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THE IN THE LIGHT ISSUE

Santa Monica gets B on smoking report card

BY **ASHLEY ARCHIBALD**
 Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE Santa Monica is falling short on its efforts to regulate tobacco use in multi-family residences, according to a report

released Thursday by the American Lung Association.

The report, called the State of Tobacco Control 2012, is an annual assessment for incorporated cities and counties across the nation that evaluates municipalities' work in

reducing tobacco sales and making outdoor spaces and apartment complexes smoke-free.

Santa Monica received a B-grade for its overall efforts in tobacco control in 2012, not budging from the previous year in which the city received top marks for its work in clean-

ing up the air and reducing tobacco sales.

But City Hall got a D in the smokefree multi-family housing category.

Mayor Richard Bloom viewed the grade

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National homeless figures steady

Officials hope efforts will trump weak economy, unemployment trends

BY **ASHLEY ARCHIBALD**
 Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN The number of homeless individuals in the United States decreased slightly between 2009 and 2011, but service providers in Santa Monica are concerned about the impacts a continued recession, reduction in government aid and return of veterans from Iraq and Afghanistan might have on that number.

The National Alliance to End Homelessness, a nonprofit, announced the reduction in its State of Homelessness 2012 report released Wednesday.

The paper compiles and analyzes homeless counts conducted across the nation in January 2011, and found that the national homeless population dropped a mere 1 percent from 643,067 in 2009 to 636,017 despite the continued weak economy and high unemployment rate.

It attributes that decrease to a \$1.5 billion investment by the federal government in the Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-



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Promenade performer upset MLK Day not recognized

BY **KEVIN HERRERA**
 Editor in Chief

DOWNTOWN To celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., John Foster planned to set up his drum set on the Third Street Promenade and play some jazz on MLK Day.

But before he could produce one boom-bap, Foster was informed by ambassadors with Downtown Santa Monica Inc., the public-private management company that oversees Downtown for City Hall, that he had to keep the noise at or below the 97-decibel limit established by the City Council.

Foster, who has played on the promenade for the last 11 years, was surprised to learn that even though City Hall, schools and banks were closed Monday for MLK Day, a national holiday first celebrated in 1986, it wasn't considered a recognized holiday under the street performer ordinance.

If it was, Foster could play at the loudest level allowed — 107 decibels. While a difference of 10 decibels may seem trivial to some, for Foster it was a travesty. He could not believe that in a liberal city like Santa Monica that Martin Luther King Day was not included in the ordinance, yet Columbus Day was, along with Christmas and Thanksgiving, New Year's Day, President's Day, Memorial Day, Labor Day, Veterans Day and the Fourth of July.

"I was shocked," said Foster, who grew up in the South and visited King's white-marble

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Saturday, Jan. 21, 2012

A night with Sam — and
Woody

Morgan-Wixson Theatre

2627 Pico Blvd., 8 p.m.

Woody Allen's "Play It Again, Sam"
will be the theatre's second produc-
tion of the season. Nominated for
three Tony Awards, the comedy
classic ran for 453 performances on
Broadway. The memorable film ver-

sion is the missing link between
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Santa Monica Pier Aquarium
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Join the aquarium as it holds the
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Day, celebrating the implementation
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The marine science center will fea-
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DOWNTOWN LA
Daily Press 10th largest daily in L.A.

The Santa Monica Daily Press is the 10th largest daily newspaper in the region, according to the Los Angeles Business Journal.

The journal ranked dailies based on circulation. The Daily Press' daily circulation was listed at 17,000, putting the paper ahead of the Whittier Daily News, Glendale News Press and the Antelope Valley Press.

The information was included in the journal's 2012 Book of Lists, which includes categories like the largest airlines, auto dealers, minority-owned businesses and venture capital firms.

"It's an honor to be in the company of these publications," said Ross Furukawa, publisher of the Daily Press.

The Los Angeles Times received the top ranking with a circulation of 572,998. It was followed by the Investor's Business Daily, La Opinión, the Daily News and the Long Beach Press-Telegram.

The Daily Press was founded in 2001 and covers the Santa Monica community, including City Hall, the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District, and Santa Monica College, along with local businesses, sports, the arts and environment.

KEVIN HERRERA

CITY HALL
Santa Monica is a 'strong' city

The League of California Cities and the California City Manager Foundation are featuring Santa Monica in their ongoing "Strong Cities | Strong State" campaign highlighting local government success stories across California.

Santa Monica was recognized for its commitment to sustainability, including the City Council's ban on single-use plastic bags; the prioritization of education by the community, including support in 2010 of a half-cent sales tax increase to help fund public schools; business attraction and retention efforts such as the Buy Local campaign and City Hall's investment in an extensive dark fiber network for faster Internet speeds; investment in new civic projects and facilities; social responsibility and City Hall's support of non-profits dealing with homelessness, alcohol and drug recovery and the elderly.

"Santa Monica is proud to be a participant in Strong Cities | Strong State," said City Manager Rod Gould. "We believe it's important to show the valuable role that cities and local governments play in people's day-to-day lives. Santa Monica is outstanding in its ability to deliver a high level of quality city services to its residents."

The overarching goal of the "Strong Cities" campaign is to promote the innovation and experience of local officials in delivering vital services at a time when this expertise is vitally needed by state leaders struggling with fundamental issues of governance.

