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THE TALKING IT OUT ISSUE

Parents question district's response to Samohi fights

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

SAMOHI Officials from Santa Monica High School, the school district and police department took heat from parents Tuesday night who gathered to hear what was being done to keep their children safe in the wake of fights that broke out on and off campus in preceding weeks.

Parents vented their frustration with officials for the incomplete information released about the conflicts when they began, and demanded a play-by-play on what officials and police had done to secure the campus and nearby bus stops.

Parents have been on edge since a gang-related shooting took place near campus in December in which a student was wounded.

Officials played defense, admitting that there was little they could say to parents about the fights that happened or other incidents that students have alleged, including guns being pulled or fear of busing home at night.

Parents have many questions about the events on campus in recent weeks, trying to parse the rumors from the truth, said Superintendent Sandra Lyon.

"I understand that we can't always answer them in the way you want or need," she said.

While the district did not want to minimize the severity of what was going on, neither did it want to inflate the situation by repeating unconfirmed information or reports, Lyon said.

"It's a delicate balance that we have," she said.

Police and staff asked parents to encourage their kids to report violence or threats or to do it themselves if the children felt uncomfortable getting peers in trouble with the school or law.

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STUMPING: **Mayor Richard Bloom (left) speaks during a forum for candidates in the 53rd Assembly District on Tuesday at the Main Library.**

Osborn torches opposition for Santa Monica Dems endorsement

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
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MAIN LIBRARY The Santa Monica Democratic Club overwhelmingly endorsed activist Torie Osborn in the race for the new 50th Assembly District Tuesday night, the second endorsement she's received on the Westside.

Osborn walked away with 77 percent of the vote from a club that typically returns "no endorsement" vote or squeaks one out with just over the required 60 percent, said club President Jay Johnson.

Santa Monica Mayor Richard Bloom and Betsy Butler, the current assemblymember for the 53rd District, earned 9 percent and 13 percent of the vote respectively.

The Santa Monica Democratic Club is one of the oldest in the state, and has been continuously active since the 1950s, Johnson said. It has approximately 500 members.

Candidates were asked three questions regarding their plans to raise taxes, their opinions on how to fix overcrowding in the

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Gov. Brown urges residents to invest in future

JUDY LIN & JULIET WILLIAMS
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO Gov. Jerry Brown outlined his plan Wednesday to raise taxes to pull the state out of its financial malaise, casting his proposals as an investment in the future of California like those of the visionaries and achievers whose big dreams made the state the envy of the nation during economic boom times.

The State of the State speech served as a launching pad for his campaign for the November ballot initiative to raise taxes. He has said that if voters don't support his plan there would be drastic cuts to public education.

"Putting our fiscal house in order is good stewardship and helps us regain the trust of the people. It also builds confidence in California as a place to invest and to realize one's dreams," Brown said. "Contrary to those critics who fantasize that California is a failed state, I see unspent potential and incredible opportunity."

Brown's proposal aims to raise income taxes on individuals who make $250,000 a year or more and boost the state sales tax by half a cent. The governor also said the state needs massive investments in mega-projects such as renewable energy, education, high-speed rail and water — all of which are exceedingly expensive.

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Thursday, Jan. 19, 2012

Mid-City talks
McKinley Elementary School
2401 Santa Monica Blvd.,
6:30 p.m.
Mid-City Neighbors hosts City Manager Rod Gould for "Can We Talk?", an event designed to let those living in the neighborhood have a little face time with a city official.

Walk a mile in her shoes
Main Library, Martin Luther King Jr. Auditorium
601 Santa Monica Blvd.,
7 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.
Part of the Quality of Life Forum, this evening features shoe designer Taryn Rose, who shares her journey — from Vietnam to the United States, from orthopedic surgeon to successful shoe designer — and the lessons she has learned along the way. Cost: free. For more information, call (310) 458-8600.

A tale to tell
Vidiots Video
302 Pico Blvd.,
7 p.m. — 10 p.m.
Join other spoken word storytellers at Spoken Word, Tale Spin, where guests are invited to share 5 minute stories that follow a theme. Bring your story, bring a drink, or just bring yourself to listen. The theme of this meeting is "your noir experience." Cost: $10. Limited seating. R.S.V.P. to pkmeyer@verizon.net. For more information, call (310) 392-8508.

Friday, Jan. 20, 2012

By the seat of your yoga pants
Senior Center
1450 Ocean Ave.,
10:30 a.m. — 11:30 a.m.
Learn the basics of yoga — stretching, breathing, balance and relaxation — without ever getting on the floor at Chair Yoga, a weekly exercise program for seniors. Cost: free for Senior Center members. Class size limited, arrive early. For more information, call (310) 458-8644.

Candid cameras
Annenberg Beach House
6 p.m. — 8 p.m.
The Los Angeles Photography Project presents the opening of "Los Angeles — Icons and Other Impressions," an exhibition of photographs that captures the diversity of the people, buildings and environments found in L.A. No reservations required. Exhibit runs through April 15, 2012. For more information, call (310) 458-4904.

Saturday, Jan. 21, 2012

A night with Sam — and Woody
Morgan-Wixson Theatre
2627 Pico Blvd., 8 p.m.
Woody Allen's "Play It Again, Sam" will be the Theatre's second production of the season. Nominated for three Tony Awards, the comedy classic ran for 453 performances on Broadway. The memorable film version is the missing link between Woody's early films like "Take the Money and Run" and "Bananas" and his later, relationship-oriented films like "Annie Hall." The production runs through Feb. 12. For more information, call (310) 828-7519.

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No Internet a scary proposition in today's world

SETH BORENSTEIN
AP Science Writer

WASHINGTON If a day without Wikipedia was a bother, think bigger. In this plugged-in world, we would barely be able to cope if the entire Internet went down in a city, state or country for a day or a week.

Sure, we'd survive. People have done it. Countries have, as Egypt did last year during the anti-government protests. And most of civilization went along until the 1990s without the Internet. But now we're so intertwined socially, financially and industrially that suddenly going back to the 1980s would hit the world as hard as a natural disaster, experts say.

No email, Twitter or Facebook. No buying online. No stock trades. No just-in-time industrial shipping. No real-time tracking of diseases. It's gotten so that not just the entire Internet but individual websites such as Google are considered critical infrastructure, experts said.

"Nobody would die, but there would be a major hassle," said computer security expert Mikko Hypponen, chief research officer at F-Secure in Helsinki, Finland.

If an Internet outage lasted more than a day or two, the financial hit would be huge, with mass unemployment, said Ken Mayland, a former chief bank economist and president of ClearView Economics. Eugene Spafford, director of Purdue University's Center for Education and Research in Information Assurance and Security, worries about bank runs and general panic.

Psychologically, too, it could be wrenching.

"I think it's easier to get off heroin," said Lisa Welter of New York City, who weaned herself for a month last year

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

THIRD STREET PROMENADE

Downtown among nation's most alluring

A little luck and a whole lot of liveliness helped Santa Monica make Forbes Magazine's list of the nation's "most alluring" downtowns.

The magazine singled out the city by the sea in its report because of its beautiful beach setting, high-end shops and inventive restaurants that lure residents and visitors.

"But it's not just the rich and famous that can enjoy Santa Monica's Downtown – there are enough single-family homes and apartments spread out through the area to ensure that a lively mix of people can live and work near the downtown area," the magazine wrote.

Forbes collaborated with experts from Frommer's, one of the best selling travel guide companies in America, and Livability, a travel and analysis site that focuses on mid-sized or smaller towns. Forbes considered several factors including attractiveness, accessibility, diversity of offerings, shops, restaurants, proximity of parks and cultural options.

