a good chance many people are surviving in the rubble and might be saved.

She said 40 search-and-rescue teams from around the world had started arriving in Haiti to look for survivors trapped inside collapsed buildings. But to find and save people, the rescuers need heavy machinery to lift tons of rubble — equipment that teams from places like Britain and Iceland have, but others don't

Haiti has virtually none of those machines but aid workers were trying to get some into Haiti from the Dominican Republic, Charles Vincent of the World Food Program said.

"We'll have to see how that works out," said Vincent. "The U.S. military will also be bringing in some equipment."

The desperate situation has aid groups fearing a surge in lawlessness, Vincent said. U.N. peacekeepers are patrolling to try to control looting but they are dealing with many deaths and injuries of their own, he said.

The International Committee of the Red Cross said its forensic specialists would help ensure that bodies of the quake victims are recovered and identified for the benefit of their families.

The Red Cross set up a special Web site to help Haitians find their missing loved ones, and after just a few hours, over 5,000 people had already registered on it, many from the United States and Canada.

Aid was delivered or promised from many countries, including Brazil, the European Union, Britain, Germany, Israel, France, Switzerland, South Korea and Canada. China dispatched a chartered plane carrying 10 tons of tents, food, medical equipment and sniffer dogs, along with a 60-member earthquake relief team who worked in China's own 2008 earthquake, which killed some 90,000 people.

The Red Cross estimated that some 3 million people in Haiti will require aid, ranging from shelter to food and clean water, and said many Haitians could need relief aid for a full year.

Aid workers base such estimates on a formula that has been refined over the years as disasters have been studied, said ICRC spokesman Florian Westphal.

"There is pretty much a standard formula, but even that will vary. With drinking water, for example, you know that people need at least 15 liters a day, but there are situations where that's not possible so there is a period in which people can survive with 6 liters a day for a limited amount of time."

The ICRC sent out a kit of medical material Thursday, which he said was supposed to be enough for 10,000 people for three months to cover basic diseases and medical conditions. "There is clearly an overall calculation template behind that," he said, but added that "it may turn out that there is a huge outbreak of disease and the supplies don't last anywhere near three months."

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BID #2998 – FURNISH AND DELIVER ONE (1) NEW AND UNUSED FRONT LOAD REFUSE PACKER UNIT FOR THE SOLID WASTE DIVISION.

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Community Meeting
Redevelopment of 1800 Stewart Street
For a New Building for Agensys, Inc.

January 19, 2010 – 7:00 PM
Virginia Avenue Park, Workshop #3
2200 Virginia Avenue

Project Location



You are invited to attend a community meeting to review the concept plans for a new building for Agensys, Inc., a biotechnology company. The new facility would replace the existing buildings with a new structure to support Agensys' Research and Development, Office and Manufacturing operations.

This meeting is the part of the preliminary concept phase of the Development Agreement process where residents, property owners, and interested parties will have the opportunity to provide direct feedback to City staff and the developer with regards to the concept plans. This meeting is the first step in the Development Agreement "float-up" process and occurs prior to the Planning Commission and City Council discussions of the concept plans and direction as to whether the proposed Development Agreement application may be filed. For further information, please contact Bradley J. Misner, AICP, Principal Planner by e-mail at brad.misner@smgov.net.

RSVP appreciated to 310-458-8341.

The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible. For disability related accommodations, please contact 310-458-8341 or 310-458-8696 TTY at least 72 hours in advance. Every attempt will be made to provide the requested accommodation.

ESPANOL: Esto es una noticia de una reunión de la comunidad para revisar el diseño de la applicaciónes proponiendo desarrollo en Santa Monica. Si deseas más información, favor de llamar a Carmen Gutierrez en la División de Planificación al número (310) 458-8341.



SURF REPORT

Surf Conditions **Water Temp:** 59°

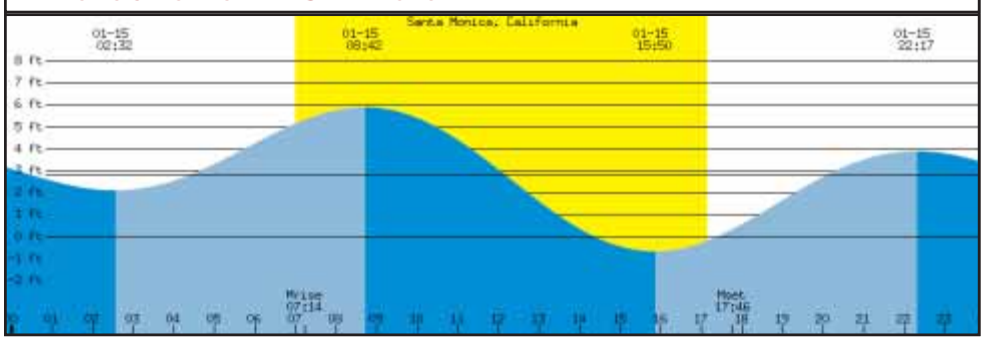
Swell Forecast

Looks smaller than today, perhaps head high+ around west facing breaks.