For more details, visit "Strong Cities | Strong State" at www.strongcitiesstrongstate.com.

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UP AND OVER: St. Monica's Troy Whiteto goes up for a layup against Cantwell-Sacred Heart on Wednesday at home. St. Monica would go on to lose the Camino Real League game, 54-42.

HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS ROUNDUP
St. Monica falls to 1-2 in league

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

ST. MONICA Cantwell-Sacred Heart was too much for St. Monica's boys' basketball team Wednesday during a 54-42 El Camino League loss at home.

The loss drops St. Monica to 9-10 overall and 1-2 in league. Cantwell-Sacred Heart improved to a league best 3-0.

Next for St. Monica is a road game at league rival Bosco Tech today. The game begins at 7 p.m.

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lowering device, clothes wringer, diesel car coupling, riding saddles, and so on
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AT ATTENTION! Girl Scouts founder Juliette Gordon Low salutes with her troop in 1912.

Not your grandma's Girl Scouts

THESE DAYS, SADLY, AMERICA HAS become a highly polarized society. It may trace back to the Vietnam era or the Civil War or even the Revolutionary War when the Tories wanted to stay under British rule (which might have precluded the Beatles though I'm not sure the two are related).

Among the myriad of hot-button issues which divide our nation are gay marriage, abortion, the death penalty, the Iraq invasion and Mitt Romney's tax rate. (He admits he only pays 15 percent, "Except for the little I made on speeches," which actually was \$374,000! Did he say "little?")

But who could have ever predicted that this deep chasm in the American spirit would one day extend to something which, for two months shy of a century, the country had embraced. I'm speaking of the Girl Scouts of America, or specifically, their beloved cookies, which are now at the center of a raging controversy. To quote the sage philosopher Don King, "Only in America."

Yes friends, even the most cynical among us couldn't have predicted that pro and anti-Girl Scout cookie factions would be at war with each other. And to think March 12 marks the 100th anniversary of the Girl Scouts, which was founded by the late Juliette Gordon Low (who must be spinning in her grave). I can only say Lord help us all. Assuming, of course, there is a Lord, which is a whole other column for another day. (If there is a Lord apparently He or She was a Patriots fan, or had a hefty bet down on New England.)

The Girl Scout cookie brouhaha (where did that word come from?) began back in October 2011 in Denver when Felisha Archuleta tried to enroll her 7-year-old son Bobby Montoya in the Girl Scouts. (Brouhaha may come from a Hebrew word and be thankful I didn't use "kerfuffle," which was my second choice.)

Bobby is a transgender child who identifies and presents as a girl. (If Juliette wasn't spinning before, she is now.) Originally the Girl Scouts turned Bobby down because he "had boy parts." But three months (and a lot of e-mails) later Rachelle Trujillo, vice president of communications for Girl Scouts of Colorado, said, "Girl Scouts is an inclusive organization and if the child identifies as a girl and the family presents her as a girl, we welcome her." Case closed? Not quite.

Because the Girl Scouts accepted a transgender child, a faction of the membership decided to stage a national boycott (which they should have called "girlcott") and chose the cookies as the object of their protest. It's not exactly on the level of Ghandi, but as Don says, "Only in America."

The battle heated up when a 14-year-old girl (going on 40) named Taylor, who has been a Girl Scout for eight years, went on YouTube with a video announcing the nationwide girlcott. "GSUSA cares more about promoting the desires of a small handful of people than it does my safety and the safety of my friends. And they are doing it with the money we earn for them by selling Girl Scout cookies."

Frankly, I'm not sure how Taylor's "safety" is at risk, but her video, which according to the N.Y. Post went viral with 100,000 hits, caused a firestorm on YouTube. Meanwhile, in response, the gay and lesbian community is encouraging members to quadruple their normal cookie purchases. (Did I say only in America, already?)

I somehow recall during the L.A. riots, when Rodney pleaded, "Can't we all just get along?" Apparently not. In the meantime, writing this has made me hungry for those cookies.

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Your column here

Ariel Drouault

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A different perspective in SMO debate

IT WAS 9 IN THE MORNING, ON A wonderfully sunny day, when I heard the eight words I'd been waiting for:

"Clear for takeoff, right turn at shoreline approved."

Upon hearing those words, I increased the power, and began my ascent. This was my first flight lesson, done through a flight school at Santa Monica Airport, and it was exhilarating. It provided me with new, educational experiences. I've done several lessons since that day, and continue to enjoy it.

Some Santa Monica residents support the closure of flight schools at the airport due to the noise. Well, I also live in Santa Monica, in relative proximity to the airport, and can frequently hear planes taking off. Thus, I am perfectly capable of understanding the complaints. I'm not going to use the platitude of "you moved into the area surrounding an airport," for that has been overused by supporters of the airport. In addition, using that statement seeks to minimize the complaints. I don't believe that I have the right to minimize the concerns and complaints of residents.

However, I can show a different perspective. There's no doubt that noise exists, however, the noise only lasts for an average of five seconds. For a student partaking in flight training, the enjoyment of the flight lasts for multiple hours. Before I began my flight training, I would occasionally complain about the noise. Now that I've begun flying, I cease to notice it.

