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THE MAKING HISTORY ISSUE

Cops need help finding vehicle in hit-and-run

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY Investigators with the Santa Monica Police Department are asking for the public's help in locating a vehicle involved in a felony hit-and-run accident that seriously injured a bike rider.

It was the 13th hit-and-run accident in Santa Monica so far this year, said SMPD Investigator Chris Dawson. There were 612 such accidents in 2008.

Police said the latest hit-and-run occurred on Jan. 17 at about 12:30 a.m. A 33-year-old bicyclist was riding southbound on 20th Street at Arizona avenue when he was struck by an unknown vehicle. After striking the cyclist, the driver ran over the bicycle and the rider's body and then left the scene without rendering assistance or calling the police.

The victim was transported to a local hospital in critical condition. He suffered severe head trauma, multiple fractures to his torso and one of his legs was broken, Dawson said.

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Meals on Wheels volunteers save life

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Special to the Daily Press

SUNSET PARK Meals on Wheels volunteers saved the life of an elderly Santa Monica resident whom they found in her home bleeding profusely from an open head wound.

When Meals on Wheels volunteers Bob Sandler and his partner came to serve her lunch at noon on Jan. 5, Ruth Barkley, 82, was perched on the corner of her floral-patterned couch, drenched in blood that was spilling out of a two-inch gash in the back of her head. They immediately called 911 and the ambulance rushed Barkley to Kaiser Permanente where she received seven stitches.

Barkley doesn't remember much of what

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Byron Kennerly *news@smdp.com*

SINGING LOUD AND PROUD: **The Rev. William H. Knight sings during the 24th annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration at the SGI Center on Monday.**

Realizing King's dream

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

WILSHIRE BLVD On the day before the inauguration of the nation's first black president, hundreds of people gathered here to honor the life of a man whose activism more than 40 years ago helped make the historic election possible.

The celebration on Monday of Martin Luther King Jr.'s 80th birthday focused on how the dreams of one civil rights leader were finally being realized through the installation today of President-elect Barack Obama and how his teachings still apply.

"It's more than coincidental the celebration of Martin occurs the day before the inauguration," said Darlene Evans, who chairs the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Westside Coalition.

The organization hosted its 24th annual tribute to the late activist at the SGI-USA World Headquarters Auditorium, featuring musical performances by the Angel City Chorale and The Rev. William H. Knight and recognizing two long-time volunteers who recently died.

The celebration was the culmination of a week's worth of events, including the Interfaith Prayer Breakfast on Jan. 15, which is King's actual birthday, and a concert on Sunday featuring the Santa Monica Symphony Orchestra.

The finale focused on the theme of change, centering around Mahatma Gandhi's quote, "Be the change you want to see in the world."

According to the speakers, change was imminent.

"There is a spirit in the room and the spirit is at 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. 24 hours from now," Nat Trives, who co-founded the coalition, said.

The keynote address was given by Anwarul Chowdhury, who is the former United Nations under secretary-general and high representative for the least developed countries, landlocked developing countries, and small island developing states.

Chowdhury was selected as a last-minute

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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA AND SURROUNDS



Inauguration Day Watch and Party
Church in Ocean Park
235 Hill St., 8 a.m. — 10 p.m.
Watch President-elect Barack Obama's inauguration at the Church in Ocean Park. Enjoy a continental breakfast, followed by a career fair and job counseling between 1 p.m. and 5 p.m., after which the Church in Ocean Park will host their own Inaugural Ball. Call (310) 399-1631 for more information.

Toddler Story Time for Two's
Ocean Park Branch Library
2601 Main St., 10 a.m. — 11 a.m.
Bring two-year-old children to Mr. Jesse's Toddler Story Time for Two's for stories, songs, rhymes and puppets. Registration is required. Call (310) 458-4638 for more information.

Autism: The Musical
Fairview Branch Library
2101 Ocean Park Blvd., 7 p.m. — 9 p.m.
Come to Fairview Branch Library for a free screening of Autism: The Musical, a documentary about the transformation of five autistic children in Los Angeles as they develop and rehearse an original musical about autism. Call (31-) 450-0443 for more information.

Birds: The Local Story
Temescal Gateway Park
15601 Sunset Blvd., 7:30 p.m. — 9 p.m.
Join Santa Monica College biology professor Walt Sakai for a discussion about birds and his own efforts to study them. Meet at Woodland Hall. Call (310) 858-7272 ext. 115 for more information, or e-mail tracy.young@mrca.ca.gov.

Wednesday, Jan. 21, 2009

Kiwanis Club Weekly Meeting
Santa Monica YMCA
1332 6th St., 12 p.m. — 1:30 p.m.
Join the Santa Monica Kiwanis Club for its weekly luncheon with guest speakers. Call (310) 613-1249 for more information.

Walk The Labyrinth
First United Methodist Church of Santa Monica
1008 11th St., 1 p.m. — 2 p.m.
Come to the Simkins Hall at First United Methodist Church in Santa Monica to walk the labyrinth, an ancient form of meditation where one follows an inlaid path in quiet contemplation. Call (310) 393-8258 or e-mail Mary Garbesi at mary.garbesi@santamonicaumc.org for more information.

The 12 Steps for Everybody
16730 Bollinger Dr., Pacific Palisades, 7 p.m. — 8 p.m.
Come to a writing meeting open to all 12-Step programs or anyone with a habitual problem or illness. Call (310) 428-0904 or e-mail Frank Loweree at f.loweree@verizon.net.

"Island of the Great White Shark" Free Film Screening
Santa Monica Main Library, MLK Auditorium
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 7 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.
Heal the Bay's Santa Monica Pier Aquarium hosts a free screening of "Island of the Great White Shark," an award-winning documentary about the role of great white sharks in the ecosystem. Filmmaker Richard Theiss will lead a question and answer session after the film.

Montana Branch Book Club
Montana Ave. Branch Library
1704 Montana Ave., 7 p.m. — 8 p.m.
Come to discuss Joshua Henkin's "Matrimony."

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.



HARD HITTING

Morgan Genser *news@smdp.com*

(Left) Forward Stephanie Becerra of the Santa Monica High School girls soccer team closes her eyes and braces herself for impact with forward Natasha Wachtel of the Marymount girls varsity soccer team at Samohi on Jan. 17 in a Southern Section, non league game. Marymount won the game 1-0 and improves their record to 6 wins 3 loses and 2 ties.

Front and center

Samohi graduate a member of the president's band

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

WASHINGTON, D.C. When it comes to President-elect Barack Obama's inauguration today, Tessa Gross has one of the best seats in the house. It only took her some 20 years of hard work and her enlistment in the Marine Corps.

Gross, 25, a graduate of Santa Monica High School, is a member of "The President's Own" United States Marine Band, Obama's personal musicians who perform everything from "Hail to the Chief" to more modern tunes at more than 500 public performances across the nation each year.

As a member playing both the oboe and English horn, Gross, whose love of music can be traced back to her days at Franklin Elementary School, will be seated directly below the podium where Obama will take the oath of office, becoming the first African-American president. It's one of the perks of playing in the president's band, a perk that comes with sacrifice.

"We are constantly rehearsing and performing so we are always working," said Gross, who graduated from Samohi in 2001 before earning a master's degree in orchestral performance from the Manhattan School of Music. "It's a lot of work, long hours at times, but it's pretty exciting. I can't wait to just look out at everyone standing there. We did our rehearsal and a lot of people were already there watching us at the crack of dawn.

"I just wanted a job last June and now I'm here."

Founded in 1798 by an act of Congress, "The President's Own" United States Marine Band is America's oldest professional musical organization. "The President's Own" encompasses the United States Marine Band, Marine Chamber Orchestra, and Marine Chamber Ensembles, and performs regularly at the White House. Gross and her fellow marines will be playing at all 10 of the official inaugural balls.

To become a member of the band, Gross not only had to go through a series of interviews and auditions, she also had to join the Marines, something which she never dreamed she would do.

"It's nice being a part of it, and my job of being a very nice musician is very nice," Gross said.

As a member of the band, Gross is not expected to fight. She is merely a musician providing entertainment, and she likes it that way. That said, the uniforms she and her bandmates wear carry a reminder of the role former band members played in war. The red uniform is a stark contrast to those worn by soldiers, a way of warning the enemy that they are not combatants.

If it wasn't for her sister playing the flute

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Larkspur Landing sold for $65 million

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LARKSPUR, Calif. The Larkspur Landing shopping center in Marin County has been sold for $65 million.

Santa Monica-based real estate group J.S. Rosenfield & Co. announced the purchase last week.

The company is proposing new facades, an outdoor eating area and a children's playground. The proposed renovations, which would also include building upgrades, must be approved by the city.

Larkspur Landing was built in 1978, and houses a 173,000 square foot retail center. The tenant mix includes Bed, Bath and Beyond and 24 Hour Fitness. The center was acquired in 2004 by Inland Western Retail Real Estate Trust Inc. J.S. Rosenfield & Co. also owns the Brentwood Country Mart in Los Angeles and Fallbrook Center in West Hills, among other properties.

COMMUNITY BRIEF

CITYWIDE

Obama-vision

In honor of the historic significance of President-elect Barack Obama's inauguration, City Hall and Santa Monica College are offering free public screenings of the event today at various locations across town. The public is invited to watch Obama be sworn in as president, the inaugural address and other activities.