Long Range Synopsis

So far, looks similar: head high or so around west facing breaks. We may see a few pluses though as a brief swath of swell comes in from some Gulf activity.

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 **January 6, 2010**

HEAL THE BAY - 1444 9th Street, Santa Monica, CA 90401 - www.healthebay.org - brc@healthebay.org - 800 HEAL BAY

QUICK STATS (in last 28 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 0
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 13
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 39 / 16
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 5 / 23

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

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

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

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

LEGEND

DRY -- each location is graded on an A – F scale based on bacterial pollution levels present in the surf zone

WET -- grades for days of recorded rainfall and the following 3 days

ns -- no sample taken

Heal the Bay's Beach Report Card® is based on weekly water quality monitoring data provided by the City of Los Angeles' Environmental Monitoring Division and the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services. Data is analyzed as soon as it is made available to us by the public agencies. Beaches are graded on an A–F scale based on the risk of ocean users becoming ill. Samples are analyzed for bacteria—enterococcus, total and fecal coliforms—that indicate biological pollution. A fact sheet detailing the exact methodology used in determining grades for each location is available from the office or on our web site. The report is not designed to measure the amount of trash or toxins found at local beaches.

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NCAA SPORTS

Beach volleyball faces vote

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AP Sports Writer

The future of beach volleyball as an NCAA sport is in jeopardy, with opposition arising from an unlikely source.

Coaches and administrators at traditional indoor volleyball powers like Penn State, the three-time defending national champion, and about half of the beach-blanketed Pac 10 have forced a vote at the NCAA convention in Atlanta on Friday to remove "sand volleyball" from a list of potential varsity sports.

Even at schools without prominent programs, athletic directors complain that making the beach game an option — schools would have no obligation to add it — will pressure them to compete, stressing their already stretched budgets.

"We're 38 years from when Title IX was passed, and we've forgotten all the things that got us here," said Kathy DeBoer, the executive director of the American Volleyball Coaches Association and a leading proponent of making sand volleyball an official NCAA sport.

"What we're looking for is more opportunities for women to participate in intercollegiate sports," said DeBoer, a longtime indoor coach and former professional basketball player. "If we had only added women's sports that we had money for, and we had only added sports that didn't borrow from other sports, I wouldn't be here. There was never extra money; it was always inconvenient to add sports for women."

Fresh off an American sweep of the gold medals in the Beijing Olympics that gave the already telegenic sport a boost in popularity, the NCAA agreed last year to add "sand volleyball" to its list of emerging sports for women. The sport, known more commonly as beach volleyball, is being called sand volleyball by the NCAA to avoid scaring away landlocked schools.

The designation allowed schools to begin building varsity programs for the 2010-11 academic year and gave the sport 10 years to develop a collegiate following that would elevate it to an NCAA championship sport. But the decision ignited yet another turf battle between the two-on-two beach discipline and more the traditional six-on-six game, with the sandy set lining up against the indoor coaches and university administrators trying to protect their recruits and their budgets.

"Sand volleyball will have a direct impact on indoor volleyball," said Sue Scheetz, the associate athletic director at Penn State, listing the need for additional coaches, scholarships, facilities and travel, as well as a potential drain on athletes from the indoor programs. "Costs will be considerable."

Sixty-three schools — including former NCAA indoor champions Nebraska, Stanford and Washington as well as Penn State and the rest of the Big Ten — requested an override vote to remove sand volleyball from the emerging sports list. If 62.5 percent of those at the convention vote in favor of the override, sand volleyball would be spiked.

"It's very difficult for me to get a feel for it," DeBoer said in a telephone interview as she arrived at the NCAA meeting. "Here's what I keep hearing: 'I'm for beach volleyball. I think it's a great sport. I'm for opportunities for women. But we're going to vote for this override because it doesn't make a lot of sense for us.'"