The city of Los Angeles passed the Rosendahl-Hahn-Koretz resolution, which would include support for any legislation that would "close the flight schools at SMO." Closing of the flight schools, in addition to the fiscal effects, would have negative effects on the lives of all the students who train at SMO. Students who would wish to continue their training would have to choose an alternative training environment, such as Van Nuys Airport. Having to drive 30 miles round trip for flight school would be an enormous inconvenience, when currently, I can walk to the hangar.

For those of us without automobiles, closing this airport would effectively prevent continuation of our hobby. Also, the closure of these schools would be detrimental for the city of Santa Monica, both financially, and in terms of jobs. All the flight instructor jobs would be gone, and so would the money that students pay for their lessons. Would residents of Santa Monica really choose to impede the enjoyment of others, and cause fiscal harm to this region, simply to remove

a few seconds of noise?

I've seen stories in the Santa Monica Daily Press reporting on the controversy, and in the feedback section we can see vitriolic comments in regards to the airport. Some Santa Monica residents are looking at the most minuscule details, for the sole reason of criticizing the airport. I could perhaps understand mild frustration being discussed, but this discussion has devolved into a series of vitriolic online shouting matches, over the topic of whether someone did a touch-and-go five years ago. (A touch-and-go is a procedure in which a plane approaches the runway, touches down, as if to land, and then increases the power, to takeoff again.)

Santa Monica Airport already has strict guidelines, which include curfews on all airplane departures, as we can see on the city of Santa Monica website: "No takeoffs or engine startups ... are permitted between 2300 hours local time and 0700 hours Monday through Friday, or until 0800 hours on weekends." In addition, there are specific routing guidelines for departing aircraft. If a plane wants to fly northbound, and takes off toward the ocean, they have to wait until they reach the ocean, before turning. If a plane wants to fly southbound, they have to pass Lincoln Boulevard. Thus, I feel that the pilots are already making a significant effort to lessen the animosity.

To all opponents of this historic airport, I offer my personal experience, which is that this airport and the flight schools have given me something to do over my prolonged holiday. If we didn't have these wonderful flight schools, I most likely wouldn't have accomplished much over my break. I have a suggestion for all opponents of the Santa Monica Airport flight schools, which is that you take one hour out of your day, and schedule an introductory lesson. This way, you could see what I see, and gain a new perspective. And besides, our area looks wonderful from the sky.

Whether you're over the coast of Santa Monica, or flying over Point Dume, you'll see Southern California in an entirely different way.

If you take my advice, I hope to see you in the sky. And I hope you realize what a great asset the flight schools are for our city. And perhaps, just perhaps, you'll feel differently about the occasional bit of noise.

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The Q-Line

Keeping the peace

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

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

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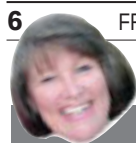
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Play Time
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THE SPOTLIGHT: Kathleen Turner stars in 'Red Hot Patriot, The Kick-Ass Wit of Molly Ivins.'

By golly, it's 'Molly'

AS GERTRUDE STEIN ONCE SAID ABOUT Oakland, "There's no THERE there." And you might say the same for the Geffen Playhouse's production of "Red Hot Patriot, The Kick-Ass Wit of Molly Ivins."

Ivins, the rambunctiously liberal Texas journalist, was a latter-day Will Rogers, famous for deriding the pompous, the outrageous, and, above all, the shenanigans of the politically powerful. (She's the one who dubbed George W. Bush "Shrub.") Her sharp wit and shrewd punditry often got her fired, but by the end of her life her commentary was appearing regularly in some 400 newspapers around the country.

Ivins, who was actually born in Monterey, Calif., grew up in Houston, where her father was an oil and gas executive. A harsh and punishing man whom she called "the general" for his authoritarian ways, he engendered in her an angry, rebellious view of the world that fueled her caustic criticisms for the rest of her life. They were, she admitted, things she had wanted to say to her father.

For example, after Pat Buchanan's inflammatory speech at the 1992 Republican Convention, in which he railed against Bill Clinton, liberals, abortion, gay rights, and other such "horrors," she commented that Buchanan's speech "probably sounded better in the original German."

A graduate of Smith College with a master's degree in Journalism from Columbia, she wrote consistently for the New York Times and The Washington Post in addition to her gigs at top Texas newspapers. At the Times, she said, "I was miserable at five times my previous salary!"

She never married because the two men she had loved had both been killed: the first in a motorcycle accident and the second in Vietnam, but she reveled in drinking and mixing it up with the men she worked with and considered it a compliment when they treated her like "one of the boys."

In "a nation undeterred by reality" she claimed to be "an optimist to the point of

idiocy" and defended her love of Texas as "a harmless perversion."

All of this autobiographical material is rendered in a mushy Texas drawl by Kathleen Turner, and while it's interesting, and occasionally funny, it all seems a bit hollow. Ms. Turner's famously dark voice is hard to listen to for an uninterrupted 75 minutes, and in the end you leave with the sense that there was much more to Molly Ivins than was hinted at by Turner's spare portrayal.

A mute "helper" (Matthew Van Oss) appears from time to time to rip bulletins out of the Associated Press wire machine and deliver coffee periodically, but he is not much of a diversion. Perhaps the playwrights, twin sisters Margaret and Allison Engel, and director David Esbjornson recognized that something more was needed in this one-woman show, but a non-speaking "helper" wasn't it.