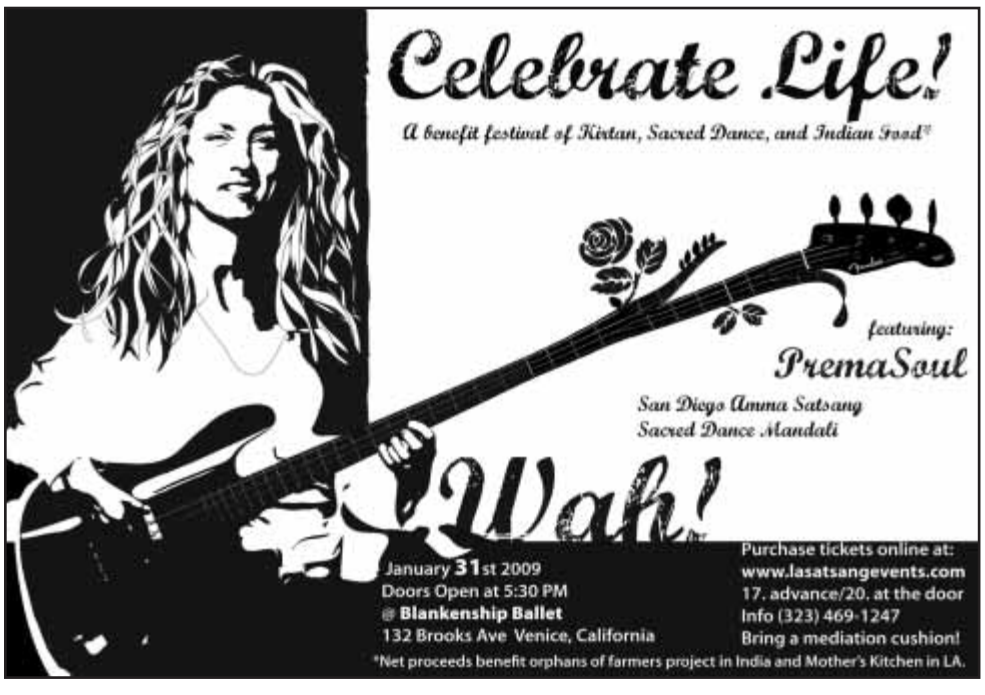
City Hall and community organizations anticipate that hundreds of people will want to share in this special event together, and are offering the following sites for free public viewings. The swearing-in ceremony begins at 8:30 a.m. All viewings are on a first-come, first-served basis.

• The Eli & Edythe Broad Stage in the SMC Performing Arts complex, 1310 11th St., will begin seating at 8 a.m. Free parking is available in the lot at Santa Monica Boulevard and 11th Street. Accommodates approximately 500 people.

• The Martin Luther King, Jr. Auditorium at the Santa Monica Main Public Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., will be open at 8 a.m. for approximately 140 people.

• On the east side of the city, the Thelma Terry Building Multipurpose Room, Virginia Avenue Park, 2200 Virginia Ave. will offer seating for 80. This Virginia Avenue Park location will also show any available replays throughout the afternoon.

• Council Chambers will also be open at 7:30 a.m., with seating for up to 100. DAILY PRESS





LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Send comments to editor@smdp.com

The final solution

Editor:

I have followed the controversy regarding the stairs, and common areas near Adelaide and Fourth Street with interest. I live on Berkeley Street in Santa Monica, near Brentwood, and I am also tired of people running up and down the sidewalk in front of our house. I am also growing weary of cars using our street just to get to other parts of Santa Monica, or Los Angeles. All of our Santa Monica neighborhoods need to take action against these intrusive, noisy, and often inconsiderate outsiders. Permit parking is a great start, but we need a final solution once and for all.

I think we should simply issue neighborhood permits which are give only to inhabitants of each neighborhood. Those local residents could purchase a few extra permits for their guests on an as needed basis. If a stranger enters a neighborhood, they could get a warning, a fine, or even be arrested for multiple violations. Enforcement could be simplified by tattooing residents, or even using implantable radio frequency transmitters. With transmitters, police officers, or special rangers, would not even have to leave their vehicle to catch offenders.

These are just some initial concepts I have thought of. We could refine the whole program by having a democratically elected board of administrators drawn from districts throughout the city of Santa Monica. This board and its extensive staff could be funded entirely by permit fees and fines collected from enforcement actions.

I actually wanted to save this letter for April Fools Day, but hopefully by then the controversy will be over.

Thomas Einstein
Santa Monica

Taking the focus off cars

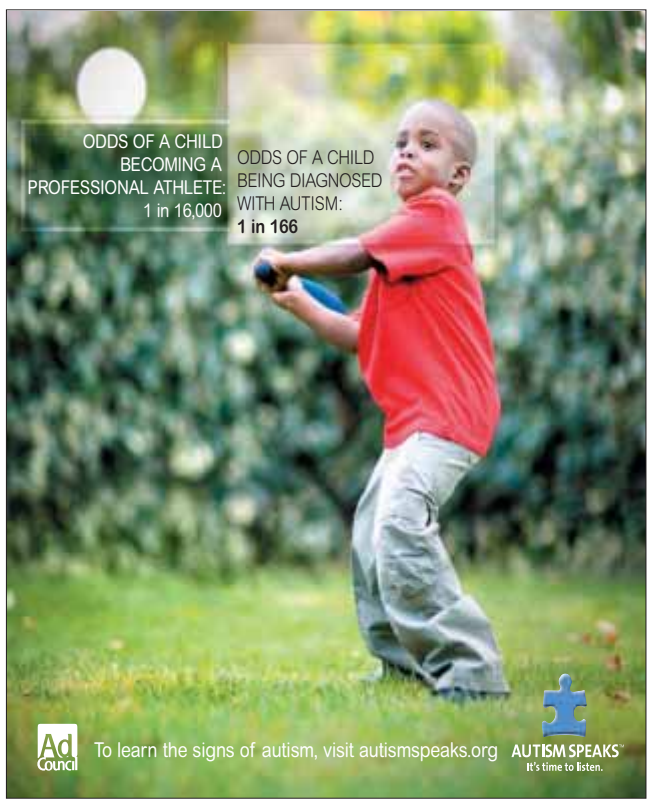
Editor:

There are other socially valuable goals in life besides home ownership. I have lived and worked in Santa Monica for 40 years and I am a renter. I have never in my life wanted to own a home or a car.

There are many exciting and delightful places to live and work which were designed and built "pre-car." Look at London, Paris, Rome, New York, Chicago, San Francisco and thousands of other attractive towns and villages all over the world. Intelligent development and redevelopment of urban spaces is possible if the design focus is shifted from the car to human beings.

One might ask if many renters are renters by choice? Perhaps renters without cars are not "weirdos," merely enlightened.

Karen A. Baker
Santa Monica





What's the Point?

David Pisarra — **Send comments to editor@smdp.com**

Moving beyond hyphenation

BY THE TIME MOST OF YOU READ THIS, Barack Obama will have taken the oath of office and we will have a new president.

Today, on a bitter cold day, the thawing of race relations takes a giant leap forward. America enters a new era, on many fronts: racial, political, economic, religious and social.

It is in many ways the turning of a page of history, the transition from one generation to another. Today the direction of our country takes a hard left, to the ideological, religious, and empirical center.

If presidents embody the country's collective consciousness we can see the arc of history more clearly. Starting with the end of World War II, as Eisenhower was the torch bearer for the "greatest generation," passing it to the young John F. Kennedy who surely was the icon of his generation, we see how presidents come to symbolize the country during their periods of power.

In recent history, we had the promise of the boomers embodied in William Jefferson Clinton. He was young, intelligent and grew up in a time when his generation believed it could change the world. And in many important respects it did precisely that. He was the symbol of hard work, dedication to a purpose and achievement.

From that same generation, we had George Walker Bush. He too was a symbol, but of the dangers of an immoderately dogmatic view of the world. He was not a positive, uplifting force. As a representative of the people, he was the anti-intelligence, closed minded, faith based, doctrinaire fringe that came from privilege and excess.

These two presidents, Clinton and Bush 43, exemplify the range the boomer generation encompassed. One was extroverted and open, the other was introverted and insular. They are the Boomer Generation. They were the hyphenated generation. The "African-American" and the "Irish-American" who bridged the gap from people identified as objects, to people as people.

President Barack Obama is the next generation. He is my generation.

We have almost nothing in common externally, and yet we have everything in common that matters. We each see the possibility that America gives to its people. We each see that hard work will lead to success, but that some people do need a hand up. We recognize that there are differences between people, and that the difference is what makes us strong as a people, not weaker as an individual.

He is the bridge of history. From the days of our fathers and grandfathers, to the future of our dreams. To a time when the rational rules, and the partisan is sidelined.

As my generation assumes the mantle of power, albeit with the helping hand of the Boomer Generation, we return to the hope and promise of the best of the Boomers. We face a daunting list of problems, but it is only with the hottest fire of these problems, that the strong iron of our will can be hammered, to create an enduring new world order.

IN ONE SHORT MOMENT, PRESIDENT OBAMA MOVED OUR COUNTRY FROM ONE OF FACTIONS, GROUPS, DEMOGRAPHS AND DENOMINATIONS, CLOSER TO THE IDEAL OF ONE PEOPLE.

Today is not a day for African-Americans to rejoice. The term African-American has served its purpose. Its role of making people aware of race and citizenship, is no longer necessary. And with that, none of the other hyphenates are really useful or needed. We can now move beyond hyphenation.

In one short moment, President Obama moved our country from one of factions, groups, demographs and denominations, closer to the ideal of one people.

I am no longer a gay-white-Italian-German-Irish-Catholic-Protestant-male-American.

Today I am American.

Today my president took office.

These are heady days. It is a turning point in history.

I am reminded of the story about returning Roman gladiators who would always have someone on the chariot standing behind them, to whisper in their ears, "All glory is fleeting." It was a reminder to stay humble.

As much as we are reveling in the intoxicating air of change, we need to remember that President Obama will stumble at some point. The forces of partisanship will rise up against him. There will be a scandal, real or manufactured.

