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FAIR? **Armenian-American taxi cab drivers are suing City Hall for discrimination.**

Judge rules in favor of City Hall in taxi cab suit

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL Santa Monica officials are free to set up the taxi cab franchise system the City Council adopted last month despite a pending claim the city discriminated against Armenian-Americans when it selected franchisees, a Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge ruled Wednesday morning.

The ruling denied a request for a preliminary injunction against the new regulatory system by a consortium of Armenian-American taxi cab drivers that has alleged City Hall officials discriminated against its members. Central to the plaintiffs' claim is that all five of the Armenian-American-owned cab companies that applied for a franchise were rejected. (A total of 13 companies applied, and five were granted franchises.)

Santa Monica officials have denied any discrimination took place.

On Wednesday, Deputy City Attorney Tony Serritella called the decision by Judge James C. Chalfant the "correct ruling."

Don Burris, an attorney for Metro Cab, which received a franchise from City Hall, also applauded the ruling, saying his client was "very grateful."

In his five-page order, Chalfant determined the plaintiffs lacked standing to seek injunctive relief and had submitted insuffi-

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SOON TO BE EXTINCT? **There doesn't seem to be any opposition from local businesses to a plan by City Hall to ban single-use plastic bags.**

Local merchants on board with proposed plastic bag ban

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

MAIN LIBRARY If there are opponents in Santa Monica's business community of the proposed law banning stores from giving out free single-use plastic bags, they haven't made themselves known to the local Chamber of Commerce.

At an informational session about the proposed ban the business group held on Wednesday morning at the Main Library, no store owners spoke against the plan, which is expected to win the council's approval on Tuesday and would ban all retailers from using free carry-out plastic bags at the cash register. Grocery stores, pharmacies, liquor stores and convenience stores could provide customers with recycled paper bags under the proposed rule, but they would have to charge at least 10 cents per bag.

The plan, which aims to cut down on pollution from bags that wind up in the ocean by encouraging shoppers to bring their own reusable bags to the store, has been under discussion in Santa Monica since 2008. Members of the of the City Council have been anxious to pass the ban but have held off until now because of a series of legal concerns.

The chamber's director of government affairs, Brian Chase, said he's yet to hear from critics of the ban.

On Wednesday, several representatives from retail businesses that would be affected by the new law spoke in its favor.

Richard Johnson, store manager at Bob's Market on Ocean Park Boulevard, said he didn't foresee any negative impacts to business once the ban is in place.

"Our customer base is all for protecting the environment," he said. "And as the city says, it is a big problem at the beach. Being a surfer, I've seen them and pick them up off the beach and also in the water as they are floating by."

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Thursday, Jan. 20, 2011

Who doesn't like Johnny Depp?
Montana Avenue Library
1704 Montana Ave., 2 p.m.
Catch Johnny Depp as the Mad Hatter in this Tim Burton adaptation of "Alice in Wonderland." This screening is free. For more information, call (310) 458-8682.

A new you
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 7 p.m.
Join David Allen, M.D. and Allen Green, M.D., from the Center for Optimum Health, for this informative lecture on the most important steps you can take right now to supercharge your health this year. For more information on this free event, call (310) 445-6600.

Wii for seniors
Senior Recreation Center
1450 Ocean Ave., 10 a.m.
It's true, the Nintendo Wii isn't just for kids. The senior center uses the video game system to help seniors stay in shape. The event is free, but you have to be at least 50 to participate. Organizers say it's as good for your body as it is for your mind. For more information, call (310) 458-8644.

Friday, Jan. 21, 2011

A nose for theatre
Ruskin Group Theatre
3000 Airport Ave., 8 p.m.
Ruskin Group Theatre presents an adventure based on the legend of 17th Century French dramatist and duelist Savinien de Bergerac, now known the world over as Cyrano. Afflicted with an enormous and bulbous nose, he is convinced that no woman can ever love him, and thus makes himself notorious in Paris for his courage, gallantry, and charm of verse. This production also takes place on Saturday and Sunday. For more information, call (310) 397-3244.

The sound of nations
Miles Playhouse
1130 Lincoln Blvd., 8 p.m.
"International Voices" features a 13-member ensemble that will perform works by Peter Senchuk, Soong Fu-Yuan, Heitor Villa-Lobos, and Antonin Dvorak. For more information, call (310) 458-8634.

Diavolo at The Broad
Broad Stage
1310 11th St., 7:30 p.m.
Back at The Broad after sold-out performances, this troupe of dancers, gymnasts, actors and athletes leaps, flies and twirls amidst gigantic objects from everyday life. For more information, call (310) 434-3200.

'Hoboken to Hollywood'
Edgemar Center for the Arts
2437 Main St., 8 p.m.
"Hoboken to Hollywood: A Journey Through The Great American Songbook" has been extended through Feb. 27. This popular musical is a behind-the-scenes look at the taping of a television special, possibly in '64 or soon thereafter. It even includes spoofs on commercials. For more information, call (310) 392-7327.

Helping the Red Cross
Morgan Wixson Theatre
2627 Pico Blvd., 6:30 p.m.
A special performance of "Caught in the Net" by Ray Cooney will benefit the American Red Cross of Santa Monica. Cooney, one of Britain's most successful playwrights, is known as "the Master of Farce." He is one of England's most prolific and successful playwrights. "Caught in the Net" garnered both critical acclaim and packed houses in its London run. "Caught in the Net" is the tale of two-timing taxi driver John Smith who keeps two separate families. When his teenaged children (one from each family) meet in an Internet chat room and plan to get together in person, John's busy life shifts into high gear as he tries to keep the teens apart and his two families secret from each other. Tickets are $25. Parking is free.

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UP AND UNDER

Morgan Genser *news@smdp.com*

Crossroads' Leo Abbe-Schneider goes in for a layup while trying to avoid Dean Moore from Kilpatrick High School on Wednesday during Delphic League game at the Olympic Boulevard campus. Crossroads won by a score of 55-45.

Alcohol industry grapples with nutrition labeling

BY MICHELLE LOCKE
For The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO Pick up just about any beverage on store shelves and on the back of the packaging you'll find a numerical rundown of calories, carbs, etc.

Unless, that is, the beverage is alcohol.

Some folks want to change that.

"In the year 2011, it's sort of bizarre that alcohol's the only consumable product sold in the United States that you can't tell what's inside the bottle," says Guy L. Smith, executive vice president in North America for Diageo, the world's leading distilled spirits, beer and wine company.

Diageo is supporting a proposal presently before the federal Tax and Trade Bureau — the agency with authority over alcohol labels — to list nutrition information such as calories, carbohydrates, serving size and alcohol per serving.

But not everyone in the industry is as enthusiastic.

At the Beer Institute, a trade association based in Washington, D.C., officials support listing calories, carbs, protein and fat content, as well as alcohol by volume. But they oppose the idea of defining serving size by fluid ounces of pure alcohol, or as 12 ounces of beer, 5 ounces of wine or 1.5 ounces of 80-proof liquor, on the grounds that you may get more than 1.5 ounces of liquor in a cocktail depending on what else is in the drink and the accuracy of the bartender.

But Smith says consumers know when they're getting a large martini. The point is, he says, to give them a point of reference so they can generally know what to expect.

At the San Francisco-based Wine Institute, officials are asking that the labeling requirements be on a voluntary basis only. (Diageo also supports voluntary compliance.)

If labeling is made mandatory, then the Wine Institute is asking for accommodations, such as being allowed to generalize the calorie and carb counts on wine, rather than needing to have each vintage of each variety analyzed. Additionally, they want the option of choosing the style of label, perhaps putting the information on a thin strip-style label rather than the more traditional (and much larger) box format that appears on other foods and drinks.

"There shouldn't be a significant cost impact on wineries," says Wendell Lee, general counsel for the institute.

It's unclear when federal officials might rule. Agency spokesman Tom Hogue said the Tax and Trade Bureau is working on the issue, but it's a complicated one that doesn't lend itself to a quick solution.

The current push for nutrition information was started in late 2003 by a coalition of consumer and public health advocates. Diageo announced its support for the move at the time and last December issued a state-

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LA school officer shot near San Fernando school

BY ROBERT JABLON
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES A school police officer was shot by a suspected car burglar near a San Fernando Valley high school Wednesday but his bulletproof vest saved him, authorities said. Officers swept a wide area in a dragnet for the shooter.

"He is a lucky man. The vest did its job and stopped the bullet," Dr. Stephen Jones, medical director of emergency services of Northridge Hospital Medical Center, said of the officer.

The bullet bounced off Officer Jeff Stenroos' armored chest, bruising him, and he received bumps and bruises when he fell down, but he had no internal damage and his wounds were not serious, Jones said.

"He is comfortable, he is talking, he is conscious and alert," said Steven K. Zipperman, police chief for the Los Angeles Unified School District.

Jones said he spoke briefly with the officer.

"It was kind of a mixture of, 'Boy, am I lucky,' with the sheer ... impact of having someone point a gun at you and feeling the

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What a loss

Editor:

The Santa Monica Democratic Club is saddened to learn of the passing of Sargent Shriver, who embodied our best Democratic ideals of social justice and helped our nation collectively realize them in policies and programs he initiated, including the Peace Corps and Head Start. We extend our condolences to Councilmember Bobby Shriver, and pledge to honor his father's memory in our own continued commitment to Sargent Shriver's noble vision and ennobling values.

Jonathan Troen
President, Santa Monica Democratic Club

A woman's right

Editor:

For over 50 years women have had the safety net of free choice at their disposal, sheltering them from the dangerous alternatives of illegal operations. Why in the 21st century would we pull the rug out from under them? Until everyone is celibate, free choice is a must and a sexist pig culture could continue to copulate and not allow free choice to their partners.