Just a couple of additional actors portraying some of the most significant people in Ivins' life (like her good friend Ann Richards, the former governor of Texas) could have provided some lively interaction and a change of pace.

Further, designer John Arnone didn't help with one of the dreariest sets ever assembled. It consisted of a few nondescript desks shoved to the back of the stage with an array of office chairs piled helter skelter and at odd angles on top. According to the playbill, this was supposed to represent "a newsroom past its prime."

Just like the production itself.

"Red Hot Patriot, the Kick-Ass Wit of Molly Ivins" will continue at the Geffen Playhouse, 10886 LeConte Ave. in Westwood, Tuesdays through Fridays at 8 p.m., Saturdays at 3 and 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 and 7 p.m. through Feb. 19. Call (310) 208-5454 for tickets or visit www.geffenplayhouse.com.

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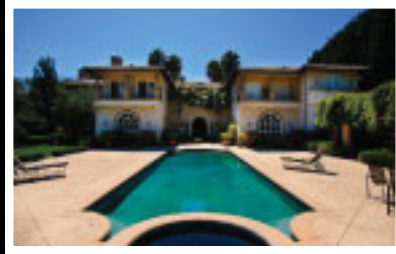
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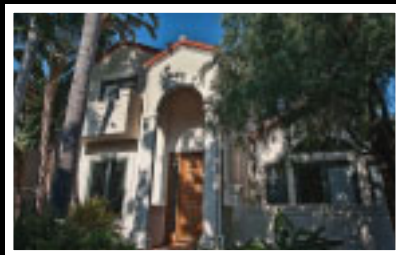
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CRIME WATCH

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF



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Crime Watch is a weekly series culled from reports provided by the Santa Monica Police Department. These are arrests only. All parties are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

THURSDAY, JAN. 12, AT 12:20 P.M.,

Santa Monica police officers were on routine patrol in the area of Fourth Street and Pico Boulevard when they noticed a man they knew was on probation loitering in a gas station parking lot. When officers attempted to contact the man, he hopped on his bicycle and rode away. Officers followed the man and ordered him to stop. He allegedly threw his bike down in the middle of the street, blocking the officers in their patrol vehicle, and removed a clear plastic baggy from his pocket and started pouring out a white crystal-like substance into the gutter. Police said the suspect then placed the empty baggy in his mouth and tried to swallow it as officers grabbed him. The suspect struggled and finally spit out the baggy. The suspect was placed under arrest for destruction of evidence, resisting and a probation violation. He was identified as John Andrew Cox, 37, a transient. His bail was set at \$10,000.

THURSDAY, JAN. 12, AT 8:32 P.M.,

Officers responded to a radio call of a vehicle burglary that took place in the parking lot of the Le Merigot hotel, located on the 1700 block of Ocean Avenue. When officers arrived, they made contact with the alleged victims who said they were staying at the hotel while on vacation. The night before, they said they gave their car to a valet to park before heading to their room. When they retrieved their car the next day they noticed that \$4,700 in cash was missing from the center console. They called police and asked the valet who took their car the night before to stay with them until police arrived. Officers obtained consent from the valet to search his car to make sure he did not take the money. Officers said during the search of his vehicle they found the victims' money. The valet allegedly admitted to the theft. He told police he was in financial trouble and needed the money. Officers placed the suspect under arrest for grand theft. He was identified as Jose Angel Roman-Garcia, 24, of Los Angeles. His bail was set at \$20,000.

TUESDAY, JAN. 10, AT 7:52 A.M.,

Officers responded to the 300 block of Santa Monica Boulevard – One Stop Shop – regarding a report of a theft that just occurred. When officers arrived, they made contact with the manager of the convenience store who said that the suspect entered the store and asked for a pack of cigarettes. When he was informed of the price, the suspect allegedly demanded that the store manager give him the cigarettes free of charge. The manager put the pack back on the shelf behind her, at which time the suspect walked around the counter and took them, police said. The manager told officers that she was afraid the suspect would assault her so she let him take the smokes and walk out of the store. As he left, he allegedly took a lighter as well. Officers located the suspect a short distance away and attempted to detain him for questioning. The suspect allegedly resisted and was taken to the ground. While on the ground, the suspect continued to resist and would not allow officers to handcuff him. He tried to fight them off, forcing officers to use a Taser gun and ankle restraints to take him into custody, according to a police report. During the altercation, police said the cigarettes and lighter fell out of the suspect's sweatshirt pocket. The suspect was identified by the store manager and after receiving medical clearance from a local hospital he was booked at the Santa Monica Jail for robbery and resisting arrest. He was identified as Travis Marlin Greenburg, 22, a transient. His bail was set at \$50,000.

MONDAY, JAN. 9, AT 2:27 A.M.,

Officers responded to the lower level of Parking Structure 6, located on the 1400 block of Second Street on the report of a subject hitting a motorcycle and various vehicles inside the structure. When officers arrived, they made contact with the reporting party who stated that he saw the suspect punching a gold Mercedes E300 and broke the passenger-side mirror. The witness said the suspect also punched a motorcycle parked nearby, causing it to fall over. Police said there was no noticeable damage to the motorcycle. Officers located the suspect inside the parking structure. Police said he was heavily intoxicated and admitted to punching the vehicle and knocking over the motorcycle when he tried to sit on it. He was placed under arrest for felony vandalism and being drunk in public. He was identified as Alexis Gonzalez, 22, of Los Angeles. His bail was set at \$20,000.