"We embraced the subjectivity that is inherent in a list like this, while still striving for benchmarks and criteria that we think make a great downtown," John Hood, a Livability spokesman, told the magazine.

Among those criteria they considered: entertainment options, navigability, attractive architecture and a thriving downtown.

"You've got a great six blocks or so of shopping, with a mix of local stores, boutiques and chains," Jason Clampet, senior online editor for Frommers.com, said about Santa Monica. "And unlike most of the rest of the region, you can really walk around and get by without a car."

A varied mix of smaller but interesting museums, galleries, and a busy nightlife scene also contribute to the reasons why Santa Monica earns a place on the list.

Other cities on the list include Chicago, Portland, Ore., Indianapolis, and Greenville, S.C.

KEVIN HERRERA

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MOB RULES
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Led by Kyrra Richards (left), Roosevelt Elementary students participate in an all-school synchronized flash mob on Wednesday.

Cold remedies can be fatal to pets

SUE MANNING
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES If you are too cold to be outside without a coat, your dog probably is too. If your cat eats just one of your acetaminophen cold or flu pills, it could be fatal.

Those are just a few of the tips experts offer to keep pets safe this winter. Here are some other basic cold-weather precautions with pets from experts and animal welfare organizations.

From the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals:

• Keep your dog leashed in the snow and make sure it has an ID tag. Dogs can lose scents in snow and get lost.

• Keep your dog's coat longer for warmth. If you have a short-haired pet, get a coat or sweater with a high collar or turtleneck that covers it from the base of its tail to its belly.

• Don't leave a pet unattended in a car. The vehicle can act

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Affordable housing 6 feet under

Editor:

I read your article about how City Hall plans to operate its Woodlawn Cemetery ("City Hall enters the mortuary business," page 1, Jan. 14-15), and I also read Monday's commentary by your columnist Bill Bauer about City Hall spending hundreds of millions of dollars of redevelopment money over a decade to build affordable housing in Santa Monica that is given to people from outside of our city ("RDA funding: $267 million going, going, gone," My Write, Jan. 16).

I wonder if City Hall is now going to similarly subsidize burial plots and funeral services for senior citizens and those below the poverty line who live outside, or even inside, of Santa Monica who need affordable funeral services?

Walter Greenberg
Santa Monica





Your column here

Elias Serna

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Ethnic studies good for all students

A BEAUTIFUL THING ABOUT MLK DAY is that regardless of where one stands on the political spectrum, it is a day of meditation on issues of race, class, oppression and struggles for social justice and equality.

As the sun began setting this Monday, I allowed myself a moment to reflect on race issues here in Santa Monica, going for a walk, and reading an AP story in the Daily Press on MLK. It described that MLK "was very human," he operated in a world of "turmoil and constant violence," and yet he was a visionary thinker who advocated dialogue as an undeniable instrument for achieving social justice. He, like the field of ethnic studies, served not only the black community, but other groups, and especially Euro-Americans.

Victoria Gray's letter importantly stressed that Santa Monica High School needs pro-active solutions to recent racial tensions ("Reactive, not proactive" Letters to the Editor, Jan.14-15). She also suggested curriculum changes. Samohi currently offers Harlem renaissance and Chicano literature (which I helped revive in 2000), but these are only offered as electives at the senior level. The freshman seminar was the idea of Mothers for Justice, and was meant to teach cultural diversity. The Association of Mexican American Educators (AMAE) believes more ethnic studies curriculum can inspire and interconnect students more.

Studies and programs prove that students of color do better academically when curriculum reflects their experience and they see the school space as their own. School board member Oscar de la Torre commented that youth involved in fights often experience family and economic difficulties and feel alienated at school. This also speaks to hiring teachers of color or educators that grew up in the Pico Neighborhood.

Policing and mediation is necessary, but limited. In 1998, after deadly gang fights in the Westside, community leaders deliberately opposed a police solution as the main solution. Throwing millions at the police department was not going to address our historical, social, educational problems. That organic movement created the social services of the Pico Youth & Family Center (PYFC).

AMAE also finds it unfortunate that the majority of students at Olympic High are Latino males. We have discussed suggesting a Social Justice Department at Samohi and Olympic which could house raza studies, African-American studies, ethnic studies, hip-hop studies, and LGBT studies (which recently became a charge from the state). This is a larger vision and would be a big endeavor. But so were Dr. King's ideas.

MLK and Malcolm X taught activists that intelligence, courage and language were key to a community's well-being. Their fights against racism, especially as they paid increasing attention to internationalism and inter-racial collaboration, also humanized whites. This was lost on Arizona Republicans like John McCain who attempted to block the campaign to give MLK a national holiday in the 1990s. One Republican legislator at the time falsely reasoned that MLK "only helped the colored people," implying whites were unaffiliated to racism.

A recent letter suggested race is obsolete. This "colorblindness," however, ignores that race is a daily and violent reality for some. Chicano/Mexican is not a race, but they do experience racism. Legal scholar Ian Haney-Lopez' "Racism On Trial" explains the complex legal, racial history of Chicanos in the Southwest. The racial make-up of Mexicans is predominantly Indian-mestizo but is also rich with black, Arab and Asian ancestry. The Chicano/Puerto Rican Mendez family desegregated schools in California in 1943.

But you would only learn this in an ethnic studies class.

Chicanos/Latinos are weathering another wave of anti-Latino racism, most vivid in Arizona. In Arizona, laws criminalize brown Americans and try to arrest their minds. Republicans recently destroyed a dynamic Chicano studies program in Tucson, banning Chicano history book "Occupied America," novels and even Shakespeare's "The Tempest." Republicans there have the institutional power to get away with racism.

On Saturday my daughter danced at the Santa Monica Symphony MLK Commemorative Concert. I felt so proud of her and the young dancers of Cabeza de Baca Cultural. Children did Aztec dance, sang the Tongva (original peoples of Santa Monica) welcome song, and performed ballet folclórico. As they marched off stage a voice announced, "we will now begin the official program." This made me think of how Latino/indigenous cultures are too easily marginalized, criminalized or relegated to the shadows.

AMAE and PYFC have for years developed raza/ethnic studies curriculum through day of the dead, Cesar Chavez and Malcolm X day events. Several AMAE members teach Chicano studies and most have taken these classes during college. Chicano studies contributed to our self-knowledge and identity, inspired us to teach, get PhDs and be civically responsible. Chicano studies encourages students to "return to the varrio," serving the underprivileged. What's missing is commitment from school leaders.

Chicano/ethnic studies were central to radical scholarship of the 1960s, which Edward Said called the "massive intellectual, moral, and imaginative overhaul and deconstruction of western representation of the non-western world." This was a global paradigm shift when knowledge became more diverse, accurate and less racist. Most take for granted the contributions of U.S. ethnic studies to lessons in literature, critical studies, history, women's studies, sociology and social sciences. Ethnic studies departments and scholars were the first to do important research into topics of race, class, gender, sexuality and the intersection of these.

I echo Gray's appropriate call for "proven racial empathy programs implemented at the school to teach our students about each other's cultures." In the true spirit of Dr. King's vision and persistence, Santa Monica can be exemplary in institutionalizing inclusive and innovative instruction. Indeed, ethnic studies curriculum is about building a better, interwoven school community and world.

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BROWN
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But the underlying theme of the speech was his tax plan, a budget approach that differs widely from that of many other governors who continue to scale back spending and downsize government amid falling revenues.