The emerging sports list was designed to encourage compliance with Title IX, the federal law that obligates schools to make sports available to women. Few athletic administrators are willing to publicly oppose opportunities for female athletes, and those within the volleyball community are leery of torpedoing a kindred sport.

"It is a very, very difficult thing to be against," DeBoer said. "We're just trying to bring as much sunshine as we possibly can so people know this is being tracked."

NCAA FOOTBALL

UCLA's Chow says 'no' to USC

GREG BEACHAM
AP Sports Writer

WESTWOOD Offensive coordinator Norm Chow is staying at UCLA, rebuffing overtures from Lane Kiffin to return to Southern California.

UCLA coach Rick Neuheisel confirmed Thursday that Chow, a widely respected offensive mastermind during nearly four decades in college football, will be back for a third season with the Bruins.

USC athletic director Mike Garrett acknowledged Wednesday he hoped to lure Chow to Kiffin's new staff with a lucrative offer, but Chow decided not to switch sides in Los Angeles' fierce football rivalry.

"I appreciate the interest from USC and Lane Kiffin, but I feel we are building something special here at UCLA, and I am excited about our future," Chow said. "We have some outstanding young players in the program, and we're working hard on finishing strong in recruiting."

Chow has coached three Heisman Trophy winners while running some of the nation's most sophisticated passing offenses, starting with 27 seasons alongside LaVell Edwards at BYU.

Chow was the Trojans' offensive coordinator during the first four seasons of their remarkable nine-year run under former coach Pete Carroll.

But Carroll replaced the longtime assistant with Kiffin and Steve Sarkisian in 2005 in a move still lamented by many Trojans fans. Carroll apparently wanted to shift Chow's responsibility primarily to coaching quarterbacks while turning over the offense to his two young assistants.

Chow instead took over the Tennessee Titans' offense for three seasons before returning to Los Angeles when Neuheisel became UCLA's coach in 2008.

"As Norm said, we are building something very special at UCLA, and he is certainly an important part of the package," Neuheisel said. "We have unfinished business here at UCLA, and our coaches and players are very excited about our future. I'm glad Norm wants to finish what he's started. UCLA is a special place to call home."

UCLA (7-6) beat Temple 30-21 in the EagleBank Bowl last month to finish with a winning record for the first time since 2006.

MOVIE TIMES

Aero Theatre
1328 Montana Ave.
(323) 466-FILM

Maid (La nana) (NR) 1hr 34min
7:30

AMC Loews Broadway 4
1441 Third Street Promenade

Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel (PG) 1hr 28min
11:45am, 2:10, 4:30, 7:00, 9:20

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

Daybreakers (R) 1hr 38min
11:30am, 1:50, 4:15, 7:10, 9:45

Imaginarium of Doctor Parnassus (PG-13) 2hrs 02min
11:15am, 2:00, 4:45, 7:40, 10:25

Nine (PG-13) 1hr 50min
12:30

AMC 7 Santa Monica
1310 Third St.
(310) 289-4262

Avatar 3D (PG-13) 2hr 40 min
10:30am, 11:30am, 2:15, 3:15, 6:00, 7:00, 9:45, 10:45

Princess and the Frog (G) 1hr 35min
10:20am, 12:40, 3:00, 5:30, 7:45

Up in the Air (R) 1hr 49min
11:00am, 1:40, 4:15, 6:50, 9:30, 10:10

It's Complicated (R) 1hr 54min
10:15am, 1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 10:05

Sherlock Holmes (PG-13) 2hrs 14min
10:40am, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30

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

An Education (PG13) 1hr 55min
1:55, 4:40, 7:30, 10:00

Young Victoria (PG) 1hr 44min
1:20, 4:10, 7:00, 9:40

Crazy Heart (R) 1hr 51min
1:30, 4:20, 7:10, 9:55

Single Man (R) 1hr 39min
1:40, 4:30, 7:20, 9:50

Mann's Criterion Theatre
1313 Third St.
(310) 395-1599

The Blind Side (PG-13) 2hrs 6min
1:00

Youth in Revolt (R) 1hr 30min
12:30, 3:00, 5:20, 7:40, 10:00, 12:15am

Book of Eli (R) 1hr 58min
11:00am, 12:50, 1:50, 3:40, 4:40, 6:30, 7:30, 9:20, 10:20, 12:00am