MONDAY, JAN. 9, AT 7:40 A.M.,

Officers responded to the 2600 block of Lincoln Boulevard – Albertsons – regarding a suspected shoplifter in custody. When officers arrived, they made contact with the store manager who told them that a chronic thief was spotted inside the store in the liquor aisle. As the manager walked by the suspect, he could see him concealing a large bottle of vodka inside his jacket. The suspect was approached and he returned the bottle to the shelf. The suspect was detained by security until officers arrived. Based on the suspect's actions and that he had no money to pay for the alcohol, he was placed under arrest for burglary, a probation violation and a warrant. He was identified as Thomas Gustavo Padilla, 45, of Santa Monica. No bail was set.

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PERFORMER

FROM PAGE 1

tomb in Atlanta several times while studying jazz at George State University.

According to the ordinance, performers can play music up to 97 decibels during most weekdays until 7 p.m. Then they can crank it up to the 107 decibel level. On Saturdays and Sundays they can hit the 107 level pretty much all day. Recognized holidays are treated like Saturdays or Sundays, depending on which day of the week the holiday falls on.

For example, if the holiday occurs during midweek, and is surrounded by workdays, then the holiday shall be treated as if it were Sunday and the day preceding the holiday shall be treated as if it were Friday.

That means a lot to performers like Foster who have a hard time staying at or below the 97 decibel limit. In fear of getting ticketed for violating the ordinance, Foster chooses to set up only on weekends or in the evenings. When it's a holiday, that provides Foster, who is homeless, a chance to make some money playing.

"Money was a part of it," he said, explaining why he was so upset about MLK Day not being recognized. "But more so I just couldn't believe the city would not include this day."

"Here's a man who did something truly significant, not just in America but the world. Until more people wake up to the significance of this man and embrace this holiday, it's up to people like me to speak out."

It's not that Foster believes members of

the City Council are racists. He believes it was merely an oversight on their part to not include MLK Day.

Councilman Kevin McKeown, who lobbied to get MLK Day included on a list of holidays when people can park at meters for free, said the street performer ordinance was intended to recognize days on which there is reduced commercial activity, therefore less pedestrian congestion and less of a need for concern about public safety if performers impede access.

"We could include Martin Luther King Day in the future if the findings can be made that there is less reason to be concerned about emergency access and public safety on that day," he wrote in an e-mail.

City Hall supports the annual MLK celebration in Santa Monica, both financially and otherwise, said City Attorney Marsha Moutrie, who, along with Mayor Richard Bloom and City Manager Rod Gould, attended the ceremony in honor of King that was held Monday at the SGI-USA Auditorium and featured Congresswoman Janice Hahn, music, dance performances and inspirational readings.

"So the fact that it's not on the list doesn't mean the city thinks it's unimportant," Moutrie said. "The council could add MLK Day by resolution."

And Bloom vows to do so soon.

"[An] unfortunate oversight that I will seek to correct," he said.

Foster hopes the council takes up the issue before 2013 rolls around. If not, he may just play loud in protest.

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ROUNDUP

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SAMOHI BOYS TAKE LEAGUE LEAD

Santa Monica High School's boys' basketball team outlasted Beverly Hills, 79-71, Wednesday to take first place in the Ocean League.

With the win, Samohi is now 3-0 in league. Beverly Hills falls to 2-1, good for a second place showing.

Samohi next hosts Morningside today at 7:30 p.m. The game is part of a doubleheader with the girls' team. That game begins at 6 p.m. and is also against Morningside.

SAMOHI GIRLS HOST WESTSIDE CHALLENGE

For the fourth year, Samohi girls' basketball will host the Westside Challenge on Saturday.

Beginning at 9:30 a.m., the one-day extravaganza features a number of notable teams from the Westside and even a few of Southern California's premiere programs.

Samohi caps the night off against

Ventura, the No. 3 ranked team in CIF-Southern Section Division 2AA.

Despite being in a rebuilding year for the vaunted Samohi Vikings, Head Coach Marty Verdugo is confident that his team will end a three-game losing streak in their annual event.

The undercard features an impressive lineup of teams from Samohi's Ocean League and a few real powerhouses. Division 3AA's No. 1 ranked team Alemany is pitted against Gahr, the No. 4 team in Division 3AAA, among others.

"It's the most competitive I've had here in three years," Verdugo said. "There are some really evenly matched teams."

WESTSIDE CHALLENGE SCHEDULE:

- 9:30 a.m. Alemany JV vs. Samohi JV
- 11a.m. Marlborough vs. Inglewood
- 12:30 p.m. Redondo vs. Culver City
- 2 p.m. Marymount vs. St. Monica
- 3:30 p.m. Brentwood vs. Hawthorne
- 5 p.m. Gahr vs. Alemany
- 6:30 p.m. Country Day vs. St. Bernard
- 8 p.m. Ventura vs. Santa Monica

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as a nudge from the association, but concluded that Santa Monica is making solid progress on its smoking habit.

"We suffered with a poor beach report card from Heal the Bay for many years and kept plugging away until we fixed it," Bloom wrote in an e-mail. "Yet, no one in their right mind would ever say that Santa Monica is not one of the most environmentally conscious, activist cities in the country."