But today, he is my generation coming to power.

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The Rand Stand

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No 'footprint,' no life

AS ENVIRONMENTALISM CONTINUES TO grow in prominence, more and more of us are trying to live a "greener" lifestyle. But the more "eco-friendly" you try to become, likely the more you find yourself confused and frustrated by the green message.

Have you tried giving up your bright and cheery incandescent light bulbs to save energy — only to learn that their gloomy-but-efficient compact fluorescent replacements contain mercury?

Perhaps you've tried to free up space in landfills by foregoing the ease and convenience of disposable diapers — only to be criticized for the huge quantities of energy and water consumed in laundering those nasty cloth diapers. Even voicing support for renewable energy no longer seems to be green enough, as angry environmentalists protest the development of "pristine lands" for wind farms and solar power plants.

Why is it that no matter what sacrifices you make to try to reduce your "environmental footprint," it never seems to be enough?

Well, consider why it is that you have an "environmental footprint" in the first place.

Everything we do to sustain our lives has an impact on nature. Every value we create to advance our well-being — every ounce of food we grow, every structure we build, every iPhone we manufacture — is produced by extracting raw materials and reshaping them to serve our needs. Every good thing in our lives comes from altering nature for our own benefit.

From the perspective of human life and happiness, a big "environmental footprint" is an enormous positive. This is why people in India and China are striving to increase theirs: to build better roads, more cars and computers, new factories and power plants and hospitals.

But for environmentalism, the size of your "footprint" is the measure of your guilt. Nature, according to green philosophy, is something to be left alone — to be preserved untouched by human activity. Their notion of an "environmental footprint" is intended as a measure of how much you "disturb" nature, with disturbing nature viewed as a sin requiring atonement. Just as the Christian concept of original sin conveys the message that human beings are stained with evil simply for having been born, the green concept of an "environmental footprint" implies that you should feel guilty for your very existence.

It should hardly be any surprise, then, that nothing you do to try to lighten your "footprint" will ever be deemed satisfactory. So long as you are still pursuing life-sustaining activities, whatever you do to reduce your impact on nature in one respect (e.g., cloth diapers) will simply lead to other impacts in other respects (e.g., water use) — like some perverse game of green whack-a-mole — and will be attacked and condemned by greens outraged at whatever "footprint" remains.

So long as you still have some "footprint," further penance is required; so long as you are still alive, no degree of sacrifice can erase your guilt.

The only way to leave no "footprint" would be to die — a conclusion that is not lost on many green ideologues. Consider the premise of the nonfiction bestseller titled "The World Without Us," which fantasizes about how the earth would "recover" if all humanity suddenly became extinct. Or consider the chilling, anti-human conclusion of an op-ed discussing cloth versus disposable diapers: "From the earth's point of view, it's not all that important which kind of diapers you use. The important decision was having the baby."

The next time you trustingly adopt a "green solution" like fluorescent lights, cloth diapers or wind farms, only to be puzzled when met with still further condemnation and calls for even more sacrifices, remember what counts as a final solution for these ideologues.

The only rational response to such a philosophy is to challenge it at its core. We must acknowledge that it is the essence of human survival to reshape nature for our own benefit, and that far from being a sin, it is our highest virtue. Don't be fooled by the cries that industrial civilization is "unsustainable." This cry dates to at least the 19th century, but is belied by the facts. Since the Industrial Revolution, population and life expectancy, to say nothing of the enjoyment of life, have steadily grown.

It is time to recognize environmentalism as a philosophy of guilt and sacrifice — and to reject it in favor of a philosophy that proudly upholds the value of human life.

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The Q Line

No butts

The City Council recently approved a ban on smoking in the common areas of multi-unit residences.

So this week's Q-Line question asks:

Do you agree with the decision or do you think the ban goes to far?

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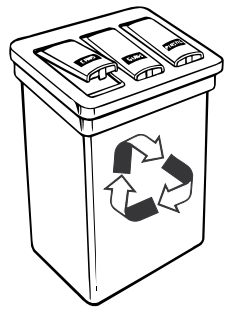
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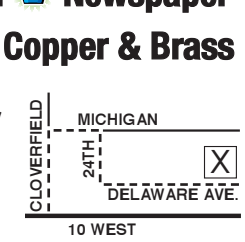


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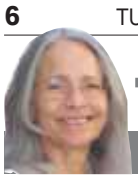


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The Quackers

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Rusty goes and gets a haircut

Editor's Note: Meet the Quackers – Rusty, Richard, and Sidney – three young surf ducks, born and raised in the canals of Venice, Calif. Their passion in life is to surf and save the earth by spreading the word about global warming and sustainability.

WE DECIDED TO PAY A VISIT TO OUR OLD neighborhood in Venice. Rusty heard big waves were on the way and he was dying to see the new Tsunami warning signs. Don't worry. The waves and the signs were not related!

Richard and I exchanged looks and gulped hard at the height of the sand berms this year. Mountain climbing equipment to ascend and a rope to rappel would have been nice. Just how big were the expected waves? Cresting the berm, we were flooded with relief, no mega waves. Rusty was disappointed with the waves but loved the Tsunami signs. We hope we never see a Tsunami. How would we keep Rusty from trying to ride that too?

At the end of the day we took a route home through the old neighborhood. We were on Main near the post office when Rusty started with the barber shop thing again. He had been talking about getting a haircut for weeks and wouldn't explain why. He stopped in front of a barbershop that offered haircuts and tattoos. Why did I come this way? Rusty thought this was the perfect place. Where else could you get a tattoo while getting your hair cut? I reminded Rusty again, "Feathers, we have feathers, not hair." He answered, "hair, feathers, whatever, I want a hair cut."

First a hair cut, now a tattoo. Where would he put a tattoo? Rusty answered, "One on each foot, of course. I think a gigantic wave on my left foot and since escargot is my absolute favorite food, a snail on the right. It would be awesome! You always talk about being organized and efficient. What could be more efficient than a haircut and a tattoo at the same time?"

Rusty kept his face pressed against the window while Richard and I used our best arguments to keep him from going in. We practically had to drag him away.

As we walked toward Lincoln, Rusty was still talking about tattoos. He had at least 50 reasons why we should go back. All the while Richard and I are wondering, why the sudden interest in a haircut? No Quacker we knew had ever had a haircut. Let's not even mention the tattoo.

On Lincoln, Rusty saw another barber shop, Floyd's. Have I ever mentioned that Rusty lives for Andy Griffith reruns? He loves Andy, Opie, and Barney. Lately, Floyd, the barber, has become his idol. When he saw the name, he was sure it was a "sign." This was the place for his haircut. We were

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worn out. It was time to give up and give in. We told him, "Get the haircut, but tell us why!"

It seems Rusty had read an article about the ship that spilled 58,000 gallons of oil in the San Francisco Bay in November of 2007. It stated that more than 5,000 mats of human hair, provided by a group called Matter of Trust, were used to help soak up that oil slick.

The mats, made from hair collected from salons all across the country, were a great help in the clean up effort. They soaked up oil like a paper towel. The hair mats have also been in use by the San Francisco Department of the Environment for their used motor oil collection program.

Rusty was further impressed when he read that Matter of Trust was conducting an experiment with $10,000 worth of oyster mushroom spores donated by Washington state mycologist Paul Stamets. If all goes well the mushrooms will digest the oil on the mats and turn the mats into compost! Rusty just wanted to be part of the effort by donating his hair (read that feathers) to an organization that was doing so much for the environment.

He read that individuals, salons, barbers, and even pet groomers could donate hair for future efforts, why not him? I still don't understand the secrecy about it but Rusty is hard to figure sometimes.

Richard and I took off for a snack leaving Rusty at Floyd's with suggestions for "something with a nice side part" or maybe a buzz cut. On our return, as we rounded the corner, we heard Rusty chatting with several people about the hair mats. Then we saw him. Stunned, we watched him proudly display his new haircut, a mohawk! We were quackless.

Rusty loves the mohawk. We are still getting used to it. It was for a good cause. How fast do feathers grow anyway?

To find out how your salon, barber shop or pet groomer can participate go to www.matterof trust.org

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Modern kids furnishings put the fun in functional

BY KIM COOK
Special to the Daily Press

Designers of kids' furniture are letting their imaginations run away with them, and that's great news for hip parents looking for fun, exuberant decor.

The color wheel is spinning happily amidst bookcases and bedding. And many designers are taking a whimsical, artistic approach with the very shape of furniture.

Judson Beaumont, owner and head designer for Vancouver, B.C.,'s Straight Line Designs, has concocted a world of Alice-in-Wonderland-esque pieces that straddle craftsmanship and inventiveness.

Bookcases stack haphazardly, like a giant tossed them into the air. Cabinets with names like "Oops" and "Boom" appear to have had run-ins with things wild and wonderful. Others, like Joined at the Hips and Sobey, bend and twist, yet have perfectly aligned drawers.

The effect is fanciful, but the furniture is practical and well-crafted.

"The idea behind the pieces is more about, what if a piece of furniture could change and have its own personality?" says Beaumont. "I've always been a fan of Disney and Dr. Seuss, so it just made sense to make these crazy shapes. But the most important thing with my designs is they have to be functional as well as fun."

Dust Furniture in Valparaiso, Ind., is another studio experimenting with shapes. A deep blue side table and lime green bookcase may slouch saucily, but they're still serious working furniture.

Jessie Leman, Dust's project manager and wife of designer Vincent Leman, says the pieces are intended not just for young people but "for youthful spirits, no matter their age. Our furniture is definitely for anyone with a playful imagination."