In this overpopulated, war ridden, impoverished world, you have to be a maniac in denial to overturn what has always been a woman's right.

Women, especially young ones, need access to birth control, sex education and safe abortion clinics. Let's move this country forward, not backwards to hypocrisy, plutocracy and despair.

Jayne Pitchford
Santa Monica

It's a private matter

Editor:

I believe in a woman's right to consult with her doctor in making the personal, private decisions that are best for her and her family.

Daniel Kane
Santa Monica

Bullet brainwash

Editor:

I just read the letter to the editor by Ron Lowe ("Kids say the darndest things," Jan. 14) that his granddaughter thought that bullets should be banned after the Arizona shooting. I came to this country from England where there is not this insane culture to have guns. One thing that I have noticed is that nothing ever really changes in the USA with regards to guns. Presidents Lincoln and Kennedy, Bobby Kennedy, and Martin Luther King were assassinated with guns. President Reagan was shot and his assistant Brady was badly injured. They passed the Brady handgun law but that has now been completely watered down.

Too many people are utterly brainwashed into thinking that by owning and carrying a gun they will be protected in a potential conflict.

Colin Langridge
Santa Monica





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Meredith C. Carroll — **Send comments to editor@smdp.com**

As the world turns, my fortune spins

I'VE BEEN THE RECIPIENT OF SOME tremendous fortune in my life. Mostly in fortune cookies. I still have the fortune that said, "You love Chinese food" (which was admittedly more of a safe bet than a fortune, per se). And I wish I had saved the one I got years ago at a little dive restaurant in Hell's Kitchen in New York that said, "Double your pleasure; have sex with twins" (that one seemed more akin to advice than a prediction, but still).

The thing about fortune cookies is the news they deliver on a tiny piece of paper is always good, and it's also usually vague, which is probably what contributes to it being so good — when there's room for interpretation, the glass is automatically half full if it comes out of a cookie. And like the Chinese food that never quite stays with you because you always seem hungry two hours after eating it, the message in the fortune might very well come to fruition, but whoever remembers it after paying the check, grabbing a toothpick and a mint and leaving the restaurant?

Still, no matter how stuffed you are from the lo mein and moo-shu pork, you always have enough room for the fortune cookie, because it's always great fun to imagine the future. (Although not as fun as it must be to invent the future. Fortune cookie writers and Hallmark writers must compete for the top spot on job-satisfaction surveys. They write the nouveau clichés that make the whole world feel the need to keep buying won ton soup and greeting cards. It's God's work, really.)

Horoscopes are also fun in a fortune-cookie-kind-of-way. Like lottery tickets, the chances are slim to none that anything will come of them, but it's always entertaining to imagine otherwise for a split second. The information they provide is clearly nonsense, the number of possible explanations is vast, and yet, I felt a little robbed when it was announced last week that the astrological signs changed due to the moon's gravitational pull on Earth, which screwed up the alignment of the stars to the tune of about a month.

I wasn't upset because I read or believe my horoscope on any sort of regular basis, but given the amount of rotations I've taken around the sun, I've read enough of them to be annoyed to learn that I've actually been reading the wrong one all this time. And not just mine. Back in the day I spent a fair amount of time reading the horoscopes of boyfriends and select acquaintances and frenemies, too. What a waste (now on yet another level).

However, right before the new year I clicked somewhere online that delivered predictions for 2011, and I should have known then that something was amiss. I scanned the part about finances and health, and stopped when it got to my love life. It talked about how the coming year would not be the one in which I'd get serious with my soul mate, mostly because I'd be too busy having fun and "dating around" to strap on a ball and chain.

STILL, NO MATTER HOW STUFFED YOU ARE FROM THE LO MEIN AND MOO-SHU PORK, YOU ALWAYS HAVE ENOUGH ROOM FOR THE FORTUNE COOKIE, BECAUSE IT'S ALWAYS GREAT FUN TO IMAGINE THE FUTURE.

It wasn't a link I chose to forward to my husband, particularly because I think he's under the impression that I settled down when we met seven years ago and married two years after that. He's not super-sensitive, but I could see how he might take that the wrong way regardless.

As it turns out, though, that was the horoscope for Taurus. And as of, like, last Thursday, I am now an Aries, according to astronomers from the Minnesota Planetarium Society. (By the way, someone must have verified their findings, right? I would think people who have their Zodiac signs tattooed somewhere on their bodies would like to know that more than one source has independently verified that they need to start saving for laser removal treatments.)

The fact of the matter is, I don't know who I am anymore. I've consistently and proudly lived my life as a bull. Other than the past week, I've always believed — and been told — that I'm necessarily stubborn, inflexible, persistent, possessive, resentful and greedy. And now these Nanooks of the North want me to believe that's not actually true? That I'm an Aries, and therefore energetic, enthusiastic, dynamic, confident, quick-witted and pioneering? I mean, who are we kidding? It doesn't take an astrologer, astronomer, a psychic or a psycho to know that it's total bull that I'm now a ram. Still, it makes me question my past and wonder what will become of my future.

Time to pass the fortune cookies.

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Traveling Back to Fitness

Taylor Van Arsdale
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Changing your diet key to weight loss

NEW YEAR'S EVE AND ALL THE INDULGENCE are gone. The parties, the booze, the sweets and treats are done. The late night eating is done. The "Oh, I'll just have these broken cookies" (broken cookies don't count when tallying up calories — yeah, right) are done. But most importantly the excuses are done. There's no longer any reason to be eating an entire Gingerbread house or gobbling up chocolate as if you were in Paris 1944 and the occupation had just ended. No, folks. This is it. We are now two weeks into 2011 and it's time to be thinking about shaping up for summer. Especially since we're in Santa Monica — I mean, two days ago I was breaking out the tanning oil for goodness sake. Summer is going to be here in a heartbeat and you are going to want to look fabulous.

I'll admit it, I had a stalemate over the break. I didn't gain any weight but I didn't lose any either. To add insult to injury, one of the more robust trainers here at Burn Fitness, Thomas Johnson, returned from a 30-day excursion in England having shed 30 pounds. That's a pound a day! "He ate 1,200 calories a day," explained Tom Williams, owner of Burn Fitness. That means, a chicken breast and vegetables for breakfast, a piece of fish and vegetables for lunch, water and lots of it, chicken or fish for dinner with … more, delicious vegetables.

There's no question that this type of diet is strict. But there's also nothing like seeing this type of progress to motivate the heck out of you and I realized, at that moment, to drop my last 15 pounds I was going to need to seriously step up my diet.

I've said it before, but folks, diet is 90 percent of getting you to your weight loss goal. The fatburn.com program is what enabled me to lose those first 30 pounds, so I was going to have to be a stickler about these last 15 and start entering my foods in the database in a more consistent manner.

Now listen, I want to be really clear here on this next point. You don't have to be so rigid with yourselves in order to drop weight. The beauty of the Fatburn.com program is that it allows you to eat whatever you like and still remain within a caloric deficit, which is where you need to be in order to lose weight. For me, as I'm in this final stretch and I want to reach a certain weight by a certain time, I've made the decision to bust through by decreasing certain types of carbs currently lacing my diet.

I'm going to tell you what I ate yesterday so you can see that I'm not depriving myself … completely. Breakfast consisted of half a banana and some egg whites. Lunch was a piece of salmon with a side of cucumber salad. Dinner was a skinless chicken breast, a side of brown rice and steamed string beans, and my snacks were a pear and a small bowl of oatmeal. I've decided to allow myself brown rice and oatmeal in limited quantities for fear that if I don't I may turn into a raving lunatic. But bread is … toast. Forgive the pun, but this is what happens when you deprive a woman of too many carbs.

So, aside from seeing trainer Thomas' progress and feeling as though I looked a little too much like a potato, what is it that is helping me self-motivate? Because that's the trick isn't it? Staying on the program. More importantly, how can you self-motivate?

First of all, you have to find something deep inside of you that gives you that "push." It's going to be different for everyone. For me, I like to think of it as though I'm in a monogamous relationship. Sometimes I don't feel like working out but I ignore that feeling, get up and embrace the day, because I've made a commitment. Then, when I get to the gym I get into the mindset. I tell myself, "I'm going to crank out the cardio today." And I just do it. That's great for the active portion of the diet program, but that only accounts for a tenth of it. Remember, the diet is 90 percent.

So here's my biggest tip for everyone trying to wriggle back in from the holiday groove. Try not to think of your diet and your workout as being "separate entities." The diet and the workout form a symbiotic union. Just as you are making a commitment to being at the gym, these two elements work best when they are dealt with together. Treat them as two halves of a puzzle that once put together creates the key to looking summer shape fabulous. You can do it!

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My Personnel File: Why Do I Want it and How Do I Get a Copy?

The permanent record from our youth may have been a ruse cooked up to keep children in line, but these days, we are close to having permanent records due to our rapidly all encompassing digital world. Thankfully, personnel files are not yet in digital format. While we still can, we should at least always be prepared to have access to these records to check and to fix any wrong information. We may also want access when we think we should get a raise and want to use former evaluations, client letters, or training records to get it.

The Why:

More often than not, employees do not even know how to access this information until they talk to a lawyer. And if you are talking to a lawyer about work, something's already gone wrong. Lawyers want to see what your performance record is, any personnel actions and the basis, or any other records that could help determine whether, say, a termination was legally wrongful or justifiable in light of the bigger history. Most of these employment cases turn on performance, the reason the employer gives for the termination, versus whatever you as a plaintiff will show. For example, one good way to maintain better records in your file is to put in writing what you disagree with, such as in a negative evaluation. Later when these are reviewed, and the employee has these notes, it will be more difficult for a bad employer to justify their wrongful behavior through performance issues.