Within hours of his address, Brown's proposal was cleared to begin gathering signatures, and the governor hit the road for two days of appearances to sell the plan to teachers, business executives and civic leaders in Southern California. He reprised his speech several hours later in front of an invited audience thick with Democratic supporters at City Hall in Los Angeles.

Republicans who last year blocked a similar effort by Brown in which he asked the Legislature to put taxes before voters, said they remain deeply critical of his approach, which calls for $5.4 billion in cuts, mostly to schools, if voters reject the taxes. They said California's economy is already improving, and with tax receipts rebounding, the state can avoid such tax increases.

"If we don't get in the way of it, the state will turn around," said Senate Minority Leader Bob Huff, a Republican from Diamond Bar.

Brown said his temporary increases on income taxes for the wealthy and the state sales tax are the best options to end California's cycle of budget deficits and cutbacks to teachers, social service programs and health care services for the poor. He noted that his budget for the coming fiscal year closes a $9.2 billion deficit with a roughly equal proportion of spending cuts and tax increases.

Only a handful have embraced taxes to help stave off deeper cuts, including New York, where lawmakers last month approved a millionaire's tax that will also allow Gov. Andrew Cuomo, a Democrat, to pay for a middle-class tax break.

In Maryland, Democratic Gov. Martin O'Malley on Wednesday floated a sales tax increase as one option for raising hundreds of millions of dollars, in addition to a potential gas tax increase and a hike in the state's "flush" tax on sewers. He told reporters "no one in our state lost a house, lost a job or lost a business because of the additional penny on the sales tax, and that these bridges don't build themselves."

Washington Gov. Chris Gregoire and other Democrats there want voters to approve a temporary half-cent increase in the state sales tax, which they hope the Legislature will put on the ballot in time for a spring vote, and in Idaho, Democrats are considering hiking the cigarette tax by $1.25 a pack, to $1.82, although they face stiff opposition from Republicans who dominate the state Legislature.

New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie on Tuesday used his State of the State address to cast his home as the anti-tax state, taking a swipe at California and others where taxes are on the table.

"In this environment, the best way to compete is to show a different direction," Christie said. "Let others choose tax increases. We choose responsible tax cuts to give our overburdened citizens real relief."

Brown has said his tax hike would generate $7 billion a year through 2017, but the state legislative analyst's office differs on the amount of revenue likely to come from the wealthy and predicts Brown's plan would generate only about $4.8 billion a year.

The governor also faces competition from other Democratically aligned allies: At least two other groups are proposing their own tax initiatives for the ballot which could confuse voters and lead them to reject all the proposals.

Brown said Wednesday that he is prepared to make even more spending cuts in the year ahead because "the situation demands them," but also said imposing higher taxes, especially on the wealthy, was needed for a balanced approach.

And he made clear that he supports big infrastructure investments, such as a proposed $98 billion high-speed rail line linking northern and southern California that has come under harsh criticism from many fronts as the price tag more than doubled.

"Those who believe that California is in decline will naturally shrink back from such a strenuous undertaking," he said. "I understand that feeling but I don't share it, because I know this state and the spirit of the people who choose to live here."

He said he will have the elements of an "enormous" water project to ensure water for 25 million Californians and millions of acres of farmland by this summer.

Senate President Pro Tem Darrell Steinberg, D-Sacramento, said the governor combined a positive vision for California with a concrete path to getting there. He noted that deep cuts to social programs have left many Californians hurting.

Brown, who first served in the governor's office from 1975 to 1983, also gave a full endorsement of the state's future prospects. His father, who was governor from the late 1950s to the mid-1960s, is credited with overseeing the construction of the state's extensive water system and the expansion of its higher education system.

Brown said California's elected officials should have similar ambitions today, even amid the worst economy since the Great Depression. In addition to the maligned high-speed rail project and water, he promised to protect the environment, promote alternative energy and engage in a robust debate about how best to fix California's faltering schools.

Wednesday was the second State of the State address of Brown's third term in the governor's office.

The Q Line

Keeping the peace

Police and school officials reported last week that a rash of fights have broken out at Santa Monica High School recently. Some believe that the fights may be a sign of racial tensions on the campus.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
What do you think school officials should do to address the problem, or is this just a case of kids being kids?

Contact **qline@smdp.com** before **Friday at 5 p.m.** and we'll print your answers in the weekend edition of the Daily Press. You can also call **(310) 458-7737 ext. 107**.









Magical mystery tour through Turkey

BY HELEN ARIO
Special to the Daily Press

I am about to enter the country where Agatha Christie wrote "Murder on the Orient Express."

The magnetic pull of this historic destination and the idea that Marc Anthony gave the Turkish Riviera to Cleopatra for a wedding gift makes me lose track of my present reality. I am entering Turkey, a country like no other. This magical destination is a country bordering two continents filled with palaces, harems, hamams and of course shopping.

Upon arriving in Istanbul, I am offered expensive taxis and rental of private cars. Finding the shuttle into the city for less than $15 starts the journey. Istanbul has quite a few choices for mass transit, and even though the people do not speak English, everyone offers to help. The communication being a bit difficult, I have to resort to a simple combination of hand gestures and comical attempts at speaking Turkish.

As it is a Muslim country, I am expecting not to be welcomed as an American. I find the opposite to be true. Dressing respectfully by covering up my arms and legs is not a problem as I arrived in November and the temperatures make it impossible to go out without a warm jacket. I need an umbrella for the occasional rain, walking shoes, a bathing suit, scarf, jeans and coat. I travel light and leave my bags in Istanbul when I go to the south of Turkey. It is much easier to travel when not carrying a large suitcase.

Trying to get around town without changing money is difficult as this country uses the euro and the Turkish lira but I discovered that it is best to have Turkish lira handy as so many establishments want to exchange the dollar for a much lower rate than can be found at the changing offices or banks.

My suggestion for places to stay depend on which area of the city you would like to experience, as the three most popular areas to visit are in the Beyoglu, Sultanahmet or near the Bosphorus. If you happen to be a night owl, the Beyoglu area is located in the center of the shopping, trendy rooftop restaurants, cafes and nightclubs. Those who want to site-see and visit the Grand Bazaar, Egyptian (Spice) Bazaar, Blue Mosque and Aya Sophia, staying in the Sultanahmet District would be within walking distance.

Of course, those with extra money and the desire for a luxurious stay would most likely enjoy the Four Seasons on the Bosphorus which is one of the more elegant hotels in Istanbul. I stayed several days near the Bosphorus and then changed hotels and stayed in the Sultanahmet District also for a few days. The hotel on the Bosphorus was elegant and wonderful but staying at a small hotel in Sultanahmet gave me the opportunity to experience staying with a Turkish family who treated me with warmth and consideration not found in a large hotel.



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MOVING IT: **The famous whirling dervishes perform in a restaurant in Turkey.**

To acquaint myself with this city, I decide to take the bus tour (travel@tur-ista.com). The double-decker buses travel around the city and allow one to jump on and off at different sites.

The must see places are the Aya Sophia, constructed in the 6th Century and currently a museum; the Topkapi Palace, which was a residence of the Ottoman sultans for nearly 400 years; The Blue Mosque, which is one of the most beautiful working mosques in the world; and the Dolmabahce's Palace, the first European style palace built by Ottoman sultans in 1843.

While visiting the Topkapi Palace I start taking photographs of the beautiful peacocks as they are strutting about on the lawn. As I follow the peacocks, a young man gestures to me to follow him. I enter a large place filled with exotic birds. He guides me from room to room and am rewarded with a kiss on the check when I take his photo with the peacocks.