Lovely Bones (PG-13) 2hrs 15min
1:10, 4:20, 7:20, 10:30

Spy Next Door (PG) 1hr 32min
11:30am, 2:00, 4:50, 7:10, 9:30, 11:45

For more information, e-mail news@smdp.com

Run errands, Leo

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ New beginnings become possible if you try another approach or do something differently. You discover a gentleness in a higher-up or boss that you hadn't seen before. Touch base with a loved one. Tonight: A must appearance.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Examine what is going on with someone you care a lot about. If you want to see life from a different point of view, investigate possibilities with an eye to change. You see a situation far differently from many. Tonight: Avoid comparing notes.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ When you sweep away the layers and layers of issues, clearly someone really does care. You might ask yourself if it is worth all the ups and downs to live in this bond. Only you can decide. Tonight: Say "yes" to living.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ Defer to others. You can say "no" at any given point. Claiming your power doesn't mean being in control of a situation. It is being able to control your reactions and choosing your responses instead. Tonight: Sort through invitations.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ A new project could be dropped on your plate out of the blue. Listen to suggestions. A co-worker or friend could reinvigorate your thoughts and help you come up with a unique approach. Tonight: Run errands, then decide.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Your sunny behavior disarms many, but no one as much as a child or loved one. This person wishes you were like this more often. Use the moment and mood to let others know how you really feel. Tonight: It is TGIF!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Your ability to move forward and head in a distinctly new direction might emerge, but only after you handle a personal or domestic matter. You cannot move much further without solid personal foundations. Tonight: At home.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Stay on top of a personal matter, and clear out an overdue conversation. You were worried whether it would go OK. You could be delighted and surprised by the end results. Sometimes the anticipation in no way equals the realization. Tonight: Be open to suggestions. Hang out, in any case.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Be sensitive to expenses and aware of what needs to be done within the parameters of a certain issue. Knowing how much you give could be more important than you realize. Tonight: Hang out.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Give 100 percent, knowing full well you can and will make a difference. Don't sell yourself short. If you want to let another person know how very much you care, now is the time. Tonight: Treat a friend to munchies.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Though you might have a difficult time starting the day, you'll whiz through the afternoon. Suddenly you feel as if you can handle nearly anything. Open up to talks and stay on top of various situations, at work and personally. Tonight: Finally, the world is your oyster.

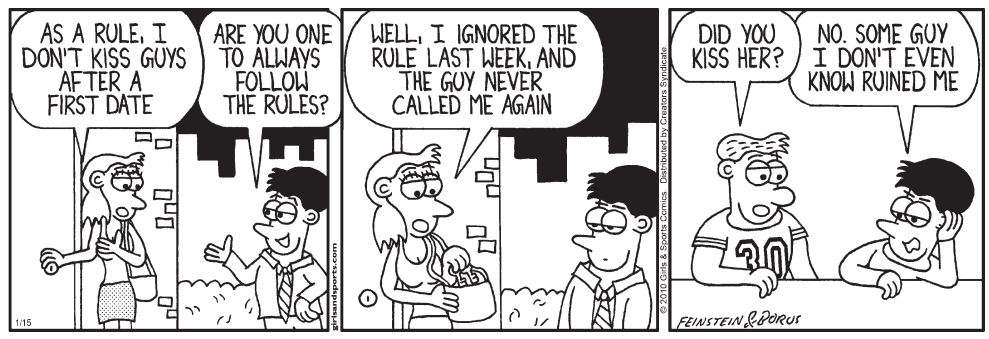
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You might want to examine what is happening behind the scenes. You might be right about what you believe is occurring. Trust a friend who is always there for you. A discussion could be most enlightening. Tonight: Disappear. Do your own thing.