Another reason to keep track is that personnel records can be subpoenaed by a third party, which is something that could happen in any type of legal action where you are involved. The law does require that you are given a notice and opportunity to object to the subpoena. If any of it is relevant to whatever legal action is happening, not necessarily even an employment case, then usually the subpoena is allowed.

The How:

There are no federal laws about these records, but California has very clear laws. Still, some employers do not know them or follow them properly so it is better to know your rights and educate your employer if needed. Here are the types of records that you are legally entitled to get: Pay Records: Employers have to keep for at least three years of your pay records and give their employees a copy within 21 days of request or face civil penalties (Labor Code 226). Personnel Files: Employers have to keep records and give you access to them within a reasonable time (Labor Code 1198.5). All documents you signed: These are the ones signed at hire or as continuing term and condition of employment (not documents signed in the course of conducting business). (Labor Code 432).

Tips: Though these requests do not have to be in writing, it is usually better so that you can keep track of the response time. Employers may have part of your personnel file in different offices. Be sure to know where yours is kept so when the time comes you know how to find it without being given the run around.
Ask for or make copies of all personnel documents as they come up and hold on to the hiring paperwork so that you have your own set for comparison later.

Unemployment Benefits: Do I Qualify?

The news is not getting better about the economy and the unemployment office has to be really picky when it comes to claims. You were not laid off, but instead quit or were terminated. How can you file for unemployment and be approved? This is one of the most often asked questions from my clients. Some who are still working want to know if they should quit or wait to be terminated. The decision will vary from person to person to situation. The decision can also be personal or health related or that you just want to be out of there. Here are some legalities to consider in your decision.

The Quit:

In a situation with a quit, there is generally just one type of circumstance that will get you these benefits. If you can show that you quit because the work conditions were such that no reasonable person could be expected to work there, then you can still qualify for the benefits. This is a high standard limited to what the law requires of the workplace, such as safe conditions, free from harassment, being paid, and free from retaliation. This is not an easy showing to make and so arguments based on personality, rudeness, bad bosses, etc, will not fly.

The Termination:

Most people think that if you have been terminated, there is no unemployment for you. However, there are exceptions to this. Of course, if you have been terminated based on policy violations, gross misconduct, and other severe actions, then you are disqualified. One way to overcome that, if the facts are there, is the exception that the conduct may not have been appropriate but it was an isolated instance of poor judgment, or something excusable that happened the one time for a good reason. Criminal activity at work or assault or harassment is never excusable.

The Wrongful Termination:

If you have been "wrongfully terminated" in the legal sense, you may still qualify for unemployment. Most employees who file lawsuits have been terminated. If the facts are there for a lawsuit, then they should be there to qualify you for unemployment. You need to show that the termination was not based on whatever the employer is claiming, but because of some legal violation they have committed. For example, if you complain of sexual harassment, then a week later, you are terminated for some work issue that happened two months ago, then the termination was retaliation. When an employer retaliates for your report of a prohibited workplace activity, that employer just violated anti-retaliation laws.

Tip: If you are unemployed but develop a disability and you can't work, then you no longer qualify for unemployment. At this point, apply for State Disability Benefits. Again, these is not easy to get and you will need medical proof, but it is one safety we are lucky to have here in California.

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JFK site, Neiman Marcus await Super Bowl fans

BY SCHUYLER DIXON
Associated Press

DALLAS The temperature might be 75 during the first Super Bowl week in Dallas-Fort Worth. It could be 25. Or both.

So while Super Bowl travelers are packing everything from T-shirts to wool overcoats for the area's fickle winter weather, they'll have plenty of indoor/outdoor options for their itineraries. The game takes place Feb. 6 at Cowboys Stadium in Arlington.

High on the list for first-time visitors to the area is the site of John F. Kennedy's assassination in downtown Dallas. Strolling around the grass on both sides of Elm Street, where Kennedy was shot on Nov. 22, 1963, is free. There's a good chance a conspiracy theorist can point out the infamous "grassy knoll," the spot from which some witnesses say they saw gunfire.

An admission fee will get you in to the Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza, inside the building known as the Texas School Book Depository, where Lee Harvey Oswald set up his perch at a corner window.

International visitors love the Southfork Ranch and the white-column home that came to symbolize the runaway TV hit "Dallas" in the 1980s. Sure enough, at least two Super Bowl parties are planned for the site in Parker, about 25 miles north of downtown.

Those who have only seen longhorn cattle on TV can watch the real thing stroll down the red bricks on Exchange Avenue at the Fort Worth Stockyards near downtown in the "city of cowboys and culture," as officials like to call it. Yes, the twice-daily "cattle drive" operates even when it's freezing. But if you'd rather stay warm, Billy Bob's is a couple of blocks over and calls itself the world's biggest honky tonk. For a buck during the day, check out the glittering disco saddle (not ball) over the dance floor and the cement squares that feature the hand prints of the late Johnny Cash and other music — mostly country — stars.

For visitors who neglect to pack a coat and need one, Phillip Jones, CEO of the Dallas Convention and Visitors Bureau, said, "I'm sure they can find something at Neiman's or any of our shopping venues."

Aah, shopping. Arguably the No. 1 indoor sport in Dallas. Jones refers to the upscale retail store Neiman Marcus, which originated downtown and is now one of the centerpieces of the swanky NorthPark Center. Among those spotted browsing there recently was AL MVP Josh Hamilton of the Texas Rangers.

Dallas ended up using the NBA's all-star weekend a year ago as a test run for the Super Bowl. Crowds jammed the Galleria mall in north Dallas the day before 108,713 people, the most ever to watch a basketball game, took in the all-star game at Cowboys Stadium.

The $1.3 billion home of the Dallas Cowboys with the retractable roof is in Arlington, but February is the offseason for tourism in the city halfway between Dallas and Fort Worth. One of the area's best-known attractions is Six Flags over Texas, but its 50th anniversary season doesn't start until a month after the Super Bowl.

Still, the stadium is an attraction in its own right. It has surprised officials with its ability to draw visitors for tours, on the order of 40,000 people in some months, said Jay Burress of the Arlington Convention and Visitors Bureau. The NFL is planning Super Bowl tours at $40 a pop. Space is limited, so reservations are recommended.

Burress said fans typically take stadium tours the day before Cowboys or college football games, and he expects Super Bowl visitors to do the same. The stadium "promised to be for more than just football games, and it has definitely delivered with other events and tours that are year-round drivers," Burress said.

Some of the other highlights in the Dallas-Fort Worth area:

—FAIR PARK: Out-of-town football fans probably recognize the name because of the annual Texas-Oklahoma football game at the Cotton Bowl. But Fair Parkers like to remind people that the area just east of downtown Dallas is a National Historic Landmark with the world's largest collection of 1930s Art Deco exposition buildings. Gene Simmons and Shannon Tweed are planning a Super Bowl party at Fair Park. The Cotton Bowl will have entertainment for three consecutive nights, culminating on the eve of the Super Bowl. A Tom Landry exhibit that chronicles the career of the Cowboys' Super Bowl-winning coach has been on display at Fair Park since the fall.

—THE ARTS: Plenty of money has gone into expansion of the Dallas and Fort Worth arts districts in recent years. The Dallas Museum of Art and Nasher Sculpture Center are two highlights of the area on the north end of downtown. The latest addition is the Bill Winspear Opera House, fronted by 60-foot glass walls that offer views of the lobby. Fort Worth has everything from prominent art to the rodeo, which always opens in January and gets the rare boost of Super Bowl week falling on its final week. The city landed a coup when ESPN decided to put its show at Sundance Square downtown, not far from the Bass Performance Hall, which hosts the biennial Van Cliburn international piano competition.

—NFL EXPERIENCE: The annual Super Bowl showcase of interactive games for fans will be held Jan. 27-30 and Feb. 2-6 at the Dallas Convention Center. The cost is $25 for adults and $20 for children 12 and under. Kids 2 and under get in free.

—DEEP ELLUM: This eclectic collection of bars and restaurants just east of downtown Dallas is the heart of the city's music scene and figures to be a major gathering point throughout Super Bowl week.

—DID WE MENTION SHOPPING? Of course we did, but there's more. Grapevine Mills mall, just north of Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport, is a gigantic circle of shopping popular with tourists. It's not far from Main Street in Grapevine, a collection of shops and restaurants with an old-town feel.

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What happens when mom unplugs teens for 6 months?

BY BETH J. HARPAZ
Associated Press

NEW YORK Susan Maushart lived out every parent's fantasy: She unplugged her teenagers.

For six months, she took away the Internet, TV, iPods, cell phones and video games. The eerie glow of screens stopped lighting up the family room. Electronic devices no longer chirped through the night like "evil crickets." And she stopped carrying her iPhone into the bathroom.

The result of what she grandly calls "The Experiment" was more OMG than LOL — and nothing less than an immersion in RL (real life).

As Maushart explains in a book released in the U.S. this week called "The Winter of Our Disconnect" (Penguin, $16.95), she and her kids rediscovered small pleasures — like board games, books, lazy Sundays, old photos, family meals and listening to music together instead of everyone plugging into their own iPods.

Her son Bill, a videogame and TV addict, filled his newfound spare time playing saxophone. "He swapped Grand Theft Auto for the Charlie Parker songbook," Maushart wrote. Bill says The Experiment was merely a "trigger" and he would have found his way back to music eventually. Either way, he got so serious playing sax that when the gadget ban ended, he sold his game console and is now studying music in college.

Maushart's eldest, Anni, was less wired and more bookish than the others, so her transition in and out of The Experiment was the least dramatic. Her friends thought the ban was "cool." If she needed computers for schoolwork, she went to the library. Even now, she swears off Facebook from time to time, just for the heck of it.