A 2010 ordinance ended smoking in communal spaces like laundry rooms, hallways, outdoor eating areas or swimming pools, but there are no policies on the books to restrict or end smoking in apartment buildings and other shared housing, which experts say can create a health hazard for smokers and non smokers alike.

In that category, City Hall only received "points" for regulating smoking in shared spaces, which earned it a D grade in that category, said Jennifer Paul, program director for the

American Lung Association in California.

Staff is expected to bring an ordinance dealing with smoking in multi-family residences before the City Council within a month after a similar measure was shot down in December over concerns for elderly smokers and privacy issues.

The American Lung Association grades cities and counties on three categories — creating smokefree housing, restricting smoking in the outdoors and reducing the sale of tobacco products.

City Hall received high marks for its efforts to prevent people from lighting up outdoors. Smoke free public spaces now include elevators, the Santa Monica Pier, any Farmers' Market or the property in front of the library, to name a few.

The American Lung Association also awarded it an A-grade for reducing sales by creating a specific license to sell tobacco, which costs each purveyor \$149.13 in the 2012 fiscal year, according to the Finance Department.

The City Council took that action in 2008.

That doesn't give officials leeway to rest on their laurels, Paul said.

The City Council could move to strengthen ordinances to protect people walking on sidewalks or at worksites, or prevent sales of tobacco products near schools, parks or in pharmacies.

If City Hall put in place the strongest recommended protections, there wouldn't be many places for smokers to turn, Paul said.

"What would be left is any (single-family) homes, private yards, or in your car," she said, noting that you can't smoke in the car if a minor is on board. "Just not in public areas where other people could be exposed."

Some council members have balked in the past at placing such stringent restrictions on an otherwise legal activity, particularly in a city of renters where restricting smoking in multi-family residences would be keenly felt.

An anti-smoking ordinance presented in December would have required landlords to publish lists of smokers and nonsmokers in their buildings, which some felt would violate privacy.

Those who failed to respond would automatically have their apartments designated smoke free, which could result in hefty fines for the elderly who smoke and might not understand what was being asked of them, others argued.

The risks to renters are too great to bow to the arbitrary grading scale of some local agency, wrote Councilmember Kevin McKeown in an e-mail.

"Santa Monica has for many years earned an A+ for housing stability and the protection of renters and homeowners," McKeown wrote.

Councilmember Bob Holbrook, a pharmacist, voted in December to move forward with the restrictions anyway, citing the mounting medical evidence provided by the government and other health agencies concerning the dangers of secondhand smoke.

"I believe that if we adopt the measures necessary to receive an 'A' grade from the American Lung Association, we will improve the quality of health for our residents and save lives," Holbrook wrote in an e-mail Thursday.

According to the Center for Disease Control, secondhand smoke is responsible for higher rates of heart disease amongst nonsmokers, which can result in 46,000 deaths annually in the United States.

The agency also attributes 3,400 lung cancer deaths annually amongst adult nonsmokers in the country.

The American Lung Association in California is looking to combat that with a \$1 tax on packs of cigarettes in California. That measure will appear on the June 5 ballot, Paul said.

The California Cancer Research Act would raise an estimated \$855 million per year for cancer research, smoking cessation programs and tobacco control efforts.

California currently ranks 33rd in the nation for the amount of taxes levied on cigarettes, coming in at 87 cents per pack of 20 cigarettes. The national average across the 50 states is \$1.46.

Even if the government slaps another tax on cigarettes, it won't do much to curb smoking, said Moe Taheri, owner of Santa Monica Tobacco.

"If they add the extra dollar to the cost of cigarettes, customers will just be switching from a more expensive brand to a less expensive brand," Taheri said.

Less expensive brands might have less tobacco and more additives, which could mean choosing a cigarette that's even worse for a smokers' health, Taheri said.

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HOMELESS

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Housing Program, a program that prevented an estimated 1 million people across the nation from becoming homeless, as well as an emphasis on low-cost permanent housing for homeless individuals.

City Hall and the service providers it works with, like OPCC or St. Joseph Center, had similar or above-average success with the same programs, but with resources drying up and the economy continuing to struggle, city officials are just hoping to stay the course.

They'll find out sooner than most — Santa Monica is already gearing up for its 2012 homeless count on Jan. 25.

Santa Monica officials choose to conduct the count every year to get a more accurate idea of how its programs are working, said Natasha Guest, an administrative analyst with City Hall.

In Santa Monica, two major efforts have focused on keeping people from slipping into homelessness through prevention programs and reaching out to the chronically homeless with permanent housing and case management services.

The prevention program, funded through that \$1.5 billion, kept over 100 people housed by paying several months' rent after tenants received three-day pay-or-quit notices, Guest said.

"When they hit the pay-or-quit period, we were able to come in and provide the funds for a certain number of months," Guest said. "Then, we create a plan for them so they could continue to pay their rent when they were no longer receiving assistance."

That meant connecting them to help they were already qualified for but might not know about, like food pantries or other benefits.

Though the program reaped great success, it was a one-time deal — the money ran out and no more stimulus is on the horizon, Guest said.

A second route credited in the report, permanent supportive housing, has been a Santa Monica hallmark since at least the mid 1990s, said John Maceri, executive director of OPCC.