Plushpod, long a retailer of trendy kids' furnishings, carries the iconic P'kolino line from Italy, featuring a kid-size clothes rack in happy hues like tangerine and lime, and a collection of pint-size laminated play tables and chairs.

Their Tarantino layered high-density foam chairs would withstand the most high-spirited of play dates.

This spring, Pottery Barn Kids partnered with the Dr. Seuss Foundation on a line of decals, organic cotton bedding, and soft furnishings featuring Seuss' most popular characters, such as The Cat in The Hat and the One Fish, Two Fish gang.

Janet Hayes, executive vice president for the retailer in San Francisco, says the collaboration aims "to excite and delight" children while inspiring parents to get creative.

There was another, practical consideration.

"One of the most popular requests we receive from our customers is for patterns that go into a shared space," notes Hays. The colors and images in Dr. Seuss' illustrations suit both girls and boys.

Pair any of the collection's pieces with a stacked teacup lamp for a room that gives off a definite "Seussian" vibe. Or opt, perhaps, for the multi-shaded cluster ceiling fixture that asks: Why have one of anything, when a whole bunch is way more fun?

Other inventive light fixtures can be found at Lamps Plus, including a plump, gleaming Prop Plane in brushed nickel and frosted glass, and a Planet and Stars pendant which projects colorful outer space images on the ceiling.

Over at Kid Carpet, two mind-bending area rugs — appropriately named Off Balance and On the Curve — feature bold graphics that play with dimensional space. Either would provide a good base for indoor adventure.

Claire Eglizeaud and Paul Moreau, artists from Bordeaux France, sell their unique throw pillows online at Bonjour Mon Coussin. Choose from scrumptious photo-printed images of candies, chocolates, licorice or pastries; some of the delectable pillows are even scented. If sugar isn't your style, consider some of the other kids' collection designs with a sophisticated but playful French flair.

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Polanski's bid to dismiss rape case tied to movie

BY LINDA DEUTSCH
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LOS ANGELES Roman Polanski's tumultuous, sometimes tragic life had long seemed destined for a movie of its own.

But no one could have foreseen the controversy that would erupt when a documentary film revealed new information about one of the defining events of the film director's past — his conviction in the 1977 rape of a 13-year-old girl and his ultimate flight to exile.

Lawyers for Polanski, armed with disclosures from the HBO documentary, "Roman Polanski: Wanted and Desired," have gone to court demanding that the lingering case against him be dismissed.

A hearing scheduled for Wednesday in Los Angeles Superior Court is already drawing intense interest despite the fact that the main character won't even be in the country.

Polanski's story still resonates as a piece of Hollywood history and is cinematic in its details, suggesting both a holocaust drama and a horror film — the kind of thing Polanski himself has directed.

A native of France who was taken to Poland by his parents, he escaped Krakow's Jewish ghetto as a child and lived off the charity of strangers until reuniting with his father years later. His mother died at the Nazi death camp Auschwitz.

With talent and grit, he worked his way into filmmaking. He rose to fame as a director of such film classics as "Chinatown" and "Rosemary's Baby," only to have his life shattered by further horror in 1969 when his wife, actress Sharon Tate, eight months pregnant with their child, was murdered along with four others by followers of Charles Manson.

Then, in 1977, he was accused of raping a teen while shooting her photo during a modeling session. The girl said Polanski plied her with champagne and part of a Quaalude pill at Jack Nicholson's house while the actor was away. He told her to disrobe and then, as she protested, he performed oral sex, intercourse and sodomy on her.

The case became an international sensation.

Because of the young victim's desire for anonymity, Polanski was allowed to plead guilty to one of six charges, unlawful sexual intercourse, and was sent to prison for 42 days of evaluation. Lawyers in the case told documentary producers they agreed that would be his full sentence, but the judge tried to renege.

On the day of sentencing, aware the judge would sentence him to more prison time and require his voluntary deportation, Polanski fled.

His legal team maintains the case amounted to prosecutorial and judicial misconduct after being manipulated by the judge and David Wells, a retired prosecutor who was an unknown figure in the story until the documentary aired.

Wells told his story for the first time in the film, surprising Polanski's prosecutor, retired Deputy District Attorney Roger Gunson, and retired defense attorney, Doug Dalton. It also became the unexpected centerpiece of the documentary.

"I never made the film for this reason," Marina Zenovich, director of the documentary, said during a brief telephone interview. "I feel for everyone involved."

Wells acknowledges that he insinuated himself into the Polanski case behind the scenes. As the regular courtroom deputy district attorney for routine cases before Judge Laurence J. Rittenband, he said he gained the judge's confidence and advised him how to sentence Polanski. The judge has been dead for 15 years.

He said the judge, always publicity conscious, was afraid he would be criticized for giving Polanski too lenient a sentence.

Polanski attorney Chad Hummel said the talks between Rittenband and Wells that led the judge to renege on a plea bargain were clear misconduct because lawyers in the case didn't know about them.

The district attorney's office has not addressed the misconduct claims, but argues that Polanski can't have a hearing if he refuses to appear in court. The catch: Polanski would be arrested and jailed on a fugitive warrant if he sets foot in the country.

The entire hearing could be anti-climatic if Superior Court Judge Peter Espinoza accepts the prosecution theory that Polanski isn't entitled to a hearing if he's not there.

The defense maintains that the judge has the option to dismiss the case "in the interest of justice" without Polanski present.

In one of many bizarre twists, the person who has emerged as Polanski's strongest ally in seeking dismissal is the now 45-year-old victim. Samantha Geimer, who long ago identified herself publicly, filed an affidavit accusing prosecutors of victimizing her again by including graphic sexual description of the crime in one of their filings.

"It is clear to me that because the district attorney's office has been accused of wrongdoing, it has recited the lurid details of the case to distract attention from the wrongful conduct of the district attorney's office as well as the judge who was then assigned to the case," Geimer said.

She has never sought Polanski's imprisonment, but she did reach an undisclosed settlement after suing him.

Two other unlikely allies in the wake of the documentary are Dalton and Gunson.

They told the documentarian that Superior Court Judge Larry Paul Fidler agreed to dismiss the charge years later if Polanski would return and allow his hearing to be televised, an offer he refused.

A court spokesman issued angry denials in June that the lawyers' account in the documentary was a fabrication and demanded its removal from the film, spurring the former courtroom opponents to issue a joint statement.

"It is our shared view that ... false and reprehensible statements by the Los Angeles Superior Court continues their inappropriate handling of the Polanski case," Dalton and Gunson said.

The probation officer, Irwin Gold, who investigated Polanski's case in 1977 said he found no reason to send Polanski to prison, citing his remorse and the wishes of the victim.

"It is believed that incalculable emotional damage could result from incarcerating the defendant whose own life has been a seemingly unending series of punishments," he concluded.

Wells said Rittenband dismissed the probation report as "a whitewash."

Polanski continued his career in France and won the 2002 directing Oscar for his film, "The Pianist," a holocaust drama that mirrored parts of his own life. He was unable to claim it in person.

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Residents celebrate Dr. King's legacy

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replacement for renown labor organizer Dolores Huerta, who canceled earlier this month after she was invited to attend the inauguration by U.S. Rep. Hilda Solis, D-CA, whom Obama nominated to head the U.S. Department of Labor.

His speech touched on the civil rights leader's message of peace, explaining how it remains relevant in today's world filled with war and poverty, quoting King's famous words, "Peace is not merely a distant goal that we seek, but a means by which we arrive at that goal."

Chowdhury, who was born in Bangladesh, has served a long career with the United Nations dating back to 1996, sitting on its Security Council and as the coordinator for the least developed countries in New York.

He called Obama's inauguration a high point in realizing King's dream, one in which all children in the nation would be judged not by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character.

"We have the responsibility to keep that dream alive so humanity can benefit," he said.

Remembering volunteers who have passed

The event also honored Clyde Smith and Estella Burnett, two volunteers with the organization who died in recent weeks after battling illnesses.

Smith, a local activist, co-founded the coalition with Trives and served on a number of different nonprofit organizations, including the Rotary Club of Santa Monica and the Pico Neighborhood Association. He was also the executive director of the Neighborhood Redevelopment Corp., which rehabbed housing units in Santa Monica for elderly and low-income families. The organization no longer exists.

He died on Jan. 1.

Burnett was the scholarship chair for the coalition and former teacher with the Los Angeles Unified School District. She was responsible for providing scholarships to black students who were graduating from local high schools or transferring from Santa Monica College, presenting them on the day of the annual birthday celebration.

She was a member of the local chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and attended the Calvary Baptist Church for more than 50 years. She died on Dec. 28.

The families of Burnett and Smith were honored with a posthumous award.

"Clyde Smith and Estella Burnett were legends in this organization because they rolled up their sleeves and worked," Trives said.

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From Samohi to the White House

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and a strong music program at Santa Monica public schools, Gross may not have ended up playing for the president.

As a kid she idolized her older sister and when she picked up an instrument, Gross was right behind her with her own. While at Samohi, Gross took advantage of quality instruction, which included a chance to study with the principle of the Los Angeles Philharmonic.

"I felt like the music program, even early on at Franklin, gave everyone a great opportunity to try different instruments and figure out what voice works for them, what instruments felt right for them."

In middle school, Gross wanted to be different than her classmates, so she picked up the oboe and the bassoon.

"Luckily we had a music program that had oboes," she said.

Today she will use the skills she learned in Santa Monica public schools to entertain millions, including her parents, who will be watching the inauguration on television.