Maushart's youngest daughter, Sussy, had the hardest time going off the grid. Maushart had decided to allow use of the Internet, TV and other electronics outside the home, and Sussy immediately took that option, taking her laptop and moving in with her dad — Maushart's ex-husband — for six weeks. Even after she returned to Maushart's home, she spent hours on a landline phone as a substitute for texts and Facebook.

But the electronic deprivation had an impact anyway: Sussy's grades improved substantially. Maushart wrote that her kids "awoke slowly from the state of cognitus interruptus that had characterized many of their waking hours to become more focused logical thinkers."

Maushart decided to unplug the family because the kids — ages 14, 15 and 18 when she started The Experiment — didn't just "use media," as she put it. They "inhabited" media. "They don't remember a time before e-mail, or instant messaging, or Google," she wrote.

Like so many teens, they couldn't do their homework without simultaneously listening to music, updating Facebook and trading instant messages. If they were amused, instead of laughing, they actually said "LOL" aloud. Her girls had become mere "accessories of their own social-networking profile, as if real life were simply a dress rehearsal (or more accurately, a photo op) for the next status update."

Maushart admits to being as addicted as the kids. A native New Yorker, she was living in Perth, Australia, near her ex-husband, while medicating her homesickness with podcasts from National Public Radio and The New York Times online. Her biggest challenge during The Experiment was "relinquishing the ostrichlike delusion that burying my head in information and entertainment from home was just as good as actually being there."

Maushart began The Experiment with a drastic measure: She turned off the electricity completely for a few weeks — candles instead of electric lights, no hot showers, food stored in a cooler of ice. When blackout boot camp ended, Maushart hoped the "electricity is awesome!" reaction would soften the kids' transition to life without Google and cell phones.

It was a strategy that would have made Maushart's muse, Henry David Thoreau, proud. She is a lifelong devotee of Thoreau's classic book "Walden," which chronicled Thoreau's sojourn in solitude and self-sufficiency in a small cabin on a pond in the mid-1800s. "Simplify, simplify!" Thoreau admonished himself and his readers, a sentiment Maushart echoes throughout the book.

As a result of The Experiment, Maushart made a major change in her own life. In December, she moved from Australia to Long Island in New York, with Sussy. Of course, the move merely perpetuated Maushart's need to live in two places at once: She kept her job as a columnist for an Australian newspaper and is "living on Skype" because her older children stayed Down Under to attend university. Ironically, the Internet eased the transition to America for Sussy, who used Facebook to befriend kids in her new high school before arriving.

Another change for Maushart: She's no longer reluctant to impose blackouts on Sussy's screentime. "Instead of angsting, 'Don't you think you're spending too much time on the computer? Don't you think you should do something else like reading?' I now just take the computer away when I think she's had enough," Maushart said in a phone interview. "And now that she's been on the other side and remembers what it's like, it's less of an issue."

Maushart realizes that living off the grid for six months is unrealistic for most people. (She also admits getting her kids to go along with it partly by bribing them with a cut of proceeds from the book, which she planned to write all along.)

But she encourages families to unplug periodically. "One way to do it is just to have that one screen-free day a week. Not as a punishment — not by saying, 'I've had enough!' — but by instituting it as a special thing," she said. "There isn't a kid on the planet who wouldn't really rather be playing a board game than sitting at the computer."



SHOOTING
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impact of the bullet," Jones said.

Nine schools were locked down as more than 350 police officers, sheriff's deputies and California Highway Patrol officers scoured the affluent Woodland Hills neighborhood around El Camino Real High School for the gunman, described as man in his 40s with long brown hair.

The attack occurred a day after an accidental shooting at a high school across the city wounded two students. Police said a gun that a student smuggled in a backpack accidentally went off in a class at Gardena High School in south Los Angeles. A 15-year-old boy was shot in the neck and a 15-year-old girl was hit in the head with the same bullet. The boy was listed in good condition, and the girl was in critical condition Wednesday but had shown promise by opening her eyes and moving her body to commands, a doctor said.

Three students were arrested in that shooting but no students were involved Wednesday, district officials said.

The 30-year-old Stenroos, an eight-year veteran, was patrolling sometime after 11:30 a.m. when he confronted a man who appeared to breaking into some cars just off campus, Zipperman said.

The man got out of a car and fired several times, hitting Stenroos at least once in the chest, city Police Chief Charlie Beck said.

"The officer stumbled or made it back to his car, at which time a Good Samaritan, local resident, went to offer aid to the officer, got on the radio and put out the 'officer needs help' call," Beck said.

The El Camino campus was locked down along with a nearby middle school and seven elementary schools under a "campus protection" policy used when there is police activity nearby, school officials said.

A large area was sealed off by police, meaning most parents who tried to come to pick up their children were held several blocks away.

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He said 15 to 25 percent of customers already bring their own reusable bags.

Laura Martino, marketing supervisor at Whole Foods in Santa Monica, also spoke favorably of the plan, though she noted her company has already switched to more expensive recycled paper bags instead of plastic.

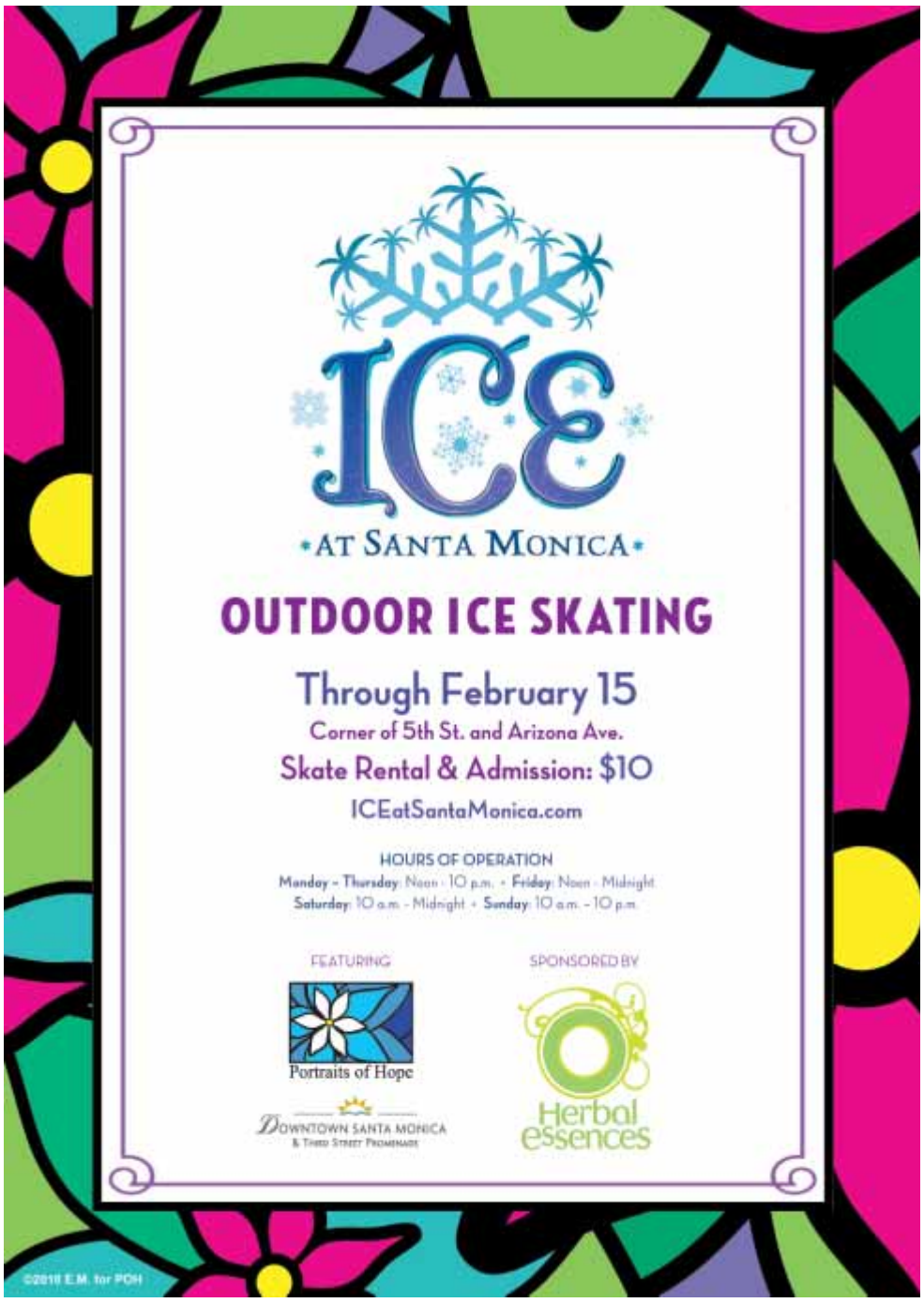
"The transition [for other stores] will be a little costly, but in the long run it will actually pay off," she said, "especially if you can really get people to use these reusable bags."

Mark Gold, the president of the nonprofit Heal the Bay and a principal backer of the ban proposal, said the absence of local opposition was no surprise.

"Santa Monica has an environmentally-supportive business community," he said. "The bag ban ordinance is the long-awaited next step, after the polystyrene food container ban, in the city's efforts to rid their beaches and the bay of plastic pollution."

He noted that opposition last year to a failed state initiative that would have banned free plastic bags at most stores throughout California came from bag manufacturers, not supermarkets and mom-and-pop shops.