Maceri's organization has offered housing for the chronically homeless through the federal Shelter Plus Care program since 1994, and has a 94 percent retention rate compared to the national average of 65 percent.

That means a homeless person, once housed, does not end up back on the street.

That's accomplished through constant support, with case workers there to make sure the rent gets paid on time and that the client gets the medical and therapeutic attention he or she needs, Maceri said.

If it sounds expensive, it is, but the cost of

letting someone live on the street far outstrips what society pays to keep them housed.

"It's a common misconception that leaving people on the street doesn't cost anything," Maceri said.

According to figures by the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority, keeping a single chronically homeless person off the streets can save service providers \$27,504 each year by ensuring consistent access to what they need rather than providing help in a piecemeal way.

In a report before the City Council in October, Human Services Administrator Setareh Yavari told council members that one homeless man cost the city \$50,000 for the 17 times that the Santa Monica Fire Department deployed to assist him when he was found drunk on the streets.

A third piece of the picture is the influx of young veterans returning from the conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan.

According to the report, veterans have a higher homeless rate than civilians, averaging 31 homeless per every 10,000 veterans versus 21 homeless for every 10,000 regular Joes.

City Hall defers to the West Los Angeles VA Campus for services for homeless veterans because they have more resources, Guest said.

For its part, VA officials say that they're ramping up services to help prevent veterans from becoming homeless and to help the ones that fall through the cracks.

Six non-profits are helping to collaborate on services for veterans and their families that focus on prevention, rapid re-housing and help for the chronically homeless, said Michelle Wildy, chief of the Community Care for the Greater Los Angeles VA.

Employees perform sweeps through the streets to seek out homeless veterans and bring them to the VA for services.

Already, formerly homeless veterans are being tapped to help incoming veterans get jobs, even if they have suffered injuries or disorders that have diminished their capacity to work, Wildy said.

Those that need help immediately can call a 24-hour hotline at (800) 273-8255.

"We have grown exponentially, and we have great employees who are thinking outside the box," Wildy said. "We're trying to roll things out as quickly as possible."

With the component pieces to care in place, Santa Monica and its allies now have to wait and hope that the efforts have been enough to keep homelessness down for another year.

"We're holding the course in our action plan, and we've been seeing big decreases," she said, referring to the 19 percent drop seen in Santa Monica between 2009 and 2011, the years of the State of Homelessness study.

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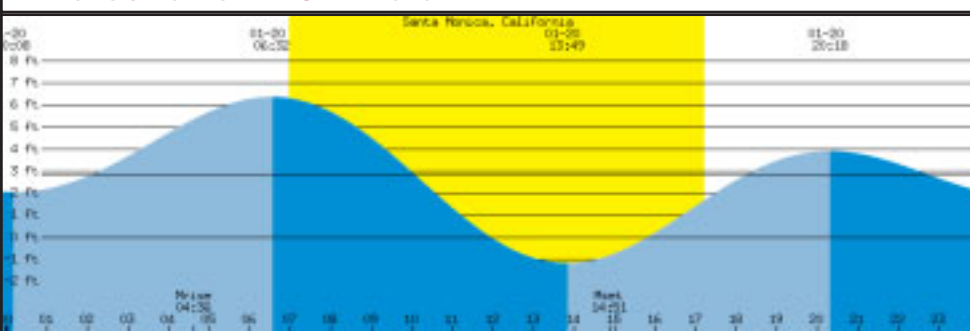
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SURF CONDITIONS **WATER TEMP: 61°**

SWELL FORECAST

South facing breaks can expect waist high southern hemi. Not much is expected at west facing breaks, about waist high or so. But, for VC and SB, west facing breaks may see some NW start to build in by noon, reaching chest high or so when this initially energy arrives into the northern portions of SoCal (LA south won't likely see any NW until Saturday).

TIDE FORECAST FOR TODAY IN SANTA MONICA



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 11, 2012**

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QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)

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

The Beach Report Card is made possible by: The Otter - von Furstenberg Family Foundation, simplehuman, LARAGUY, and SMA.

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 for exceed health criteria in the state's Beach Closure and Health Warning Protocol.

LOCATION	DRY	WET	LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Canillo Beach, at Arroyo Sepul Creek mouth.	A+	A+	Will Rogers State Beach at Del Air Bay Club near fence.	A+	F
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+	Will Rogers State Beach at Palga Canyon storm drain.	A	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Luchessa and Los Alamos creeks.	ns	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A+	F
Escorial Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chatsworth).	A	F
Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A+	B	Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	F
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	D	D	Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	C	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wilshire Rd. (private).	A+	ns	Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	C	A+
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	F	F	Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Venice storm drain.	F	F
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A+	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restaurants).	A+	B
Lodge Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	F	Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	B	F
Saltine Canyon at San Marcos County Beach.	F	ns	Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A+	ns
Puerto State Beach at creek mouth.	D	D	Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	A+
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerto Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	A+	ns	Venice Beach at Wickenburg Ave. drain.	A	A+
Sanfilippo Beach at Malibu Canyon fence.	A+	A+	Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A+	A+
Sanfilippo Beach (beach location) - daily.	F	F	Venice Beach - projection of Topical St.	A+	A+
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	A+	F	Marina del Rey, "Hotties" Beach - lifeguard tower.	A	A+
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	B	F	Dockweiler State Beach at Collins Creek mouth.	F	F
Los Flores State Beach at Los Flores Creek (joint river).	A+	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	A	A+
Big Rock Beach at 13548 PCH stairs.	A	A+	North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	A+	ns
Pena Creek at Los Tunes County Beach.	A+	A+	Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of DMV jets).	A+	A+
Tuna Canyon.	A+	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	A+	A+
Tapanga State Beach at creek mouth.	C	F	Dockweiler Beach - opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant.	A+	F
Candlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	A+	F
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	A+			
Will Rogers State Beach at 17308 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	A+			