Happy birthday

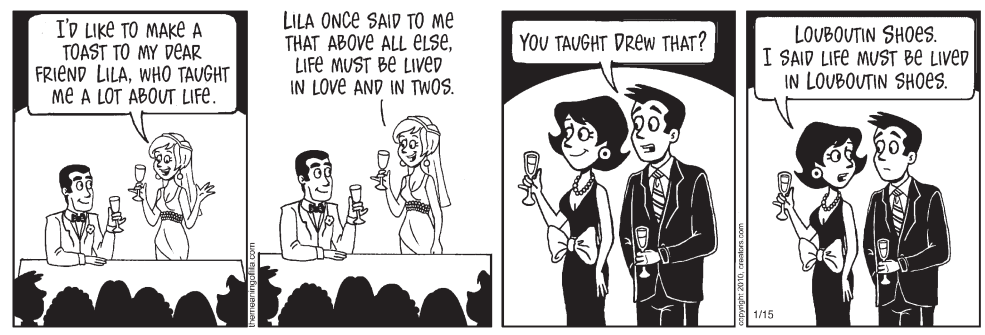
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★★★★★Dynamic ★★ So-So
★★★★ Positive ★ Difficult
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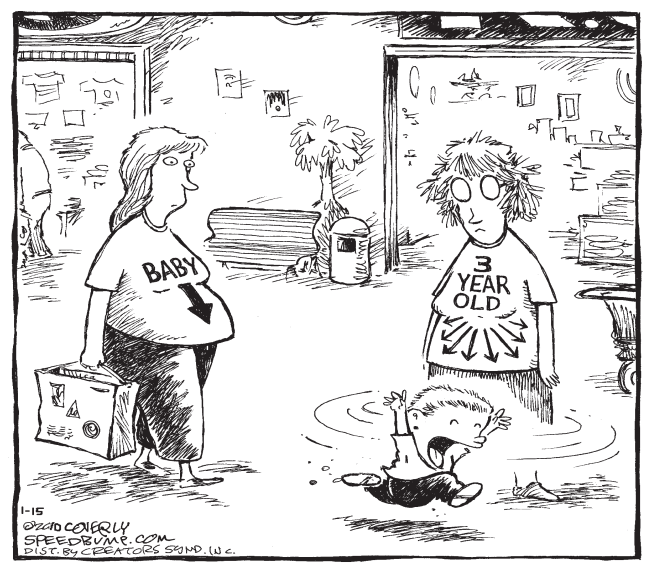
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Difficulty Level ★★★★

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1			2	6				7
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8				1	3			2
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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

7	8	4	1	9	3	6	2	5
6	1	9	5	2	7	8	3	4
2	5	3	6	8	4	7	9	1
1	9	7	8	3	6	5	4	2
3	2	8	9	4	5	1	7	6
4	6	5	2	7	1	9	8	3
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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1 Buttes' kin
6 Useful skill
11 Bisected
12 Cookie quantity
13 Barn section
14 Acrobatic
15 Blunder
16 Busy org. in April
18 Baseball's Ripken
19 Scoundrel
20 Curved letter
21 Basinger or Cattrall
22 Brio
24 Old Italian coin
25 Web user
27 Jason's ship
29 Horse laughs?
32 Bar fixture
33 Beans buy
34 Comics sound effect
35 Big head
36 Bulldog backer
37 Bonanza stuff
38 Rap-sheet item
40 Musical chord
42 Blitzen's boss
43 Ergo
44 Door sign
45 Appeases

DOWN

1 Skinflints
2 Snare
3 Basis for development
4 Book-binding tool
5 Ask for
6 Humble
7 Decline
8 Negotiations problem
9 Bakery buy
10 Louise's pal
17 Of an eye membrane
23 Early auto
24 Floral ring
26 Peaks
27 Comfortable
28 Loose overcoat
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31 Stockholm natives
33 French film award
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41 Stephen of "The Crying Game"

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35			■	36			■	37		
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44					■	45				

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ While reporting on Britain's oldest newlyweds in November (husband 94, wife 87), the Daily Telegraph also noted that in 2008, Bertie Wood and her husband, Jessie, of Falmouth had decided to end their 36-year marriage, evidently at a point where they felt they needed a fresh start. Both were 97 years old at the time. Jessie has since died, and Bertie lives in a nursing home.

■ Michael Yavorski, 52, who drew a three-month sentence in October for having twice fondled a 12-year-old girl and given her a beer, complained through his lawyer that the sentence was too long. "The collateral consequences for Mr. Yavorski here are tremendous," said the lawyer, in that the negative publicity about the case might force Yavorski to close his business in Lower Nazareth Township, Pa., an ice cream parlor.

■ In a December letter, lawyers for the world-famous Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts in New York City threatened litigation against Lincoln County, Miss., which recently changed the name of its Lincoln County Multi-Purpose Facility to "Lincoln Center." The facility, in the town of Brookhaven (pop. 9,800), is used mostly for livestock shows and family reunions.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1969 The Soviet Union launches Soyuz 5.

1970 After a 32-month fight for independence from Nigeria, Biafra surrenders.

1970 Muammar al-Qaddafi is proclaimed premier of Libya.

1973 Vietnam War: Citing progress in peace negotiations, President Richard Nixon announces the suspension of offensive action in North Vietnam.

1976 Gerald Ford's would-be assassin, Sara Jane Moore, is sentenced to life in prison.

1977 The Kälvesta air disaster kills 22 people, the worst air crash in Sweden's history.

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