And for those of us who must shop, a stop at the Grand Bazaar with over 4,000

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CLEANING UP: **Turkish men wash their feet before prayer, a common practice.**

TURKEY

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shops will let you explore fashion, leather and fur jackets, designer handbags, Turkish carpets and jewelry.

I noticed everyone buying the pashmina scarfs. I would be on my guard as these were not authentic pashmina but cheap rayon scarfs of very poor quality. The fake Gucci boots at $250 did not really look like authentic Gucci but if someone wishes to pay over $200 for a leather boot with a "G" on the side then this is the place to shop. As for the Turkish carpet, I would be concerned as I did meet many carpet buyers from the Grand Bazaar bringing carpets from India. I had an office in India for many years so I did meet these buyers first hand.

While wandering on the side streets, one vendor invited me to the back of his shop where he proceeded to take out suitcases of fake watches. It was quite surprising as I felt like I was in some James Bond movie as trunks filled with fake watches were pulled out of large vaults. The prices of fake jewelry can be upwards from $300 so be prepared to haggle, as I found that you could easily drop the price by 30 to 50 percent. If you want to buy one of these watches, I think this would be the place as these copies looked much more authentic then watches I had seen in Thailand or Korea.

I am losing track of time inside the Grand Bazaar so I decide to relax at one of the small coffee shops and have baklava and Turkish coffee. Here you may have the possibility to find a fortune teller who will read your coffee grounds. Maybe the fortune teller will predict that you will make a killing in the gold market. The gold and silver market is another temptation in this shopping Mecca. Be sure you look at the price of gold and silver on the stock exchange before you purchase the gold by the gram as the prices are fluctuating by the minute.

I never did find out the names of the restaurants I enjoyed. I would be somewhere and feel the energy of the restaurant or hear the people in front of the restaurant trying to entice me to enter and I would go with the flow. For those who need to be at the most new and trendy restaurants, I suggest looking at www.istanbuleats.com.

A desire to see both sides of the Bosphorus can be done with either Bosphorus & Two Continents Cruise or taking the 90 minute ferry ride. The cruise is a relaxing and beautiful opportunity to sit back and admire the Dolmabahce Palace, the Beylerbeyi Palace and the Ciragan Palace, the ancient wooden villas, bridges, yacht club and all the homes and palaces that line the shore. The Bosphorus strait connects the Sea of Marmara to the Black Sea and separates Europe and Asia.

At the end of a long day and after reading "1,000 Places To See Before Your Die" by Patricia Schultz, I knew I had to go to Cagaloglu Hamam, a Turkish Bath to help you decompress. After leaving the Cagaloglu, my hair still dripping wet, I start to wander back to my hotel. A few streets away, I am starting to notice that my stomach is grumbling, I see the restaurant where the whirling dervishes are performing. I ask for a table and am told that I have to be very quiet as the dervishes go into a trance when they perform. It is hypnotic to watch them twirling and whirling in their white robes. I have just finished reading "Shantaram," and the mention of the dervishes in the book make this moment more exciting.

Within a few days of non-stop activity and with the lines of people and crowds in all the restaurants, I feel a desire to go to a more relaxed and sunny environment and shed my overcoat. It is time to fly, drive or take a train to the Turkish Riviera. I hop a flight to Marmaris where I stay at the Royal Maris Hotel, a very centrally located hotel with beautiful views of the sea. There's nothing like relaxing in the Turkish Riviera where the prices are reasonable for a lobster dinner at less than $30 and fresh caught fish can be found at all the seaside restaurants. I should also add that the diving in the Aegean Sea, while not the most exciting, was definitely the least expensive with two dives at less than $35.

The water taxis are available and depart to the different ports in the area and I also take a boat to Rhodes, Greece for the day, which is only a few hours away. The leisurely life of traveling around the south of Turkey is very different from the hectic pace of Istanbul.

While some countries have historical sites, romantic coves, delicious food, shopping or nightlife, Turkey is the seductive country with all the passion, food and seaside enchantment. I cannot imagine why I waited so long to come to Turkey.

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ENDORSEMENT

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prisons and how to provide affordable housing in the wake of the dissolution of California's redevelopment agencies.

While all candidates made a good showing, demonstrating their expertise on local issues, Osborn took it, Johnson said.

"She evidently impressed the membership and was inspirational in her appeal," Johnson said.

Osborn was thrilled with the win in Santa Monica, her hometown for the last 25 years.

"My message is resonating," she said. "We're in a time of crisis in California. There's a sense of urgency, and we have to get our priorities straight."

This is Osborn's second win in the area. The Malibu Democratic Club endorsed her on Jan. 8, and the Pacific Palisades club returned a "no endorsement" vote on Jan. 15.

Osborn's campaign drew criticism for the Malibu endorsement because her campaign encouraged new members to sign up before the December deadline, something which occurs often. Those new members' dues were paid with a single a check.

Santa Monica's club bylaws prohibit that practice. Those who intended to vote in Tuesday's endorsement had to have joined the club 30 days before the vote and had to pay their dues using accounts in their own name or which they control, according to the bylaws.

The results of the vote didn't surprise Bloom, who said the club had a history of partisanship.

"I think it's a reflection of the internal politics of the club, and not a reflection of the general voting public," Bloom said.

While the other candidates focused their energy on getting their supporters signed up for clubs and out to the endorsement votes, Bloom is working on his campaign and keeping up with his other responsibilities.

"I'm really focused not just on running for office, but doing my job as mayor and the other hats I wear on the Council of Governments, Coastal Commission and so forth," he said.

Osborn sees herself as a candidate in line with the area's values, and attributed her success to that rather than campaign tactics.

"My resume matches the values of this district," she said.

This weekend, delegates and other voting members for the state Democratic Convention will vote in a pre-endorsing vote. If any of the candidates in the 50th get 70 percent or more of the vote on Saturday, they will be placed on the consent agenda for the full California convention.

If not, according to the state party's bylaws, they can request to appear before the endorsing caucus. Butler, considered an incumbent even though she recently moved into the 50th following redistricting, would have to receive only 50-plus-one percent of the votes at that caucus, while either Bloom or Osborn would have to reach 60 percent, according to the bylaws.

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INTERNET

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from just the social aspects of the Internet — she still paid bills online — and felt as if she was "living in a cave."

"There would be a sense of loss: What would I do with my time?" said Kimberly Young, a psychologist who directs the Center for Internet Addiction and Recovery.

On Wednesday, certain websites, most prominently Wikipedia, went dark to protest legislation in Congress that would crack down on pirated movies and TV shows. It was a one-day stunt. But it raises questions about our connectedness.

It is possible that hackers, terrorists, accidents or even sunspots could take down the Internet and cause areas to become cut off and unreachable, said Spafford, one of the foremost experts on computer security. The U.S. and other developed nations have multiple and robust routing systems that make it unlikely large areas would be affected, but smaller countries could be vulnerable to nationwide outages, Hypponen said.

The world only has to look back one year to Egypt to see what a sudden unplugging could spawn.

The government of Hosni Mubarak tried to stop protests in January 2011 by switching off the Internet. The shutdown halted businesses, banking operations and — at the height of the demonstrations — the ability of the protest leaders to organize and communicate with one another.

During the five days that the Internet was out, anti-Mubarak activists had to rely on help from abroad to spread their news and update Web pages. The outage harmed protesters' ability to organize or to counter government propaganda that portrayed them as agents of foreign powers, said Ahmed Saleh, who was in charge of managing the Facebook page that was credited with mobilizing thousands of Egyptians to take to the streets.