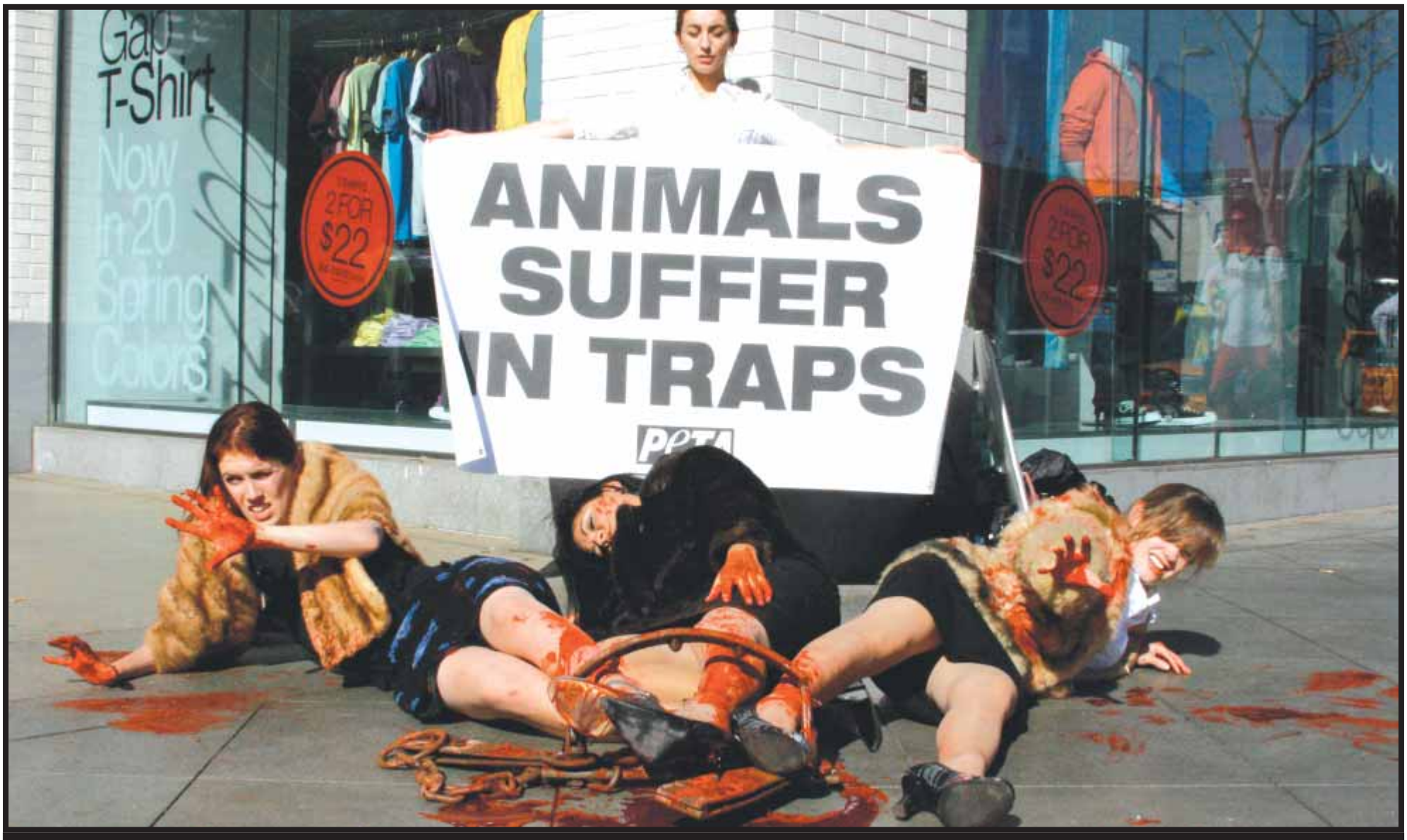
"This is what I love to do," Gross said. "I couldn't see myself doing anything else."

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WIND INSTRUMENT: **Santa Monica High School graduate Tessa Gross, 25, will be playing the oboe and English horn during today's presidential inauguration as a member of 'The President's Own.'**



MAKING A STATEMENT

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Members of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, demonstrate against the use of fur Monday at the corner of Santa Monica Boulevard and the Third Street Promenade. PETA spokesperson Jena Hunt said, 'Animals who are caught in the wild for fur can suffer for days without food or water in these gory traps.'

Resident saved by Meals on Wheels volunteers

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happened that day. She woke that morning to her usual routine. Her son-in-law, Tom Allison, visited her for breakfast before work. She took a brief walk around her front yard and then settled down with her dog Molly and cat Tortilla.

"I didn't feel good in my stomach," Barkley said in a light German accent.

The queasiness precipitated the fall. She cut her head on the corner of her coffee table, a short wood table with false mother-of-pearl inlay.

Her prescription blood thinners worsened the situation, causing blood to run freely from the wound.

Because she was alone, no one involved has an accurate idea of how long Barkley sat there bleeding.

"Meals on Wheels saved my life," she said.

Sandler is a stock trader who has been volunteering with Meals on Wheels for the past six months. He trained as an emergency medical technician at UCLA, skills which came in handy when he found Barkley.

"She didn't come to the door, so we just opened it and went in. Her head was covered with blood," Sandler said. "The training helped. I checked the ABCs — airway, breathing, circulation — to make sure she was OK and called 911."

The ambulance arrived in five minutes and took Barkley to the hospital. Her condition looked critical to Sandler, who said she was bleeding profusely.

"If we weren't there, she would have died," Sandler said.

Barkley's daughter, Mina Allison, is a kindergarten teacher who stays with her mother when she's not at work or with her husband and kids.

She was at school when she got the call from her husband concerning her mother's condition.

> **"MEALS ON WHEELS SAVED MY LIFE."**
>
> **Ruth Barkley**

"I was concerned but there was not a lot of time to think about it as much as to figure out where she was," Allison said.

The Allisons have hired a caretaker to stay with Barkley during the day while they're at work, a move which Barkley fought prior to her accident.

"Physically she's a lot better," Allison said. "She's scared, and that's why I have someone staying with her now all the time. We live five blocks away and we are over there five, six times a day, but you know, she fell when no one was with her."

Barkley was in and out of the hospital until last Tuesday, plagued by fainting spells and heart troubles. She returned home with her daughter and son-in-law and has resumed her daily routine.

"I'm still here, and I still have my Ovaltine," she said, referring to her favorite drink, which she prepares with milk brought by Meals on Wheels.

While such incidents don't happen every day, Meals on Wheels volunteers are often required to do more than deliver food.

"When you're dealing with a frail population, things tend to happen," said Enid Borden, president and chief executive officer of Meals on Wheels Association of America. "These volunteers are lifesavers. Bless them all, they're heroes.

"The beauty of the program is that it's more than just a meal," Borden added. "They become friends."

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Majority of hit-and-runs are minor

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"A woman who lives on the south side of Arizona heard a thump and saw a body lying on the roadway next to a bicycle," Dawson said. "She said she saw a vehicle driving away slowly but couldn't make it out."

There is no description of the vehicle available, however, investigators believe it may have front end scratches or dents and possibly a cracked windshield.

"If [the cyclist] succumbs to his injuries, the charge will be manslaughter, or possibly second degree murder," if alcohol was involved, Dawson said.

The cyclist was riding at night without lights on his bike. He was not wearing a helmet and there was evidence that he was drinking a beer while riding, Dawson said.

"For bike riders, when you are riding at night you have to have a light on your bike, but more importantly you should be wearing a helmet," Dawson said. "That could have possibly prevented the brain injury."

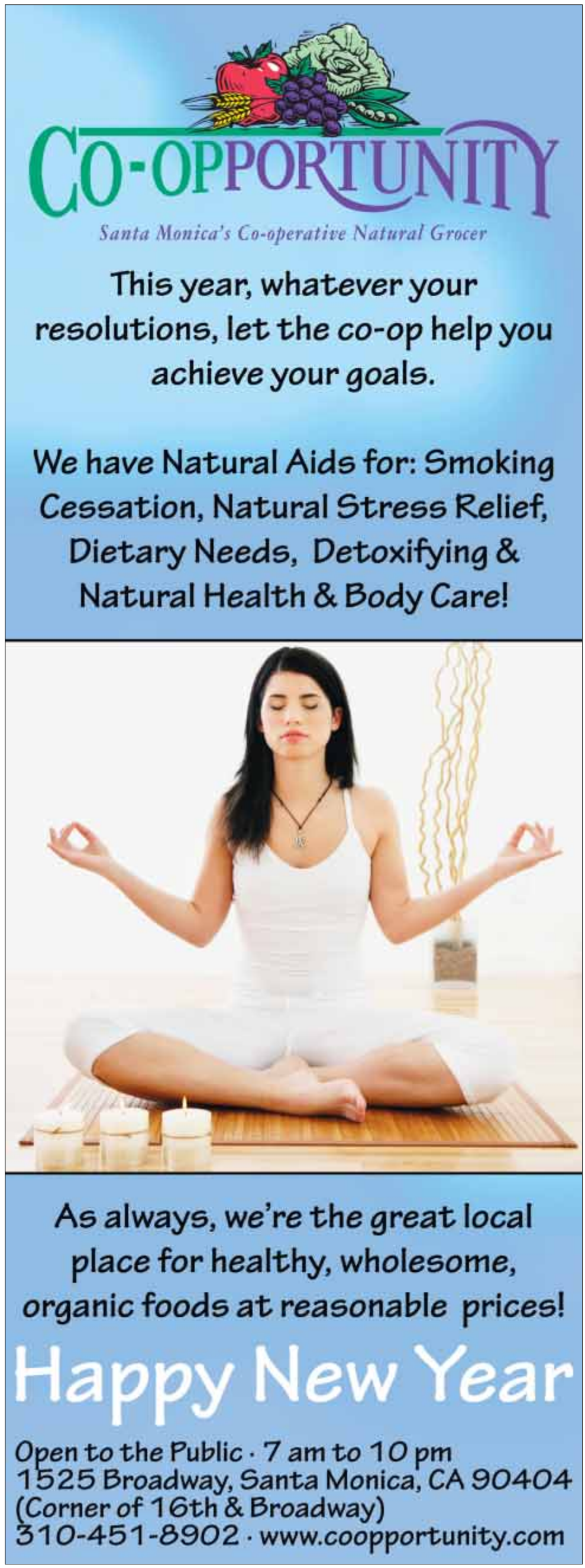
Drivers involved in an accident should always remain at the scene, Dawson said, or risk turning what could be a minor traffic violation into a manslaughter charge of second-degree murder case.