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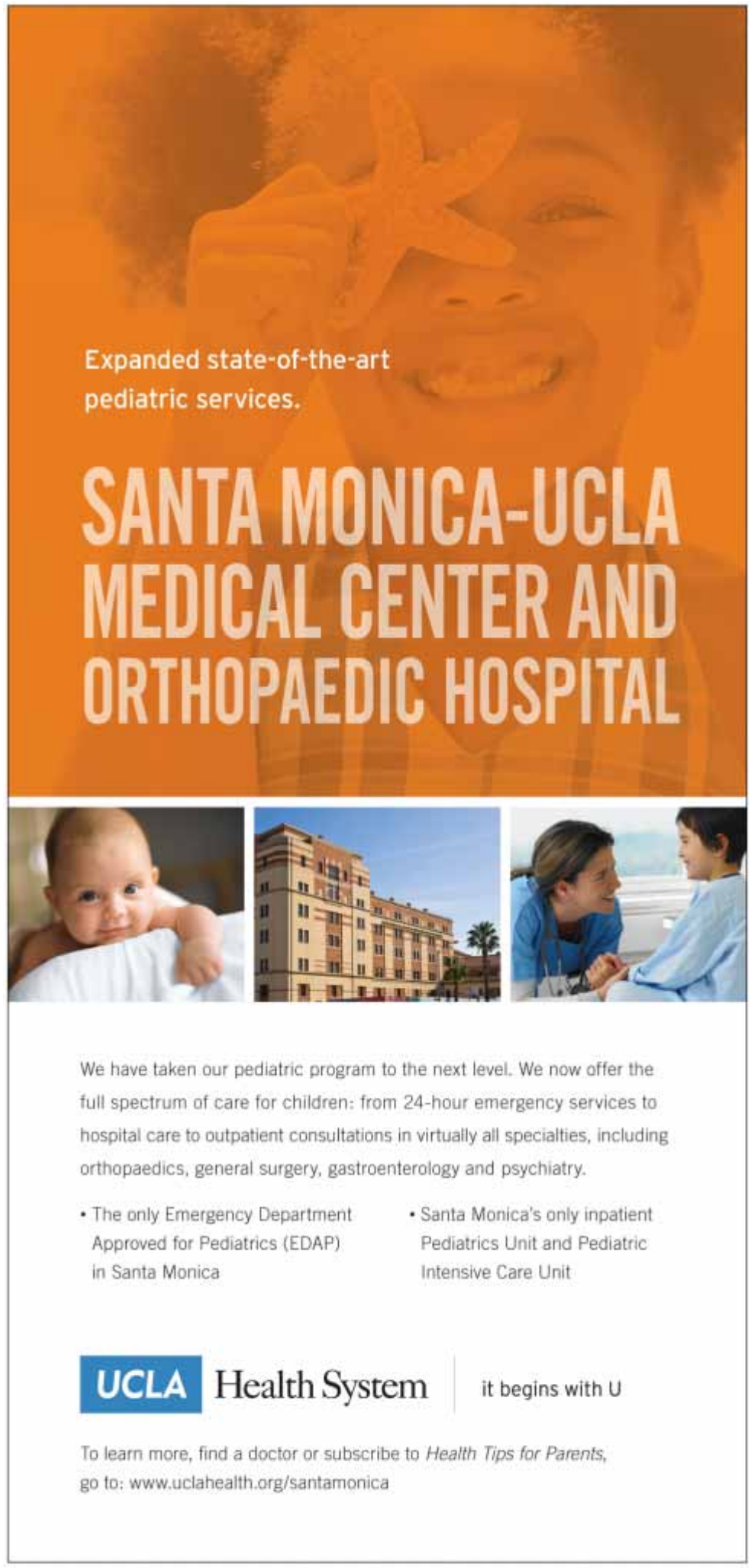
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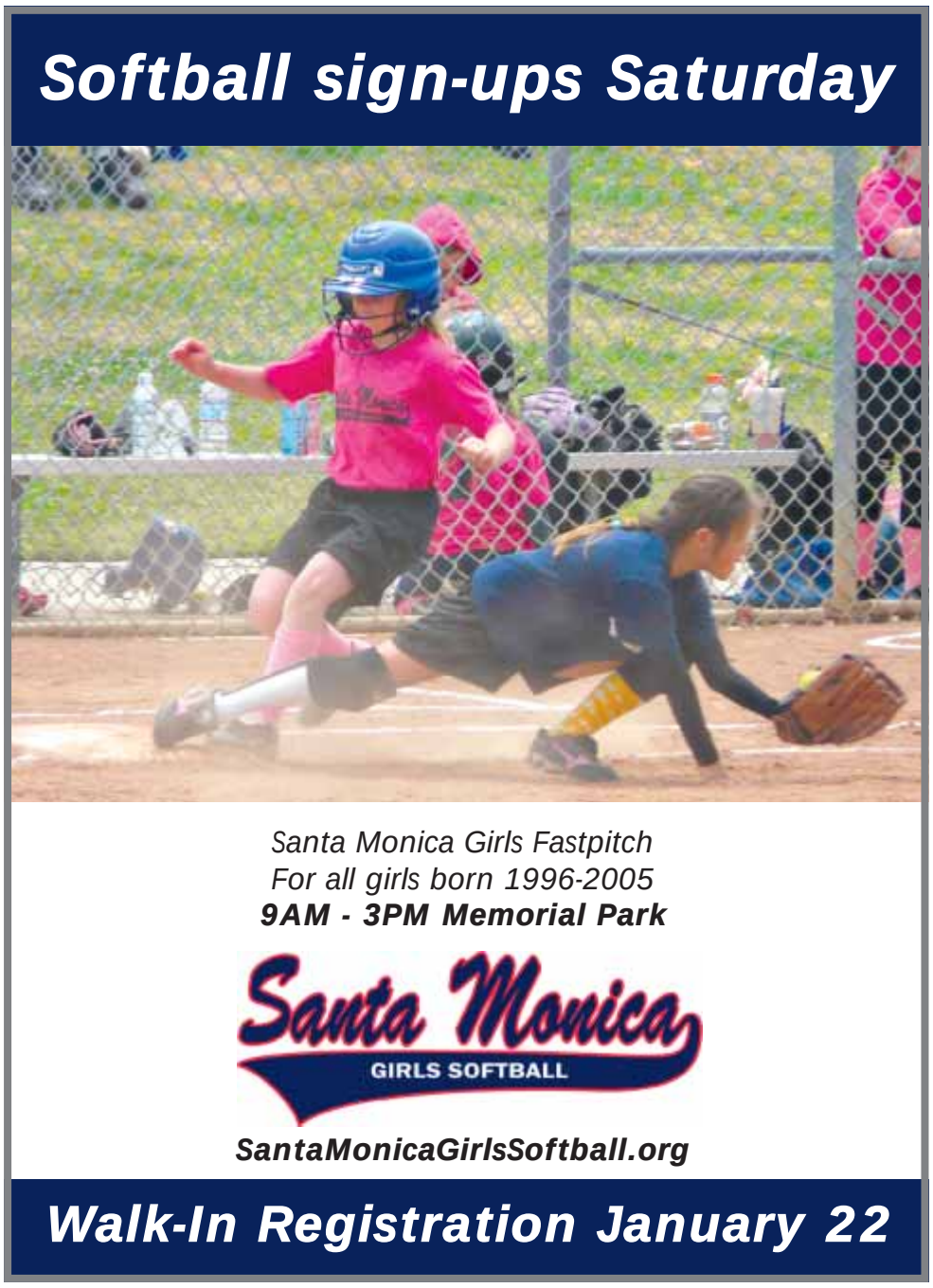
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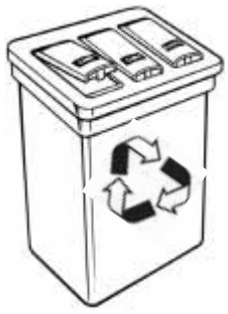
Samohi players mob Ian Spetner after the Viking scored the winning goal a minute after teammate Ricardo Ocampo tied the game against Ocean League rival Beverly Hills High on Wednesday. Samohi won 3-2.









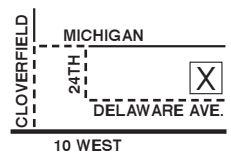


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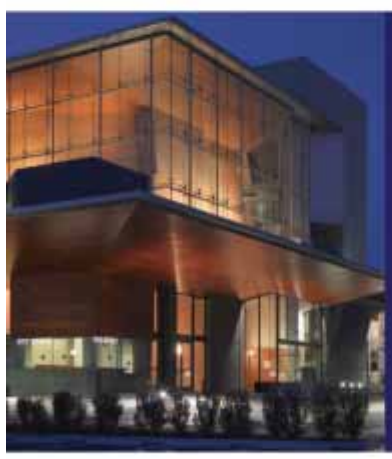


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WE BELIEVE THAT THERE'S NO BASIS IN FACT OR LAW FOR THEIR ALLEGATIONS."

Tony Serritella,
Deputy city attorney

cient evidence.

"The claims are also unsupported by admissible evidence and are at least in part legally infirm," he wrote, noting that the plaintiffs are required to show "intentional discrimination" to prove their civil rights claim and had so far failed to do so.

While the ruling means City Hall will be allowed to begin enforcing the new franchise system, the case will proceed and could eventually end up in front of a jury.

Attorneys with Geragos & Geragos who are representing the plaintiffs, organized as the Taxi Drivers' Association of Santa Monica, could not be reached on Wednesday.

The franchise system was adopted to replace Santa Monica's open-entry system. It cut the number of cabs allowed to pick up fares in the city by more than 150 and barred all but five cab companies from doing business in Santa Monica. City records showed 44 cab companies were licensed to operate in town at the time the franchises were awarded.

The companies that were awarded franchises were picked by a City Hall committee and approved by the City Council in December.

City Hall said it evaluated applicants based on a set of criteria including financial viability, quality of fleet and environmental friendliness.

In addition to alleging racial discrimination, the plaintiffs argued City Hall had violated due process by making decisions "behind closed doors" and failing to disclose the system it was using to rate applicants beforehand.

Serritella said City Hall is confident in its legal position.