With the shutdown, the protests swelled as people unable to follow minute-by-minute what was going on took to the streets.

"No Internet meant that more people went down and realized that this was for real. The protests grew, and so did the anger against the government domestically and internationally," Saleh said.

He said the lack of Internet also allowed him to "live the moment" because he was not distracted with tweeting and posting on Facebook or analyzing the situation. This, he said, strengthened real face-to-face connections between people.

Nicholas Christin, associate director of the Information Networking Institute at Carnegie Mellon University, said that while a prolonged Internet outage would be uncomfortable, it might also bring out the best in people.

"I think you would find that people are very resilient," he said. "We would go back to the libraries."

Christin said he has gone a week without the Internet as part of a vacation. The first few days were rough, he said, but then "it was fantastic."

Christin did it by choice. Others had it imposed on them because of weather disasters or financial problems. They weren't nostalgic about it.

For three days, Jill Williams lost the Internet and power because of a California windstorm last month. Her small business requires her to use email to plan events.

"Those three days I felt deprived," she recalled in an email, responding to a Twitter request for anecdotes about going Internetless. "The Internet has totally consumed my life, both business as well as pleasure."

Wyatt McMahon of the Virginia Bioinformatics Institute at Virginia Tech University was having a hard time Wednesday just dealing with the shutdown at Wikipedia, which he leans on as a first step in his searches in his field, which combines statistics and biology.

If the entire Internet were lost, "that would be beyond catastrophic. Every single day, every single hour, if not every 30 minutes, I am using the Internet for work," McMahon said. "So if anything like that were to happen, it would bring everything to a screeching halt."

SAMOHI

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"Amongst kids, there's a code of snitching," said Student Resource Officer Carlos Injaen. "They need to make sure they bring it to our attention so we can address it."

Students or parents can call the police dispatch line at (310)458-8491 if they'd like to report an incident, or 911 if an emergency occurs.

Kids can also go to their counselors or house administrators if they see anything, or to any adult on campus if they see a fight or other safety issue, said O House Principal Clara Herran.

The question and answer session took place during a regular meeting of the Samohi Parent Teacher Student Association.

The group had originally convened the panel to answer questions about safety pertaining to the shooting in Ocean Park.

On Jan. 5, however, students leaving track and field practice were approached by a group of other youth. Words were exchanged, there was name calling back and forth and a fight started which spilled onto Lincoln Boulevard.

The fight was gang-related, said Samohi Principal Laurel Fretz.

A passing driver called the police to report the fight, and the kids scattered. In the course of the investigation, it was revealed that one teen picked up a scooter and swung it at another.

The fight, and subsequent spin-off fights on campus, resulted in four suspensions, Fretz said.

In reaction to the violence, police stepped up patrols around the school, and campus adults maintained a visible presence on during lunch and other active times.

Oscar de la Torre, director of the Pico Youth & Family Center and member of the Board of Education, partnered with the school to lead a mediation for approximately 30 students involved in the conflicts.

The girls managed to make commitments to one another to keep the peace. de la Torre plans to follow up with the boys involved, and hopes for a similar outcome.

"Violence is the language of the inarticulate," de la Torre said Wednesday. "If we cannot dialogue, we cannot attain peace."

At the end of the meeting, parents remained concerned about their children's safety, particularly for athletes that leave the campus later at night after the police presence has largely ended.

It didn't help that at that moment, police were chasing a suspect from a traffic stop across campus.

Lynn Sturgis, a parent and district employee, was unhappy that the parents assembled didn't receive more concrete information on how to keep their children safe while on campus.

Chuntae Johnson, another parent, also walked away unsatisfied, but for a different reason.

"They weren't given time to respond," Johnson said, referring to the panel of district officials and police.

Furthermore, not everything that has happened took place on campus, which makes it more of a police issue, Johnson said.

"There's only so much the school can do," she said.

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PETS
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like a refrigerator, holding in the cold and freezing your pet to death.

• Puppies may be difficult to housebreak in winter. If weather bothers a puppy, try paper-training indoors.

• Make sure your pet has a warm place to sleep, away from drafts and if possible, off the floor.

• Outdoor cats and wildlife will often sleep under hoods of cars. Bang on the hood before starting the car to give the animal a chance to escape.

From the Colorado State University Veterinary Teaching Hospital:

• Pets, like people, are vulnerable to hypothermia and frostbite. Get your pet to a vet if it is shivering, disoriented and lethargic or if its hair is puffed out and standing on end. Frostbite can turn skin bright red, pale or black. Skin at the tips of ears and on extremities, including reproductive organs, are particularly at risk.

• Antifreeze can be fatal to a pet, even in small amounts. They will need immediate emergency care. Symptoms of antifreeze poisoning include drunk-like behavior, vomiting, excessive urination, drinking and depression. Pets may appear to recover within a few hours, but the antifreeze continues to poison their systems and is often fatal. Don't ever dump antifreeze on the ground, and store it away from pets. If there is a spill, sop it up immediately.

From the Humane Society of the United States:

• Dogs kept outdoors should have a dry, draft-free doghouse big enough for the dog to sit and lie down in comfortably but small enough to hold its body heat. The floor should be a few inches off the ground and covered with cedar shavings or straw. The house should face away from wind and the doorway should be covered with waterproof burlap or heavy plastic.

• Use plastic food and water bowls instead of metal because your pet's tongue can stick and freeze to metal.

From the ASPCA's Animal Poison Control Center in Urbana, Ill.:

• Use pet-friendly versions of products that melt ice on steps, driveways and sidewalks. Products like Safe Paw and Safe-T-Pet avoid chemicals that irritate pets' paws (and their stomachs, if they lick their paws). The pet-friendly products are usually colored so you can also see where you've sprinkled them, said Dr. Camille DeClementi, the Animal Poison Control Center's senior toxicologist.

• Keep pets away from medication commonly used during cold and flu season. Two hours after an average cat eats just one tablet containing 500 grams of acetaminophen, it may start having trouble breathing. In addition to gasping, other life-threatening signs of acetaminophen poisoning in cats that require immediate veterinary care include swollen face and paws, lethargy, and discolored gums, DeClementi said.

• Dogs are less sensitive to acetaminophen because they tend to be bigger, but four or five of the pills eaten by a 50-pound dog can cause liver failure, she said. If a dog eats your decongestant and it contains pseudoephedrine, the animal can experience a racing heart, tremors and even seizures.

• Keep pets away from heating pads. They can get a shock from chewing on electric cords and can be poisoned by chewing on iron oxide pads, DeClementi said.

• Watch where you place baits and poison to kill rodents that find their way into homes to get warm in winter, DeClementi said.

From the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Los Angeles shelter:

• Brush your dog regularly because heaters dry the air and deplete moisture from your pet's skin and fur.

• Monitor older or sick pets that might be more sensitive to colder weather.

• Never leave a portable heater unattended with pets around.

• Add a blanket to the pet portion of your family's emergency preparedness kit.

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MOVIE REVIEW

A marriage gone awry

BY CYNTHIA CITRON

"A Separation" is probably one of the best films of the year. But it should come with a warning label, because it is not for the faint of heart. It is so intense that it can tie your stomach in knots, and you may have a hard time breathing. A woman a few seats from me sobbed through the whole thing.

The film is a slice-of-life, or rather, a large unhappy chunk-of-life, set in modern Iran. Made by Asghar Farhadi, a writer/director you've probably never heard of, and starring marvelous actors you've probably never seen before and whose names are unfamiliar, "A Separation" is a Kafkaesque look at a marriage that is unwittingly being pulled apart by circumstances that nobody seems able to stop.