Of the hit-and-run accidents that occur in Santa Monica, Dawson said the vast majority are minor. A hit-and-run can be as simple as bumping a car while leaving a parking space and failing to leave any contact information.

Last year there was one fatal hit-and-run accident involving a homeless man who was struck at the corner of Lincoln and Ocean Park boulevards. Officers are still searching for the vehicle involved, which was described as a black Nissan Sentra or Toyota Corolla.

Anyone with information on either hit-and-run is urged to contact Dawson at (310) 458-8954, or Sgt. Larry Horn at (310) 458-8950. The watch commander is also available 24 hours a day at (310) 458-8427.

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Kellogg: FDA confirms salmonella in crackers

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MILWAUKEE Kellogg Co. said Monday federal authorities have confirmed that salmonella was found in a single package of its peanut butter crackers, as a Midwestern grocer and General Mills Corp. recalled some of its products because of the scare.

Kellogg had recalled 16 products last week because of the possibility of salmonella contamination.

On Monday, the company based in Battle Creek, Mich., said that contamination was confirmed by the Food and Drug Administration in a single package of Austin Quality Foods Toasty Crackers with Peanut Butter.

Food companies and retailers have been recalling products with peanut butter in them because of suspicion of contamination amid a salmonella outbreak that has killed at least six people and sickened more than 470 others in 43 states. At least 90 people have been hospitalized.

Also Monday, Midwestern grocer and retailer Meijer Inc. said it was recalling two types of crackers and two varieties of ice cream because of the possibility of salmonella contamination: Meijer brand Cheese and Peanut Butter and Toasty Peanut Butter sandwich crackers, and Peanut Butter and Jelly and Peanut Butter Cup ice cream.

Golden Valley, Minn.-based General Mills said in a news release Monday afternoon that it was recalling two flavors of snack bars: LARABAR Peanut Butter Cookie snack bars and JamFrakas Peanut Butter Blisscrisp snack bars. The company said the recall affected 15,000 cases and no illnesses have been reported. General Mills said the recall did not affect any other products it makes.

It was not immediately clear how many packages of Kellogg crackers had been tested, if more tests were being made on other products or if some had already been found not have salmonella, Kellogg spokeswoman Kris Charles said. A spokesman for the FDA said the agency was not providing any new information Monday.

The government on Saturday had advised consumers to avoid eating cookies, cakes, ice cream and other foods containing peanut butter until health officials learn more about the contamination.

Officials said that most peanut butter sold in jars at supermarkets appears to be safe.

Officials have been focusing on peanut paste and peanut butter made at Peanut Corp. of America's plant in Blakely, Ga.

On Sunday, Peanut Corp. expanded its own recall to all peanut butter and peanut paste produced at the Blakely plant since July 1.

The company's peanut butter is not sold directly to consumers but it is distributed to institutions and food companies. The peanut paste, made from roasted peanuts, is an ingredient in cookies, cakes and other products sold to consumers.

Meijer, based in Grand Rapids, said in a news release Monday it was issuing its recall because makers of its products had announced possible contamination. The products are sold in Meijer stores and gas stations in Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Kentucky.

The recall last week by Kellogg, the world's largest cereal maker, affected products including Keebler Soft Batch Homestyle Peanut Butter Cookies, Famous Amos Peanut Butter Cookies and Keebler Cheese & Peanut Butter Sandwich Crackers. Charles said the recall affected more than 7 million cases of its products.

Kellogg Chief Executive David Mackay said the company would evaluate its processes "to ensure we take necessary actions to reassure consumers and rebuild confidence in these products."

Salmonella, a bacteria, is the most common cause of food poisoning in the U.S., causing diarrhea, cramping and fever.

Over the weekend, Little Debbie maker McKee Foods Corp. of Collegedale, Tenn., issued a voluntary recall of its peanut butter crackers because of possible contamination.

Other companies issuing recalls recently include Midwest supermarket chain Hy-Vee Inc. of West Des Moines, Iowa, Perry's Ice Cream Co. of Akron, N.Y., and the South Bend Chocolate Co. in Indiana. Ralcorp Frozen Bakery Products, a division of St. Louis-based Ralcorp, recalled several brands of peanut butter cookies it sells through Wal-Mart stores.

Some companies were quick to assure their customers their products were fine and they were not involved in the investigation. Russell Stover Candies Inc., maker of Russell Stover and Whitman's, said Monday it does not use ingredients from Peanut Corp. ConAgra Foods Inc., maker of Peter Pan peanut butter, said Saturday it was not involved in the investigation and neither the Omaha, Neb.-based company nor its suppliers use ingredients from Peanut Corp.

Peter Pan and other peanut butter produced by ConAgra were linked in 2007 to a salmonella outbreak that sickened more than 625 people in 47 states.

The company traced the contamination to a leaky roof and faulty sprinkler head at its Georgia plant.

Science vs. emotion in New Jersey's river dolphins debate

BY WAYNE PARRY
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HIGHLANDS, N.J. Federal wildlife officials are convinced science is on their side in the decision to leave a group of bottlenose dolphins in a frigid New Jersey river over the winter, even if it means they die.

But they didn't count on the "Flipper factor": An intense, emotional attachment many people have toward dolphins, the highly intelligent, social mammals whose facial anatomy makes them look like they're smiling.

When science and sentiment collide, the result is what has been playing out at the Jersey shore since June — a battle over whether wild animals need humans' help to survive, or whether they should be left alone to let nature take its course.

"They're like children," said Marlene Antrim of Hazlet, of the animals. She has circulated "Save The Dolphins!" fliers in businesses near the Shrewsbury River, north of Asbury Park and the central Jersey shore. "They're frightened."

Three dolphins are known to have died so far, and only five of the original 16 have remained in the Shrewsbury. Officials of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration say the other eight possibly returned to the open sea on their own, but they have no way to know for sure.

The head of a marine mammal rescue group said Monday he's afraid the last five may have died.

> **"I DON'T THINK THEY'RE ALIVE ANYMORE. WE PROBABLY WON'T SEE THEM UNTIL THE SPRING WHEN THEY WASH UP SOMEWHERE."**
>
> **Bob Schoelkopf**
> Co-director of the Marine Mammal Stranding Center in Brigantine

Ice has increased in the Shrewsbury and Navesink rivers, and no one has seen the dolphins since Thursday, said Bob Schoelkopf, co-director of the Marine Mammal Stranding Center in Brigantine. He said they were emaciated and weak when he saw them last Tuesday.

"I don't think they're alive anymore," he said Monday. "We probably won't see them until the spring when they wash up somewhere."

NOAA has long said that trying to move the dolphins has its own risks and probably wouldn't ensure the animals' survival. Critics fear a repeat of 1993, when four dolphins died in the river when ice closed in on them and they drowned.

"There is a very strong connection a lot of people feel with the animals," said Teri Frady, a spokeswoman for NOAA. "If you believe that these animals are trapped or can't get out, then I can completely understand why people want us to move them. Our real job is to help people understand that we don't think they're trapped, and that actually trying to move them can cause fatalities rather than improving their prospects for survival."

Antrim berated federal officials for refusing to allow marine mammal rescue groups to coax, scare or carry the dolphins back out to sea.

"I wish they would spend a night in that river and feel how cold the water is," she said.

This isn't the first time emotions have run high over perceived threats to wild animals and whether or not to try to save them. In June 2001, a 50-ton right whale dubbed Churchill became tangled in fishing gear in the Atlantic Ocean off Massachusetts, spurring a three-month rescue effort that included seven unsuccessful tries to save the animal.

Rescue groups and the federal government spent more than $250,000 on the effort, which failed when Churchill died that September.

Frady was part of NOAA's handling of that case, as well.

"People from all over the world were calling about the whale," she said.

It isn't solely an American phenomenon. In 1985, the Soviet Union sent an icebreaker to free thousands of white beluga whales that had become trapped by ice in the Senyavin Strait, about 130 miles from the Alaskan coast. Helicopters and experts were sent in and villagers took frozen fish to feed the whales.

Royal navy divers in England freed a humpback whale from fishing gear in 2006 near the Isle of Skye, and just before Christmas last year dozens of volunteers in McBride, Canada, spent a week digging a passageway through snowdrifts to rescue a pair of starving, ice-covered horses abandoned on a mountain.

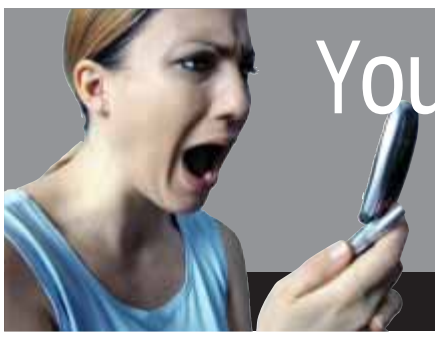
NOAA has said some or all of the New Jersey dolphins likely would die or strand themselves as winter progressed. They said that is a natural phenomenon that should play itself out.

Many scientists agree, saying the dolphins have to be left to their own instincts.