"We believe that there's no basis in fact or law for their allegations," he said. "We think that the franchise process was fair and that the city acted lawfully in awarding the franchises as it did."

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ALCOHOL
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ment calling on officials to rule.

The Distilled Spirits Council, based in Washington, also supports putting serving information on bottles.

Current labeling law is complicated.

Wine, beer and liquor manufacturers don't have to list ingredients — and the nutritional labeling proposals being considered don't require them to start doing that. However, they must list substances people might be sensitive to, such as sulfites, FD&C Yellow No. 5 and aspartame.

Wines containing 14 percent or more alcohol by volume must list alcohol content. Wines that are 7 percent to 14 percent alcohol by volume may list alcohol content or put "light" or "table" wine on the label. (Most wines in that category, however, do list alcohol by volume.)

"Light" beers must list calorie and carbohydrate content only. Liquor must list alcohol content by volume and may also list proof.

Food activist Marion Nestle, who researched the laws while writing about calories, was stunned by their piecemeal nature. She doesn't see the point of listing protein, fat and carb content of alcohol, since it contains none or little of those, but would like to see labels that list the amount of alcohol, number of calories, number of servings in the bottle and ingredients.

"Alcohol has calories and calories are an enormous issue," she says.

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DA: Pa. abortion doc killed 7 babies with scissors

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PHILADELPHIA A doctor who provided abortions for minorities, immigrants and poor women in a "house of horrors" clinic has been charged with eight counts of murder in the deaths of a patient and seven babies who were born alive and then killed with scissors, prosecutors said Wednesday.

Dr. Kermit Gosnell, 69, made millions of dollars over 30 years, performing as many illegal, late-term abortions as he could, prosecutors said. State regulators ignored complaints about him and failed to inspect his clinic since 1993, but no charges were warranted against them given time limits and existing law, District Attorney Seth Williams said. Nine of Gosnell's employees also were charged.

Gosnell "induced labor, forced the live birth of viable babies in the sixth, seventh, eighth month of pregnancy and then killed those babies by cutting into the back of the neck with scissors and severing their spinal cord," Williams said.

Patients were subjected to squalid and barbaric conditions at Gosnell's Women's Medical Society, where Gosnell performed dozens of abortions a day, prosecutors said. He mostly worked overnight hours after his untrained staff administered drugs to induce labor during the day, they said.

Early last year, authorities went to investigate drug-related complaints at the clinic and stumbled on what Williams called a "house of horrors."

Bags and bottles holding aborted fetuses "were scattered throughout the building," Williams said. "There were jars, lining shelves, with severed feet that he kept for no medical purpose."

The clinic was shut down and Gosnell's medical license was suspended after the raid.

Gosnell and four workers were charged with murder, while five others were charged with controlled drug violations and other crimes. None of the employees had any medical training, and one, a high school student, performed intravenous anesthesia with potentially lethal narcotics, Williams said.

All 10 defendants were taken into custody, authorities said.

Two listed numbers for Gosnell in Philadelphia have been disconnected. Defense lawyer William J. Brennan, who represented Gosnell during the investigation, noted that the doctor served patients in a low-income city neighborhood for decades.

"Obviously, these allegations are very, very serious," Brennan said.

The grand jury said the woman who died was a patient who came to Gosnell's clinic for an abortion and died of cardiac arrest because she was given too much Demerol. Gosnell wasn't at the clinic at the time, but directed his staff to administer the drug to keep the woman, a healthy 41-year-old woman, sedated until he arrived, prosecutors said.

Gosnell has been named in at least 46 malpractice suits, including one over the death of a 22-year-old mother who died of sepsis and a perforated uterus in 2000. Many others also involve perforated uteruses. Gosnell sometimes sewed up the injury without telling women their uteruses had been perforated, prosecutors said.

Gosnell charged $325 for first-trimester abortions and $1,600 to $3,000 for abortions up to 30 weeks. Abortions are legal up to 24 weeks gestation in Pennsylvania, although most doctors won't perform them after 20 weeks, prosecutors said.

Some women came from across the mid-Atlantic for the illegal late-term abortions, authorities said. White women from the suburbs were ushered into a separate, slightly cleaner area because Gosnell believed they were more likely to file complaints, Williams said.

"People knew near and far that if you needed a late-term abortion you could go see Dr. Gosnell," Williams said.

Few if any of the sedated women knew their babies were born alive and then killed, prosecutors said. Many were first-time mothers who were told they were 24 weeks pregnant, even if they were further along, authorities said.

Gosnell got his medical degree from Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia and is board certified in family practice. He started, but did not finish, a residency in obstetrics-gynecology, authorities said.

"He does not know how to do an abortion. He's not board certified," Assistant District Attorney Joanne Pescatore said. "Once he got them there, he saw dollar signs and did abortions that other people wouldn't do."





City of Santa Monica

CITY OF SANTA MONICA
NOTICE INVITING BIDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Santa Monica invites sealed bids for the:

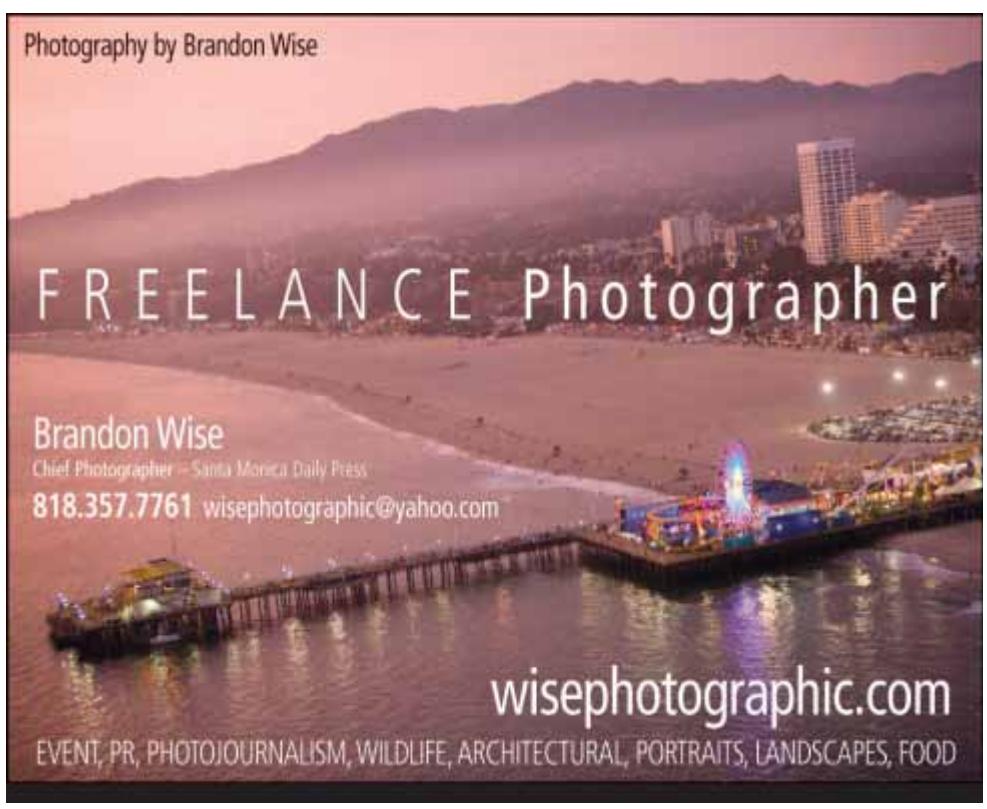
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Bids shall be delivered to the City of Santa Monica, Office of the City Clerk, Room 102, 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California, not later than 2:30 p.m. on February 9, 2011 to be publicly opened and read aloud after 2:30 p.m. on said date in City Hall. Each Bid shall be in accordance with the Contract Documents.

ENGINEER'S ESTIMATE:	**$350,000.00**
CONTRACT CALENDAR DAYS:	**60 days**
LIQUIDATED DAMAGES:	**$1000.00 PER DAY**
COMPENSABLE DELAY:	**$ 500.00 PER DAY**

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Event Details
When: January 25, 2011
Time: 5pm - 6:30pm

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Where: Santa Monica Chamber (1234 6th St., Suite 100, Santa Monica, CA)
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SURF REPORT

Surf Conditions **Water Temp: 61°**

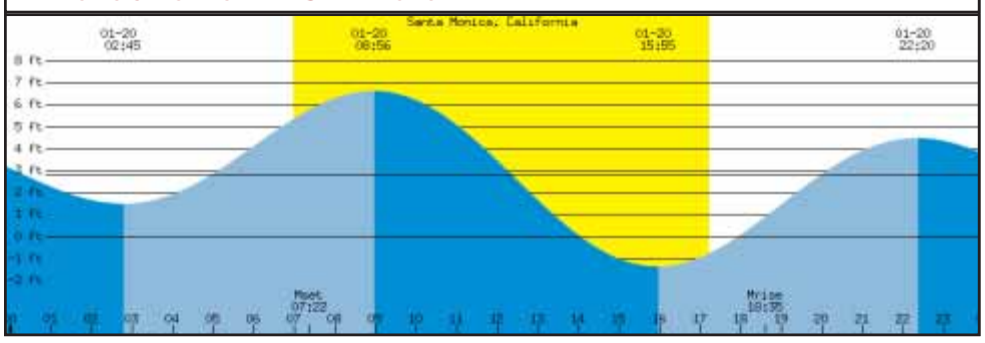
Swell Forecast

Should still see at least head high swell at west facing breaks, likely a foot or two overhead on the better sets at standout west facing spots.

Long Range Synopsis

Should see west facing breaks drop to chest to head high max.

Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica



BEACH REPORT CARD

NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous 30 days up to the ending date of **January 12, 2011**

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

QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 0
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 20
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 41 / 11
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 4 / 32

The Beach Report Card is made possible by: The Diller – von Furstenberg Family Foundation, Grousbeck Family Foundation, simplehuman, SIMA, Carlson Family Foundation, Inc.

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

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

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

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

Heal the Bay is a non-profit environmental organization dedicated to making Santa Monica Bay and Southern California coastal waters safe and healthy for people and marine life.

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NCAA BASKETBALL

Stanford ready for big test from UCLA

BY JANIE MCCAULEY
AP Sports Writer

STANFORD, Calif. Tara VanDerveer is thrilled whenever her favored Stanford team gets a push from a Pac-10 opponent. It usually only happens a handful of times each season.

These days, it's not often when two Pac-10 women's teams face off both ranked in the top 10. Or when they're also both unbeaten in conference play for that matter.

On Thursday night, No. 4 Stanford hosts eighth-ranked UCLA in an anticipated showdown at Maples Pavilion. The Cardinal are riding a 54-game home winning streak, have won eight straight overall and 42 in a row against Pac-10 competition. They have taken the last eight against the Bruins, too.

The Bruins have their own five-game winning streak and already knocked off now-No. 11 Notre Dame in double overtime on the road in November.

MLS

Galaxy sign forward Juan Pablo Angel

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

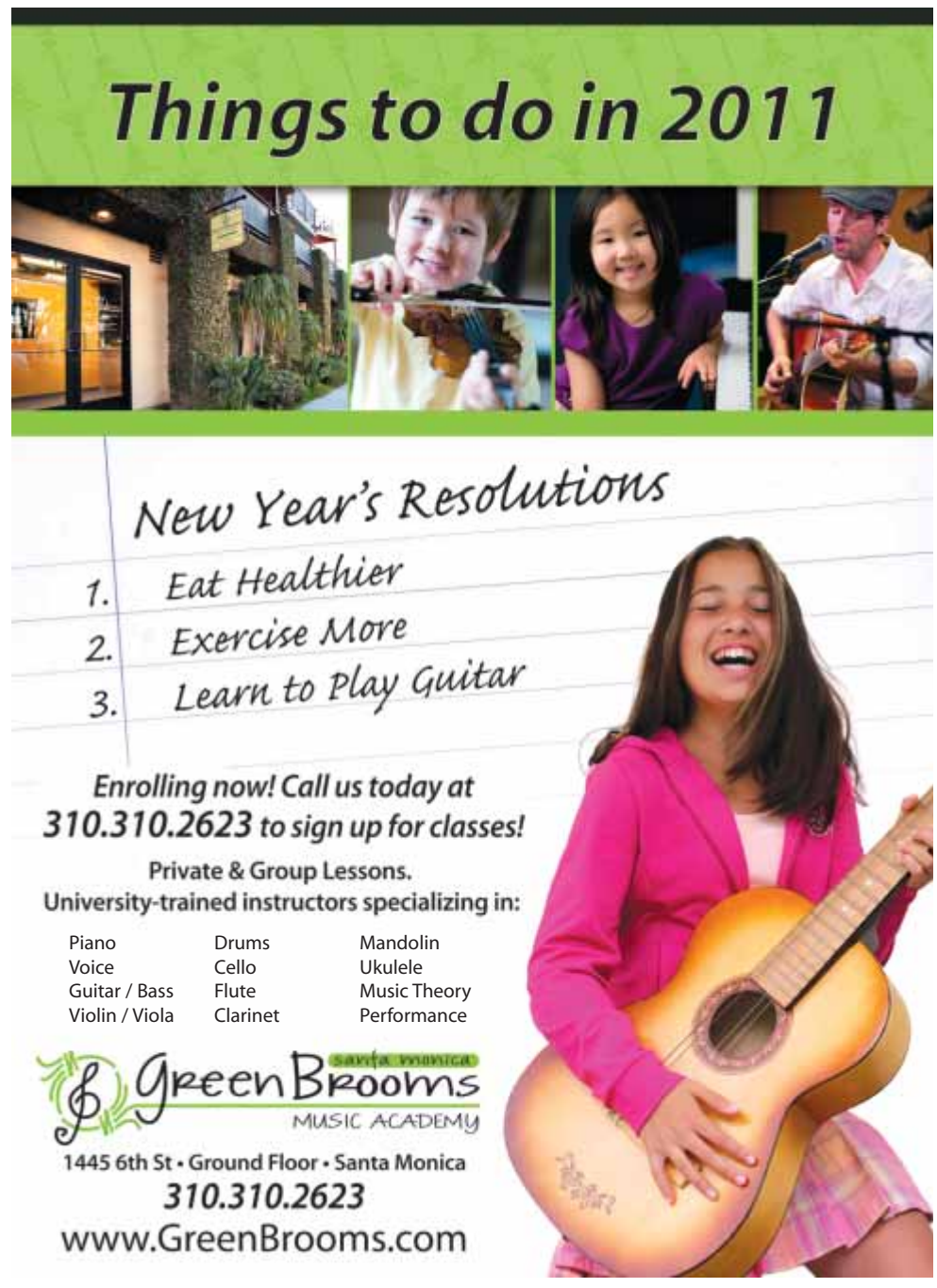
CARSON, Calif. The Los Angeles Galaxy have signed Colombian forward Juan Pablo Angel to a multiyear contract.

Angel had spent the previous four seasons with the New York Red Bulls.

The club's all-time leading scorer with 61 goals in all competitions, Angel set a Red Bull record in his first season by scoring 19 goals in 24 games in 2007.

Angel helped lead the Red Bulls to the MLS Cup a year later for the first time in club history, scoring a team-best 14 goals. He had two more in the postseason.

He was named to his third All-Star team in 2010, as he scored 13 goals.





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MOVIE TIMES

Aero Theatre
1328 Montana Ave.
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Double Feature
The Lady in Red (R) 1hr 33min
Our Time (PG) 1hr 30min
7:30pm
Discussion between films with actress Pamela Sue Martin and actor Parker Stevenson, moderated by Larry Karaszewski.

Call theater for more information.

AMC Loews Broadway 4
1441 Third Street Promenade
(310) 458-6232

Somewhere (R) 1hr 38min
12:05pm, 2:30pm, 4:55pm, 7:20pm, 9:45pm

True Grit (PG-13) 1hr 50min
12:45pm, 3:30pm, 6:15pm, 9:00pm

Dilemma (PG-13) 1hr 58min
1:15pm, 4:00pm, 6:35pm, 9:15pm

Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader in Digital 3D (PG) 1hr 52min
4:10pm, 9:20pm

Gulliver's Travels 3D (PG) 1hr 25min
1:55pm, 7:00pm

AMC Santa Monica 7
1310 Third St.
(310) 451-9440

Little Fockers (PG-13) 1hr 38min
11:10am, 1:50pm, 4:25pm, 7:00pm, 9:35pm

Tron: Legacy in Disney Digital 3D (NR) 2hrs 07min
12:40pm, 3:40pm, 6:45pm, 9:45pm

True Grit (PG-13) 1hr 50min
11:00am, 1:45pm, 4:30pm, 7:15pm, 10:00pm

Dilemma (PG-13) 1hr 58min
11:20am, 2:00pm, 4:45pm, 7:30pm, 10:10pm

Green Hornet 3D (PG-13) 1hr 48min
11:15am, 2:15pm, 5:15pm, 8:15pm

Country Strong (PG-13) 1hr 52min
1:15pm, 4:10pm, 7:10pm, 9:55pm

Black Swan (R) 1hr 50min
11:05am, 1:55pm, 4:35pm, 7:20pm, 10:05pm

Laemmle's Monica Fourplex
1332 Second St.
(310) 478-3836

Concert (Le concert) (PG-13) 2hrs 00min
1:00pm, 3:30pm, 6:00pm

King's Speech (R) 1 hour 58 min
1:10pm, 4:00pm, 7:00pm, 8:30pm, 9:50pm

Casino Jack (R) 1hr 48min
4:30pm, 7:10pm, 9:50pm

Inside Job (PG-13) 1hr 48min
1:40pm, 4:20pm, 7:20pm, 10:00pm

Cavalleria Rustican / Pagliacci Encore (NR)
11:00am

AMC Criterion 6
1313 Third Street Promenade
(310) 395-1599

Blue Valentine (NC-17) 2hrs
12:00pm, 2:40pm, 4:05pm, 5:25pm, 7:00pm, 8:15pm, 9:45pm