The husband has a mid-level job and they live fairly comfortably, but the wife (Leila Hatami), feeling bogged down, wants to leave the country and begin a new life abroad. Her husband Nader (Peyman Moadi), however, will not leave his father, who lives with them and requires constant care. He has Alzheimer's, which prompts the wife to protest, "But he doesn't even know you. He doesn't know you are his son" To which the husband replies, "Yes, but I know I am his son."

Frustrated and unhappy, the wife, who has had the responsibility of taking care of her father-in-law, instigates a trial separation and goes to live with her family. Their studious 11-year-old daughter (Sarina Farhadi) stays behind with her father.

Enter Razieh (Sareh Bayat), a poor lady whose angry and volatile husband is out of work. She takes on the job of caring for the old man, but insists that it be kept secret from her husband, as he would forbid her working. Further complicating her life is the fact that she is pregnant, although you might never suspect it under the voluminous chador she wears at all times.

As the plot thickens, Razieh abruptly leaves the old man alone as she rushes off on an errand of her own. He is asleep, so she ties him to his bed and locks his door so that he will not wander around while she is gone. But Nader, returning home, discovers his father unconscious on the floor and nearly dead.

Distraught, Nader fires Razieh when she returns, and when she protests, he forcibly evicts her from the apartment. Whereupon she falls on the stairway, is rushed to the hospital, and miscarries her baby.

Razieh's hotheaded husband initiates a lawsuit charging Nader with the murder of the baby, and Nader is carted off to jail.

This operatic plot is carried on at top volume, as everyone continually shouts at everyone else — and frequently all at the same time. But there is no real villain in the piece. Nader is a decent man, harassed and conflicted, who is enveloped in dramatic circumstances and a web of lies. And the story is almost less important than the glimpse of life in an oppressively restrictive society that the viewer is engulfed by.

Tehran, sun-drenched and clotted with traffic, is a tangible presence; the indifference of a bustling city provides a sharp contrast to the claustrophobic intensity of this besieged family. And the inevitable ending is both sad and shocking. I did not see it coming.

"A Separation" is playing now in theaters around Los Angeles. It's a fascinating study of a culture that is both different from ours and, in many ways, very recognizable.

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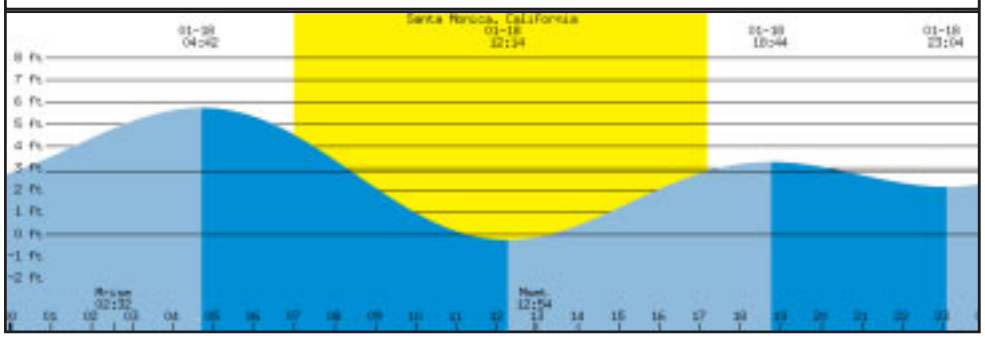
Swell Forecast

NW swell come ashore, hitting SB/VC early in the day, and finally SD mid to late morning. Size should run head high at most west facing breaks with pluses at standouts going about 2' overhead.

Long Range Synopsis

NW is expected to back off a bit, more along the lines of chest to at times head high for west facing breaks.

Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica



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- Number of sewage spills -- 0
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 3
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 29 / 17
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 0 / 0

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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 Lechuza and Las Alias creeks.	ns	ns
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	ns
Dread Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A+	B
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	D	D
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	F	F
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A+	ns
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	F
Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach.	F	ns
Pearce State Beach at creek mouth.	D	D
Marie Canyon storm drain at Pearce Beach, at 24672 Malibu Rd.	A+	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	A+
Surfrider Beach (beach location)- daily.	F	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	A+	F
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	B	F
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	ns
Big Rock Beach at 19648 PCH stairs.	A	A+
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	A+	A+
Tuna Canyon.	A+	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	C	F
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at 17308 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	A+

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

JOHN CARUCCI
Associated Press

NEW YORK In a move to engage young people worldwide, Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton has named Kareem Abdul-Jabbar as a global cultural ambassador.

The NBA Hall of Famer and all-time scoring leader will promote the importance of education, social and racial tolerance, cultural understanding and using sports as a means of empowerment.

His appointment was announced Wednesday by the State Department.

"It's a great honor and I'm thrilled that they see me as the person that could get this done," he said in a phone interview.

The 64-year-old said he remembers a similar program under President John F. Kennedy where speakers came to his school in Harlem.

"So now I get to follow in the footsteps of one my heroes," he said.

Ann Stock, assistant secretary of state for education and cultural affairs, said Abdul-Jabbar will travel the world to engage a generation of young people to help promote diplomacy.

Stock said Tuesday the appointment is part of Clinton's vision of "Smart Power" that combines diplomacy, defense and development to "bridge the gap in a tense world through young people."

Abdul-Jabbar said he will share his take on life in America, adding: "I'll be doing a few basketball clinics, too."

He will make his first official trip Sunday when he travels to Brazil for a number of events centering on education.

"I look forward to meeting with young people all over the world and discussing ways in which we can strengthen our understanding of one another through education, through sports and through greater cultural tolerance," he said.

Since his retirement in 1989, Abdul-Jabbar has been involved in projects focused on African-American history and socio-economic justice. His 2011 documentary, "On the Shoulders of Giants," sought to highlight these issues. He has also launched the Skyhook Foundation, which works to improve children's lives through education and sports.

Last year, he received the Lincoln Medal for his commitment to education, understanding and equality and his contributions that exemplify President Abraham Lincoln's legacy.

His latest book, "What Color Is My World?: The Lost History of African-American Inventors," was released earlier this month.

He says Clinton told him: "In Brazil, they would be shocked to find out black Americans were so much involved inventing so many useful items that we use today."

Abdul-Jabbar scored 38,387 points during his 20-year NBA career with the Milwaukee Bucks and Los Angeles Lakers.