"From past attempts to rescue these animals, there has been more harm done to the animals," said Thomas Armbruster, director of the Sandy Hook Sea Life Foundation. "These animals should be left alone."

Frank Baran, a local resident who sometimes stops by the river to look for the dolphins, endorses that view.

"They know what they're doing," he said. "They've been here a long time, and they'll be around for a long time."


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Federer has Sampras record in his sights

BY JOHN PYE
Associated Press Writer

MELBOURNE, Australia It was after midnight and long after Roger Federer is accustomed to finishing work in the first round of the Australian Open.

No problem. He'd said he'd taken time to watch the sun set over Rod Laver Arena while he waited to start the last match on center court.

It was a far different prelude than to his challenging 2008 season, his leanest in four years in terms of Grand Slam titles.

The 27-year-old Federer commenced his quest for a 14th major to equal Pete Sampras' career record Monday with a 6-1, 7-6 (4), 7-5 first-round win over 35th-ranked Andreas Seppi of Italy.

It was a difficult opener, considering Seppi is only just outside the top 32 players who are seeded for the tournament.

Federer was sick and tired with mononucleosis this time last year and that dogged him for months.

"I wasn't fit, I had hardly played any matches, had any practice," he said. "This year I had much more preparation and I feel I know where my game's at."

After losing to Novak Djokovic here in the semifinals, then losing the French Open and Wimbledon finals and the No. 1 ranking to Rafael Nadal, Federer's confidence picked up when he won the U.S. Open.

Losing those cherished titles helped change his perspective. Helped him be more expressive.

"Maybe I'm a bit more relaxed," he said. "The times when you're No. 1 in the world, you put your head down, you try to win as many tournaments as possible. Maybe sometimes you forget to enjoy it.

"Maybe just today or the last six months, as well, after having a tough year, sometimes you can show more (emotion) because you've been through a tough time.

"I show maybe a bit more emotions, a bit more happiness, which maybe people didn't see before."

Seventh-seeded Andy Roddick took a more businesslike approach to his opening match, committing only 10 unforced errors in a 6-0, 6-2, 6-2 win over 31-year-old Swedish qualifier Bjorn Rehnquist.

Two of Serbia's biggest celebrities followed him on center court and another played at the same time on the adjacent show court.

Djokovic, the only player apart from Federer or Nadal to win a title in the last 15 majors, had to rally from service breaks in the last two sets — he was down 4-0 in the third — to oust Andrea Stoppini 6-2, 6-3, 7-5.

His fellow Serbs Ana Ivanovic and top-ranked Jelena Jankovic got through in straight sets on the women's side.

Ivanovic, runner-up last year, overcame an error-prone start to advance 7-5, 6-3 over 107th-ranked Julia Goerges.

"I don't expect myself to step on the court and play perfect tennis from very first moment," said Ivanovic, sentiments the other Serbs shared. "You just want to give yourself the best possible chance and give time to work yourself into the tournament."

Jankovic, needing ice to cool down the soles of her shoes as temperatures topped 97 degrees, had 27 winners to four for No. 104 Yvonne Meusburger in winning 6-1, 6-3.

Jankovic holds the top ranking but has yet to win a major, something the Williams sisters have been proficient at with 16 between them.

Second-seeded Serena Williams, the reigning U.S. Open champion and winner each odd year at Melbourne Park since 2003, faces Yuan Meng of China on Tuesday.

Sixth-seeded Venus, who won her fifth Wimbledon title and finished off 2008 by winning the season-ending tour championship, goes against Angelique Kerber of Germany.

Fourth-seeded Elena Dementieva, unbeaten in 10 matches this year and winner of the Beijing Olympic gold medal, plays Kristina Barrois.

Nadal starts his second consecutive major as the top seed in a night match against Christophe Rochus of Belgium, about the same time No. 9 James Blake is due to play Canada's Frank Dancevic.

Fourth-seeded Andy Murray, heavily backed in Britain after three wins over Federer since losing to the Swiss star in the U.S. Open final, gets under way against Andrei Pavel of Romania.

Murray's emergence has people talking now about the Big Four in men's tennis, elevating the 21-year-old Scot into the company of Djokovic, also 21, 22-year-old Nadal and Federer.

Roddick, who lost finals at Wimbledon to Federer in 2004 and '05 and at the 2006 U.S. Open, doesn't think he or anybody else could claim to be on the same level of the top for last season.

"They absolutely deserve to be the four that get talked about right now," he said. "The thing about sports is no one really remembers yesterday, and that's fair. You have to go out and prove yourself on a daily basis. I have no problem with that."

Still, the 2003 U.S. Open champion said he wanted to earn his place back among the top contenders: "I think I can."

Roddick's friend Mardy Fish also advanced, but six other Americans made first-round exits: Robby Ginepri, John Isner, Robert Kendrick, Bobby Reynolds, Sam Querry and Taylor Dent.

Dent, returning from three back operations for his first major since 2006, lost to fellow American Amer Delic in five sets.

Other men advancing were No. 8 Juan Martin del Potro and No. 10 David Nalbandian of Argentina, No. 11 David Ferrer of Spain, No. 15 Stanislas Wawrinka of Switzerland, 2005 champion Marat Safin, 2006 finalist Marcos Baghdatis and 16-year-old Australian Bernard Tomic.

No. 27 Feliciano Lopez of Spain was the only one of the men's seeds to go out on the first day, losing 6-3, 7-6 (5), 4-6, 4-6, 16-14 in a 4-hour, 23-minute match to Gilles Muller of Luxembourg.

Third-seeded Dinara Safina and No. 7 Vera Zvonareva of Russia, No. 11 Caroline Wozniacki of Denmark, No. 15 Alize Cornet of France, No. 16 Marion Bartoli and No. 19 Daniela Hantuchova were among the women advancing.

Kimiko Date Krumm, returning to the main draw of a major after a 13-year hiatus and at the age of 38, lost 6-4, 4-6, 8-6 to 25th-seeded Kaia Kanepi of Estonia.



SURF REPORT

Surf Conditions **Water Temp:** 56°

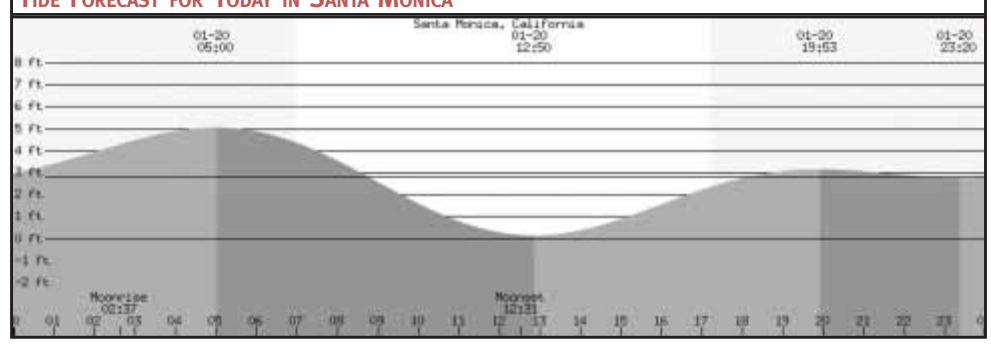
Swell Forecast (5-10 FT)

The swell should persist with chest to head high sets around the west facing breaks able to work the 280° angle. Periods should shorten to 14 sec. max, so look for a lot less power.

Long Range Synopsis

Wednesday the 21st should still see some chest+ waves from this swell, and some head high waves are not out of the question -- once again, for the west facing breaks able to work the 280° angle.

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QUICK STATS (for the 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 -- 41 / 17
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 6 / 30

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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Las Cerritos Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth	A+	A+
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth	A+	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Las 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+	A+
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private)	A+	F
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth	A+	F
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach	A+	A+
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth	A+	F
Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach	A+	A
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth	A+	D
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	A	F
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence	A	F
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily	F	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east	A+	D
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon	A+	A
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero)	A+	F
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs	F	A+
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach	A+	A
Tuna Canyon	A+	A+
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth	F	F
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	A+	F
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	A+	F
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain)	A+	C
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain	A+	C
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain	A+	F
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua)	F	F
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain	A+	F
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain	A+	F
Santa Monica Municipal Pier	C	F
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain	A	F
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms)	A+	B
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain	A	F
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain	A+	F
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain	A+	D
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain	A+	F
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south	A+	D
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St.	A+	F
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower	B	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth	D	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain	A+	C
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach	A+	A
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty)	A+	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain	A+	A+
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant	A+	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain	A+	C

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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Not Easily Broken (PG-13) 1hr 39min
2:10, 4:50, 7:20

The Curious Case of Benjamin Button (PG-13) 2hrs 48min
9:35

Milk (R) 2hrs 08min
1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 10:00

Notorious (R)
1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:45

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

The Curious Case of Benjamin Button (PG-13) 2hrs 48min
1:15, 4:45, 8:15

My Bloody Valentine 3D (R) 1hr 41min
2:05, 4:55, 7:40, 10:15

Bride Wars (PG) 1hr 30min
1:55, 4:40, 7:30, 9:45

Yes Man (PG-13) 1hr 44min
1:30, 4:15, 7:20, 9:50

Defiance (R) 2hrs 17min
1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:05

Frost/Nixon (R) 2hrs 02min
1:40, 4:25, 7:10, 9:55

The Unborn (PG-13)
2:15, 5:05, 7:50, 10:10

Laemmle's Monica Fourplex
1332 Second St.
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Revolutionary Road (R) 1hr 59min
1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:50

Last Chance Harvey (PG-13) 1hr 39min
1:40, 4:30, 7:20, 9:45

Slumdog Millionaire (R) 2hr 1min
1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 10:00