Tangled in Disney Digital 3D (PG) 1hr 40min
12:00pm, 2:25pm, 4:50pm, 7:15pm

Season of the Witch (PG-13) 1hr 38min
2:10pm, 4:45pm, 7:20pm, 9:50pm

Green Hornet 3D (PG-13) 1hr 48min
12:15pm, 3:15pm, 6:15pm, 9:15pm, 10:00pm

Yogi Bear (PG) 1hr 22min
1:45pm

Fighter (R) 1hr 54min
1:35pm, 4:25pm, 7:05pm, 9:55pm

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Get errands done, Pisces

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★★ You are juggling others' very different responses to the same event or act. Friends tend to gather on one side, while a loved one seems quite contrary. Through understanding the feelings behind the thoughts, you find an answer. Tonight: Kick up your heels.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Your perspective seems to conflict with an authority figure's request. Do not mix your personal life with your professional life. An observant friend or loved one gives much-needed support. Tonight: Your favorite place.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Seek out more opinions and different perspectives to an issue. Be ready to discover that you might not have all the facts. Work with someone directly, opening up a new avenue of communication. A partner, loved one or special friend proves to be most supportive. Tonight: Hang out with your pals.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ Curb a tendency to be possessive. This trait reveals your insecurity. Work on building a stronger sense of well-being. Perhaps a purchase of a new item or a membership at a gym could help. You decide. Tonight: Your treat.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ You understand others' opposition on a project, yet you are still smiling. Handle their attitude by not taking any statements personally. This course of action reveals an innate self-confidence. Tonight: A loved one might act like a bee with honey.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★ Play it low-key. A personal matter or an issue regarding property will be more easily resolved than a snafu at work. Focus where success lies. Your instincts guide you financially. Understand that not only you, but also many people feel as if there is never enough money. Tonight: Get some extra R and R.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ Others prove to be instrumental. You might smile at hearing key information. Ask yourself if you are vested in a certain outcome. Use your innate charm, and others will be more inclined to agree. Tonight: Just don't isolate yourself.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Be willing to take a stand or assume responsibility. How you manage to bring a project or event to conclusion is your call. The end results prove to be most worthwhile. Express an innate talent through manifesting and letting others view this gift. Tonight: Count on a late night.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ Keep reaching out for more information. You gain a better grasp on a hot issue. Be careful making a financial decision. Though you might be very positive about someone's offer or a special expense, you don't have the whole story. Tonight: Let your imagination choose.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Someone makes a request that feels difficult to fulfill. What you do with your decision reflects your self-concept. Be aware that others are picking up on the same issue. Avoid taking comments personally. Tonight: Use care with a new person.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Others continue to test your boundaries. You do need to get into a flurry, but do notice if anything is unusually difficult. You might want to review that whole situation with eye to change. Stay calm, cool and collected. Tonight: Out and about.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ All work and no play can be a problem, as you discover early on. Why push yourself so hard? Remember, life is for living. Join in a conversation over lunch. Share more of yourself. Others see you in a positive vein. You can count on that. Tonight: Get errands done.

Happy birthday

This year you evolve in a new direction. Often you let others dominate the social scene. That type of interaction simply is not that important to you, though you could feel otherwise next year. Your friendships remain key, and you will do whatever you need to do in order to maintain them. If single, it is likely because of a friendship that a love relationship develops. You could have quite the case of spring fever. If you are attached, the two of you gain through focusing on a long-term goal. LEO likes people as much as you do!

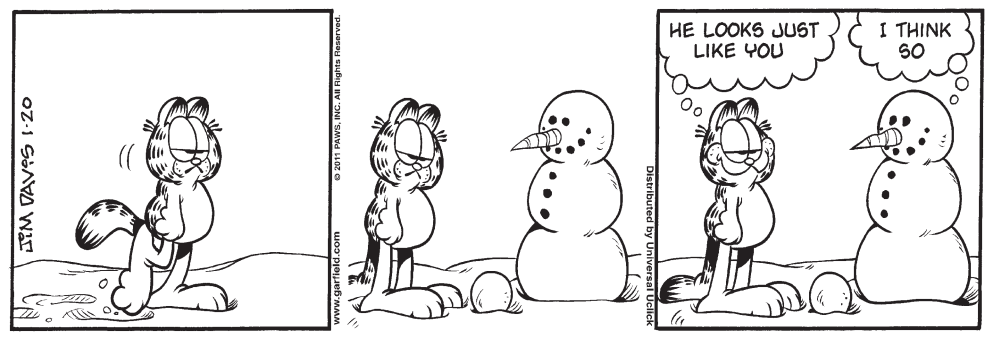
JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS
The stars show the kind of day you'll have:
★★★★★Dynamic ★★ So-So
★★★★ Positive ★ Difficult
★★★ Average



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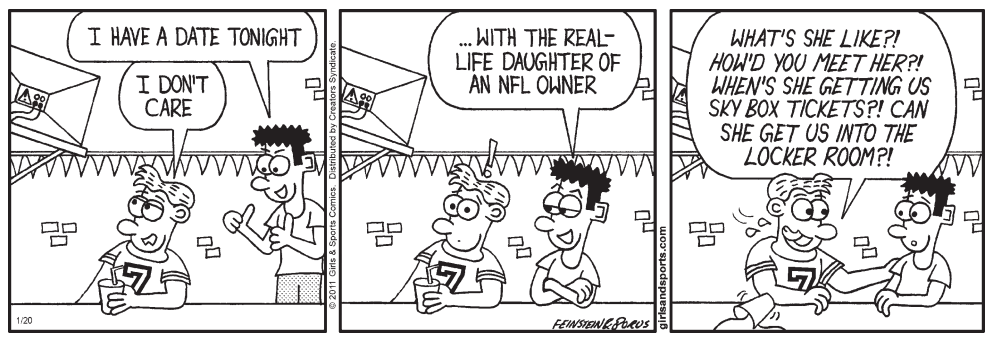
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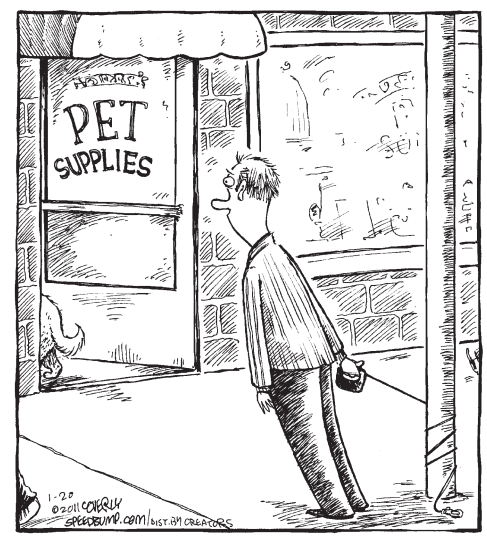
Girls and Sports
By Justin Borus and Andrew Feinstein



Strange Brew
By John Deering



Speed Bump
By Dave Coverly



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 ★★★

			2	5				4
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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

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



CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Absurd
5 "American Beauty" star
11 Lotion additive
12 Spot
13 Writer Uris
14 Underworld god
15 Blackmailed
17 Lingerie item
18 Hunting weapon
22 URL part
24 Reporter's exclusive
25 Sold-out show
26 Corrida cheer
27 Theater worker
30 Cover words
32 Refinement
33 Little devil
34 Monitor's request
38 Fake front
41 "Beetle Bailey" dog
42 Makes amends
43 Chase away
44 Hampers
45 "SportsCenter" network

DOWN

1 Chip's partner
2 TV's Trebek
3 They relieve barking dogs
4 Bocelli and Caruso
5 Mailbox feature
6 Tough puzzles
7 Tart
8 Train unit
9 Peyton's brother
10 "You betcha!"
16 Fan call
19 Rural walks
20 Lounge about
21 Foil's kin
22 Close
23 Maggie and Bart's sister
28 Fuel gas
29 Library patron
30 Fox sitcom "— Death"
31 Levy
35 Reduced amount
36 Organ part
37 Shortly
38 Rage
39 Finished off
40 Guest's bed

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Yesterday's answer

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- Fill the grid with the set of given numbers (1 to 12) to satisfy the Equa demands (7 to 24) in the shaded boxes. The Equa demands represent the sum of the digits that you will insert into the empty squares.
- Each horizontal row has one Equa demand to satisfy; each vertical column also has one demand to satisfy. Each empty square in the grid dictates the math operation (addition +, subtraction -, multiplication X, and division ÷) that must be performed to meet the demands.
- You must follow the given math operations for each square and you must make sure all the numbers satisfy the demands in the shaded boxes when connected in adjacent threes and calculated together from left to right, and top to bottom.
- The numbers you insert into the grid must satisfy the Equa demands both horizontally and vertically.

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Fill in the empty fields with the given numbers so when calculated together they satisfy all Equas in the gray boxes:

1, 2, 3, 6, 8, 12, 12, 12

Solution for Task 1027

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SUPER LOTTO PLUS: 15 28 29 41 45 Meganumber: 17 Jackpot: $7M

Fantasy 5: 19 23 27 32 35

DAILY 3: MIDDAY: 6 2 8 EVENING: 0 2 2

DAILY DERBY: 1st: 08 Gorgeous George 2nd: 09 Winning Spirit 3rd: 12 Lucky Charms RACE TIME: 1:48.16

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Fortunately for Police, Disguising His E-Mail Address Did Not Occur to Him: Kyle D. Gore, 23, of Naperville, Ill., was arrested in December for allegedly downloading child pornography on his computer. Police identified Gore as the man trying to find people online who could help him have encounters with children, using the address "kdg31087@aol.com" (an unimaginative identifier for someone of Gore's initials and born, as Gore was, in 1987).

■ Anatomically Equipped Shoplifters: (1) Video surveillance at the Beall's Outlet store in Crestview, Fla., in December showed a woman handing clothing to a man, who would roll it up and hand it back, and the woman concealing the items in her purse, or in the case of one pair of shoes, under her breasts. The pair were charged with misdemeanor theft. (2) Ailene Brown, 28, and Shmeco Thomas, 37, were arrested in Edmond, Okla., in November and charged with shoplifting at a TJ Maxx store. Surveillance video revealed that, among the items stuffed in the pair's belly fat and under their armpits and breasts were four pairs of boots, three pairs of jeans, a wallet and gloves.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1981 Twenty minutes after Ronald Reagan is inaugurated, at age 69 the oldest man ever to be inaugurated as U.S. President, Iran releases 52 American hostages. It is the first Presidential inauguration to be held at the west front of the Capitol.

1986 Martin Luther King, Jr. day is celebrated as a federal holiday for the first time.

1987 Church of England envoy Terry Waite is kidnapped in Lebanon.

1990 Tragedy at Baku – The Red Army killed Azerbaijani people in Baku.

1991 Sudan's government imposes Islamic law nationwide, worsening the civil war between the country's Muslim north and Christian south.

1992 – Air Inter Flight 148 crashes near Strasbourg, France, killing 82 passengers and 5 crew.

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1. Content; willing. 2. Archaic: Constrained; obliged.

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