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Golden Age (NR)1hr
The Young And The Damned (NR) 1hr 25min
7:30pm

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Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked (G) 1hr 27min
1:45pm, 4:30pm, 7:00pm

We Bought a Zoo (PG) 2hrs 04min
1:10pm, 4:05pm, 7:00pm, 10:15pm

Young Adult (R) 1hr 34min
9:30pm

Girl With the Dragon Tattoo (R) 2hrs 40min
1:15pm, 4:50pm, 8:30pm

My Week with Marilyn (R) 1hr 36min
1:30pm, 4:20pm, 7:05pm, 9:45pm

AMC 7 Santa Monica
1310 Third St.
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Beauty and the Beast (G) 1hr 24min
11:30am, 2:00pm

Beauty and the Beast 3D (G) 1hr 24min
4:30pm, 7:00pm, 9:30pm

Underworld: Awakening 3D (R) 1hr 28min
12:01am

Mission: Impossible - Ghost Protocol (PG-13) 2hrs 12min
12:45pm, 4:05pm, 7:15pm, 10:25pm

War Horse (PG-13) 2hrs 26min
12:30pm, 4:00pm, 7:20pm, 10:30pm

Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows (PG-13) 2hrs 08min
12:15pm, 3:30pm, 7:00pm

Iron Lady (PG-13) 1hr 45min
11:15am, 2:10pm, 5:00pm, 7:55pm, 10:30pm

Girl With the Dragon Tattoo (R) 2hrs 40min
11:50am, 3:40pm, 7:10pm, 10:30pm

Contraband (R) 1hr 50min
11:20am, 2:05pm, 4:50pm, 7:40pm, 10:25pm

Red Tails (PG-13) 2hrs 00min
12:01am

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Descendants (R) 1hr 55min
1:20pm, 4:10pm, 7:00pm, 9:45pm

Artist (PG-13) 1hr 40min
1:30pm, 4:20pm, 7:10pm, 9:45pm

Dangerous Method (R) 1hr 39min
1:50pm, 4:30pm, 7:20pm, 9:50pm

Shame (NC-17) 1hr 39min
1:40pm, 4:40pm, 7:30pm, 10:10pm

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Adventures of Tintin (PG) 1hr 41min
2:15pm, 7:50pm

Mission: Impossible - Ghost Protocol (PG-13) 2hrs 12min
12:00pm, 3:15pm, 6:25pm, 9:40pm

Hugo 3D (PG) 2hrs 07min
12:30pm, 3:40pm, 7:00pm, 10:10pm

Joyful Noise (PG-13) 1hr 58min
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Adventures of Tintin 3D (PG) 1hr 41min
11:30am, 5:05pm, 10:30pm

Devil Inside (R) 1hr 27min
11:50am, 2:25pm, 4:45pm, 7:15pm, 9:50pm

Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy (R) 2hrs 07min
12:05pm, 3:25pm, 6:45pm, 10:00pm

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

Think 'weekend,' Pisces

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ You will tend to go overboard, no matter what your intentions are. You want someone to know that he or she is welcomed and cared about. Nothing can undermine these good feelings, unless the other person is a cynic and cannot accept caring. Tonight: Break past a restriction.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ You might want to rethink an agreement with a partner or associate, especially as you might feel like something is off. This discussion could be a lot more important than you think. Understand that often you resist the challenging path. Tonight: Go along with a partner's suggestion.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Be smart and allow someone else to take the lead. You might question what is best. You cannot always be a leader, and allowing someone else to assume the role is wise. Tonight: If you don't feel like doing anything, don't.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Pace yourself, realizing when enough is enough. You could be unusually tired and dragging. You tend to go to extremes emotionally, losing self-discipline with fatigue. Tonight: Make it easy for yourself.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Suppressing your imagination is close to impossible. Funnel some creativity into your work, if need be. A flirtation could take on a life of its own. If you are attached, do be careful not to push your limits. Tonight: Charge some of this energy into fun!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ Tension seems to build from within. Whatever you are doing is causing a conflict. Listen to your inner voice, and realign your activities to what suits you. Spending more time at home could be a good long-term goal. Think home office or business. Tonight: At home.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Keep communicating the basics about a situation. When you do so in your charming style, the people involved might be more taken in by your style than by your message. Sprinkle in some seriousness, and you will convey your message clearly. Tonight: Break patterns.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Indulging a child or loved one could be great fun, but be aware of the costs of such actions, emotionally and financially. Use a little more self-discipline, and the end results could be far more rewarding. Know your limits. Tonight: Hang out.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You are feeling empowered, and want to help others feel the same. Though you are generous of spirit, others might not be ready to receive it. In fact, a friend could be most negative as he or she attempts to deal with your efforts. Let this person be. Tonight: Only what you want.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ Note a tendency to personalize comments. Pull back some, and recognize that everyone's world centers around him or her. With this type of behavior, wounded feelings could trigger easily. On the other hand, someone might be so complimentary that you might not trust him or her. Tonight: Do your thing.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Manifest your true desires, as others seem willing to help you. Curb spending, even if you think you are on the victory trail. Playing it conservative with finances can never hurt, and could be wise. Tonight: Find your friends.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ You handle responsibilities well, though you could be drained by another's cold exterior. Don't hesitate to ask for the feedback you need. Tonight: Think "weekend."

Happy birthday

This year you choose to keep much of your life hush-hush. At least many of your feelings about what surrounds you will not be known to anyone but you. Being this diplomatic could be problematic, as you could be misunderstand. Do keep your own counsel, yet choose to express yourself. It is important to let others know where you are coming from. If you are single, someone you choose might be withdrawn and secretive. Be careful. If you are attached, share more, and your relationship will bloom. It is how you say what you feel that counts. SAGITTARIUS sees past your defenses.

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★★★★ Positive ★ Difficult
★★★ Average

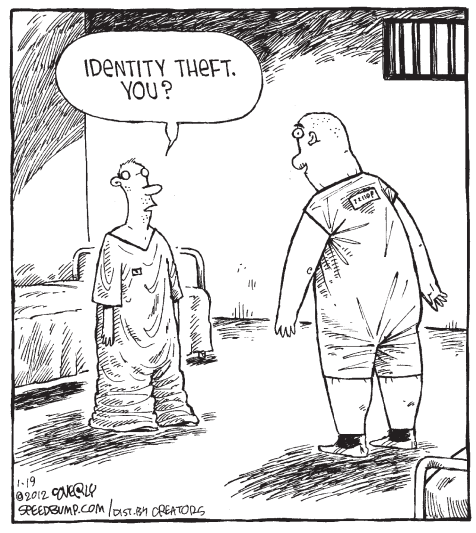


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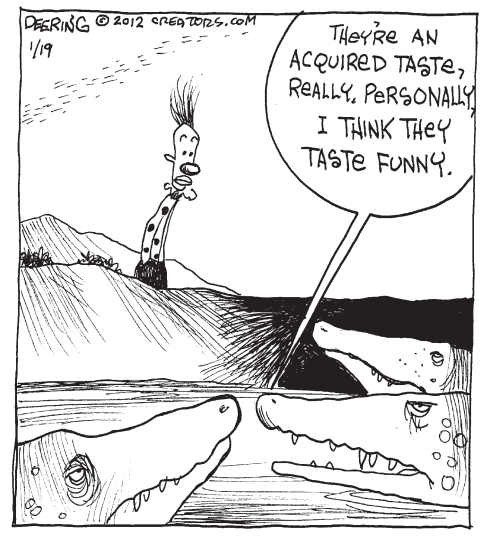
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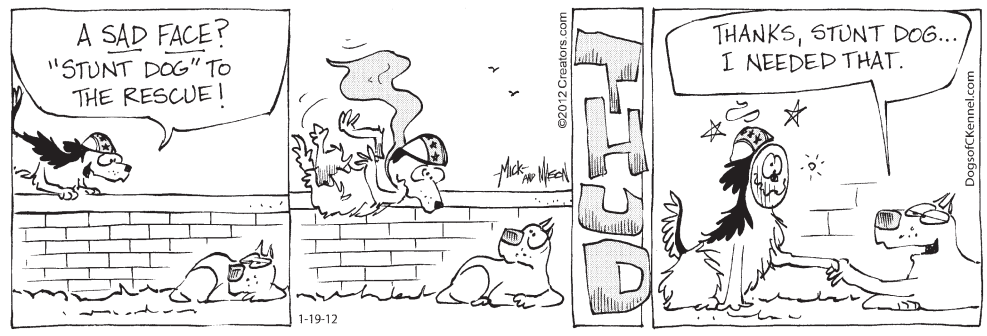
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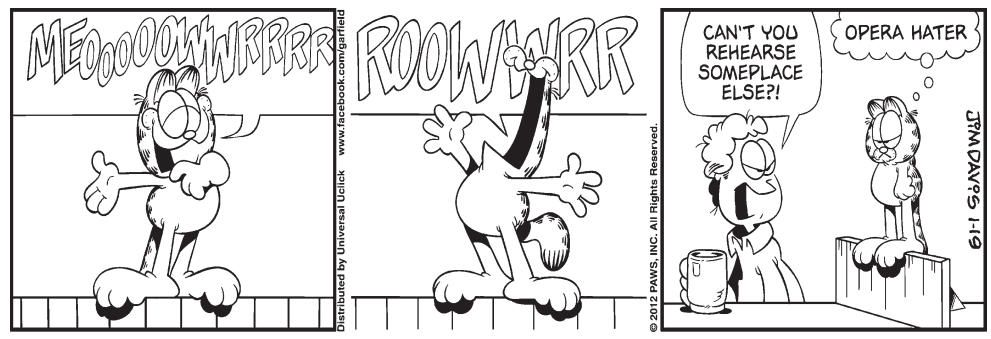
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Sudoku