Doubt (PG-13) 1hr 44min
1:30, 4:20, 7:00, 9:35

Mann's Criterion Theatre
1313 Third St.
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Paul Blart: Mall Cop (PG) 1hr 27min
12:00, 2:20, 4:40, 7:00, 9:30

Gran Torino (R)
1:20, 4:30, 7:40, 10:30

Valkyrie (PG-13) 2hrs
1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 10:20

Hotel for Dogs (PG) 1hr 40min
11:50am, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00

Marley & Me (PG) 2hrs
1:30, 4:20, 7:20, 10:10

The Reader (R) 2hrs 02min
1:00, 3:50, 6:50, 9:50

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They'll change their tune, Pisces

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★★ You might be filled with energy and vivaciousness. You see the big picture when others cannot. Listen to the vibrations that surround a friendship or a group. You are seeing the beginning of a pattern. Tonight: Conversations had now might need to be had again!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ A partner lets you know how very important you are, and does everything possible to draw you in closer. Your loving style and warm ways make many people want to be close to you. What someone believes is a deal that's too good to let go of might be the opposite. Tonight: Be discerning in what you share.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ How you deal with someone and the way you approach this person make quite a difference. Your humor and light approach allow greater flow and understanding. Tonight: Defer to a pal.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You don't always come up with the perfect answer, but on the other hand, you are willing to work toward a goal or long-term idea. Because you have so much going for you, others often ask you for feedback. Tonight: Take a walk.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ Let creativity, humor and fun ring through the hallways, office or wherever you might be. If you're feeling that a situation is impossible, it could just be your thinking. Tap into other sources. Tonight: Laugh with the moment.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ Basics do count, no matter how you look at a situation. You can laugh and enjoy yourself all you want, but much more might be going on. Investigate options; listen to different ideas. Tonight: Mosey on home.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ Keep communication flourishing. You have a lot to share, and will as soon as you can. Laughter and lightness earmark your decisions. A child or new friend puts a smile on your face. Tonight: Visit with a friend.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ How you deal with others could change if you relax and laugh. Finances are on the table. Someone close to you supports you in many different ways; be aware of this person's nurturing. Tonight: Balance your checkbook.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ No one can deny your energy, charisma, direction and fun nature. You could be hard to stop. A partner easily could believe one idea and yet do a reversal out of the blue. Communication flourishes. Tonight: The world is your oyster.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ Know when to back off. Though you are sure of yourself, in a few days, challenges occur that might have you questioning past decisions. Remember, this is only a phase, which allows you to re-examine your ideas. Tonight: Get some extra R and R.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ Know that you are unusually optimistic and forward-looking. Someone might play devil's advocate, causing you a problem when you least expect it. Keep your optimism. You have more control than you realize. Tonight: Off to the gym, or join a friend or two.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ You cannot get around a problem, no matter how hard you try. Just accept responsibility and handle a personal matter directly. Your intuitive sense takes you in a new direction. Just let yourself flow. Tonight: A partner changes his or her tune.

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

The Force is with you this year. Friendship plays a key role in your life, as well as in meetings and group happenings. On some level, you could become a rabble-rouser, but someone who does effect change. Your instincts often tell you to move forward and try a different approach. You will be more open than in past years. If you are single, changes occur out of the blue. One day you are single, and the next day you meet the right person. Trust that this type of connection will head in your direction. If you are attached, the two of you benefit from a better, stronger connection. The two of you enjoy each other more than ever. SAGITTARIUS understands you all too well.

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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GETTING STARTED

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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5 Stretches over
10 Lend — (listen)
12 Himalayan land
13 Old TV part
15 Play part
16 Grass droplets
17 Take to court
18 Blackened
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25 Rotisserie part
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34 Verb for you
35 Get-up-and-go
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37 Sub part
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41 Polite refusal
42 Peruses
43 Cockpit guesses

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2 Children's welfare org.
3 Sweet quaff
4 Chow down
5 Hearty dish
6 Peach part
7 Addict
8 Interstellar cloud
9 Unwavering
11 Least polite
14 In the act
19 Takes a breather
20 Iron output
24 Continue
25 Christian of "My Own Worst Enemy"
26 Prisoner's hope
27 Lisbon's setting
29 Hearty
30 Belgrade's nation
33 Active folks
35 Household critters
38 Cacao holder
39 Sandal sight

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ They're either earnestly civic-minded or people with issues, but in several dozen cities across the country, men (and a few women) dress in homemade superhero costumes and patrol marginal neighborhoods, aiming to deter crime. Phoenix's Green Scorpion and New York City's Terrifica and Orlando's Master Legend and Indianapolis' Mr. Silent are just a few of the 200 gunless, knifeless vigilantes listed on the World Superhero Registry, most presumably with day jobs but who fancy cleaning up the mean streets at night. According to two recent reports (in Rolling Stone and The Times of London), unanticipated gripes by the "Reals," as they call themselves, are boredom from lack of crime and (especially in the summer) itchy spandex outfits.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1801 Secretary of State John Marshall was nominated by President John Adams to be chief justice of the United States. (He was sworn in on Feb. 4, 1801.)

1937 President Franklin D. Roosevelt became the first chief executive to be inaugurated on Jan. 20 instead of March 4.

1945 President Franklin D. Roosevelt was sworn into office for an unprecedented fourth term.

1949 President Harry S. Truman was sworn in for a second term of office. In his inaugural address, Truman branded communism a "false philosophy" as he outlined his program for U.S. world leadership.

1969 Richard M. Nixon was sworn in as the 37th president of the United States; Spiro Agnew took the oath of vice president.

1989 George H.W. Bush was sworn in as the 41st president of the United States; Dan Quayle took the oath of vice president.

WORD UP!

obscure \uhb-SKYOOR\, *adjective*:
1. not clearly expressed; hard to understand
verb:
1. to hide from view; dim, darken
adjective:
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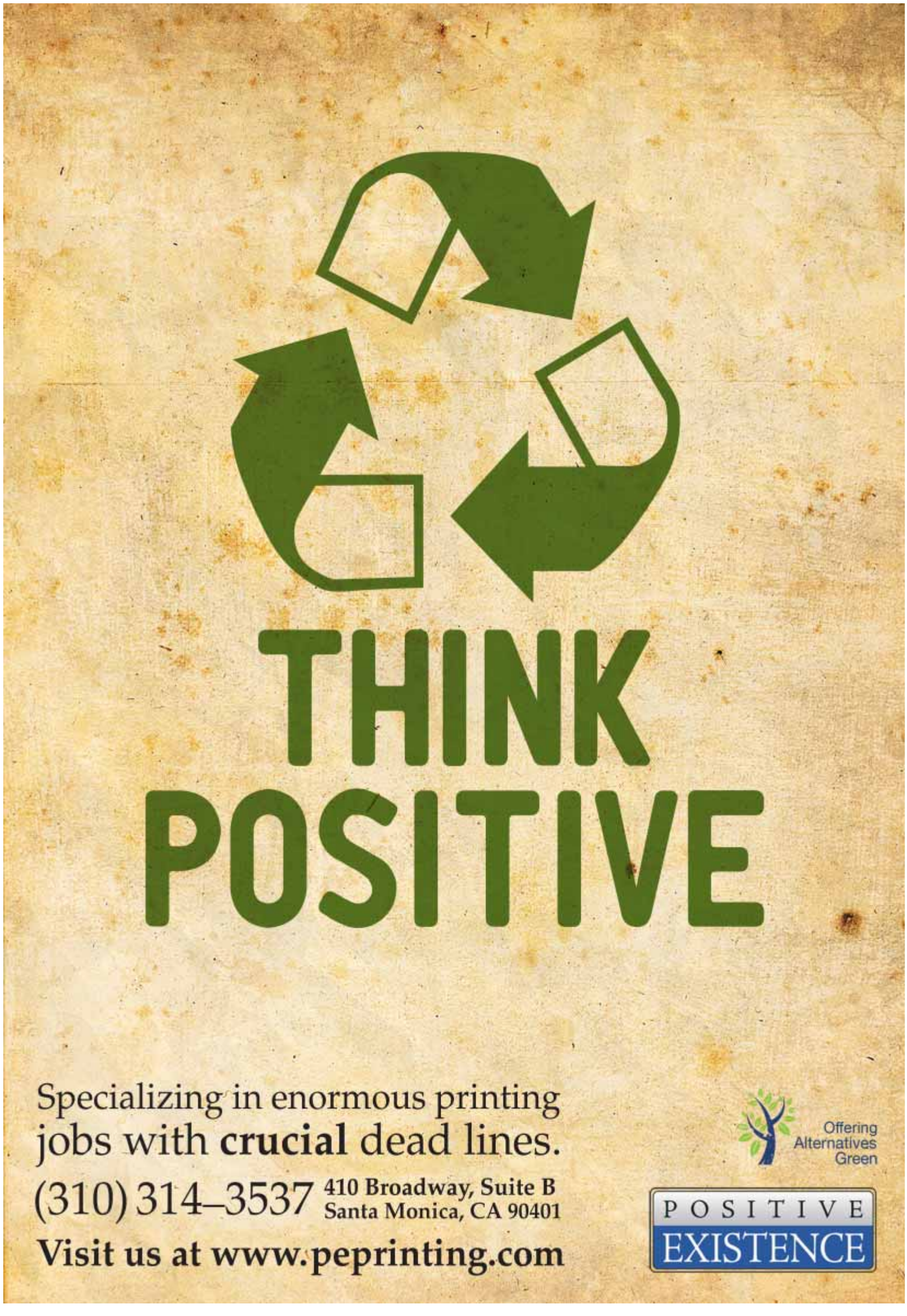
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