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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		1				7		
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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

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



CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 First name?
5 Lists of candidates
11 Asian monk
12 Dress size
13 Guitar boosters
14 Right away
15 Prism production
17 Piston connector
18 Pan, for one
22 Poles on ships
24 Point count
25 Alias letters
26 Try out
27 Singer Ronstadt
30 Comics unit
32 Almanac section
33 Finish
34 Canopy supports, perhaps
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41 Mob action
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45 Shoelace problem

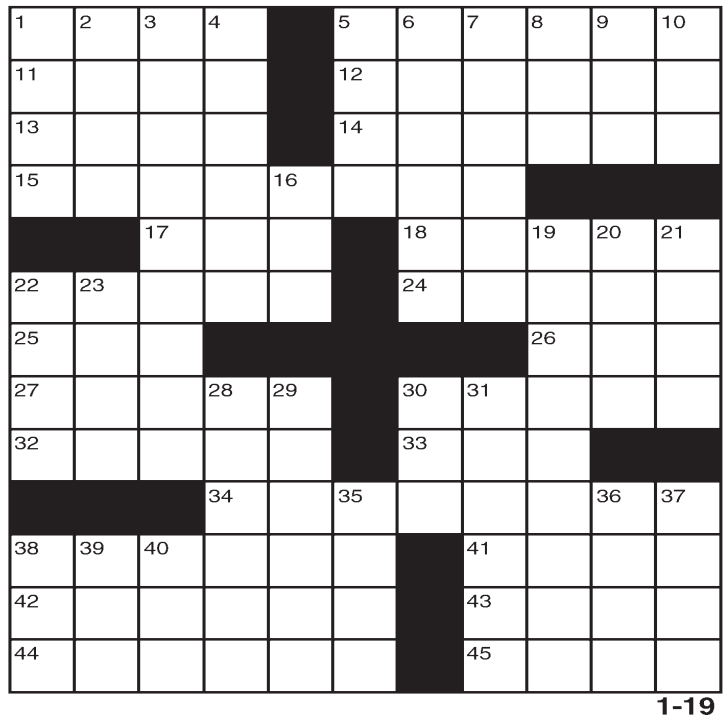
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1 Weary word
2 Humid
3 It's paired with 7
4 Team symbol
5 Rigging support
6 Pauses
7 Like some clocks
8 Badge metal
9 List-ending abbr.
10 Spot
16 Six-pt. scores
19 It's paired with 3
20 Gaelic
21 Stagger
22 Niger neighbor
23 Related
28 Campaign event
29 Company firer
30 Vigor
31 Hooded jacket
35 Tabloid fodder
36 Matador's foe
37 Right away, in the ER
38 Easy mark
39 Gardner of "Mogambo"
40 Back muscle, briefly

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A	L	O	E	■	E	X	H	A	L	E
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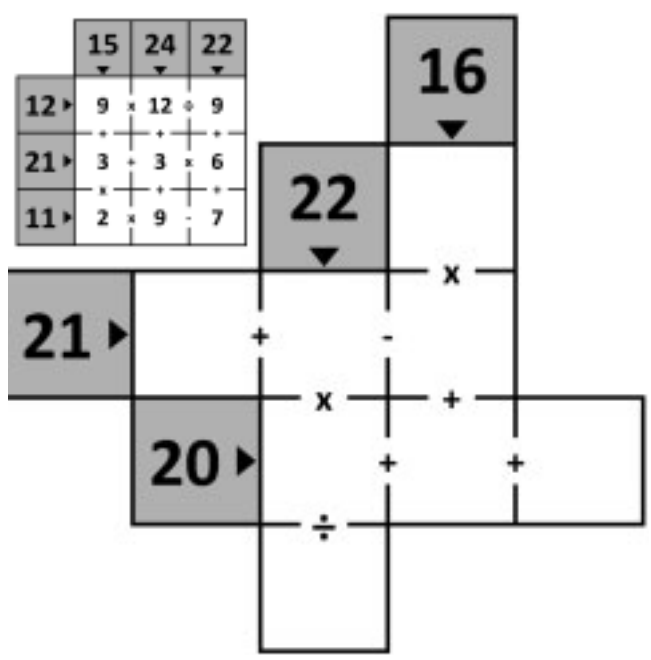
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ (1) Dan D'Amato, 45, partying in an Orlando, Fla., motel room in December, was accidentally shot by a stranger who was having a dispute with another partygoer. Later, as his wounded hip was being treated at a hospital, doctors discovered and removed two "huge" tumors in D'Amato's abdomen that had so far gone unnoticed. The tumors were not cancerous but had they not been found, they would soon have disabled him. (2) At a home in Taylorsville, Utah, in December, one housemate who was pursuing a mouse in the kitchen accidentally shot another housemate. As police investigated, they discovered a 13-year-old girl hiding in a closet. A third housemate, Paul Kunzler, 28, was then arrested and charged with carrying on a months-long sexual relationship with her.

■ John Whittle, 52, was charged in December with robbing a Wells Fargo Bank in Port Richey, Fla. According to police, Whittle ordered a beer at the Hayloft Bar shortly after 1 p.m., then excused himself, and a few minutes later, returned to finish his beer. In the interim, police said later, Whittle had walked down the street to the bank and robbed it.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1975 – An earthquake strikes Himachal Pradesh, India

1977 – President Gerald Ford pardons Iva Toguri D'Aquino (a.k.a. "Tokyo Rose").

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1978 – The last Volkswagen Beetle made in Germany leaves VW's plant in Emden. Beetle production in Latin America would continue until 2003.

1981 – Iran Hostage Crisis: United States and Iranian officials sign an agreement to release 52 American hostages after 14 months of captivity.

1983 – Nazi war criminal Klaus Barbie is arrested in Bolivia.

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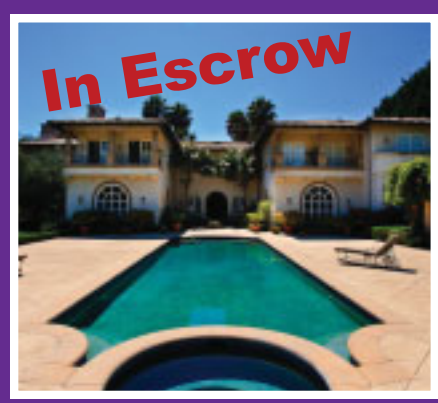
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