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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MLB

Judge signs off on McCourt couple's divorce agreement

ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES A Los Angeles judge has ratified a binding agreement between outgoing Dodgers owner Frank McCourt and his former wife Jamie McCourt in their divorce case.

Superior Court Judge Scott Gordon on Thursday signed off on the settlement reached in November that calls for Frank McCourt to pay his ex-wife \$131 million by the end of April.

Frank McCourt and Major League Baseball agreed late last year that the Dodgers and the team's media rights would be sold. The team filed for bankruptcy protection in June after the league rejected a television contract with Fox.

Among those who have expressed interest in buying the Dodgers is a group that includes former manager Joe Torre and another group with ex-Los Angeles Lakers star Magic Johnson.



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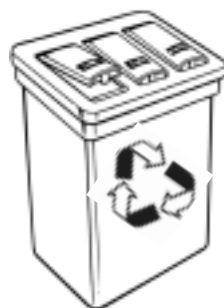
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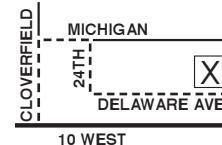


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Aero Theatre 1328 Montana Ave. (310) 260-1528	28min 10:30am, 1:00pm, 3:30pm, 6:00pm, 8:30pm, 11:00pm	AMC Criterion 6 1313 Third St. (310) 395-1599
Co-presented by the Luis Buñuel Film Institute. Belle De Jour / Diary Of A Chambermaid 7:30pm	Mission: Impossible - Ghost Protocol (PG-13) 2hrs 12min 10:45am, 1:45pm, 4:45pm, 7:45pm, 10:50pm	Adventures of Tintin (PG) 1hr 41min 2:15pm, 7:50pm
AMC Loews Broadway 4 1441 Third Street Promenade (888) 262-4386	Iron Lady (PG-13) 1hr 45min 11:15am, 2:10pm, 5:00pm, 7:55pm, 10:50pm	Underworld: Awakening 3D (R) 1hr 28min 2:00pm, 7:00pm
War Horse (PG-13) 2hrs 26min 12:30pm, 4:00pm, 7:20pm, 10:30pm	Extremely Loud & Incredibly Close (PG-13) 2hrs 09min 11:00am, 2:05pm, 5:15pm, 8:20pm, 11:15pm	Hugo 3D (PG) 2hrs 07min 10:45am, 1:35pm, 4:35pm, 7:40pm
Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows (PG-13) 2hrs 08min 12:15pm, 3:35pm, 7:00pm, 10:10pm	Red Tails (PG-13) 2hrs 00min 10:40am, 1:40pm, 4:40pm, 7:45pm, 10:50pm	Haywire (R) 1hr 33min 11:15am, 1:50pm, 4:30pm, 7:10pm, 9:50pm
Girl With the Dragon Tattoo (R) 2hrs 40min 12:10pm, 3:45pm, 7:10pm, 10:30pm	Contraband (R) 1hr 50min 10:50am, 1:40pm, 4:35pm, 7:30pm, 10:25pm	Joyful Noise (PG-13) 1hr 58min 11:00am, 2:00pm, 5:00pm, 8:00pm, 10:50pm
My Week with Marilyn (R) 1hr 36min 11:50am, 2:25pm, 5:00pm, 7:30pm, 10:00pm	Laemmle's Monica Fourplex 1332 Second St. (310) 478-3836	Adventures of Tintin 3D (PG) 1hr 41min 11:30am, 5:05pm, 10:40pm
Beauty and the Beast (G) 1hr 24min 11:30am, 2:00pm	Descendants (R) 1hr 55min 1:20pm, 4:10pm, 7:00pm, 9:45pm	Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy (R) 2hrs 07min 10:45am, 1:40pm, 4:40pm, 7:45pm, 10:50pm
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	We Need to Talk About Kevin (R) 1hr 50min 1:40pm, 4:30pm, 7:20pm, 10:00pm	

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Do what you want, Aquarius

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Others depend on you being responsive and open to suggestions. You are, but you also can be stern with reason. Today, dealing with a key person demands that attitude. Tonight: TGIF! Lead the gang out of work.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Tension builds if you don't detach. Use an ability to look at the big picture, and make decisions accordingly. Everything might not be as you would like, but it is doable. Ask yourself if negativity might be coming from boredom or fatigue. Tonight: Try feeding your mind some candy.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Try another situation or do something totally differently after a discussion. Find someone in the know who often gives insightful feedback. Trust in your ability to internalize. You will know which way to head. Tonight: Wherever you are, music can be found.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ Dance to a new tune with the help of an avant-garde associate. When you start to see situations, people and events differently, new pathways are exposed as well. What do you have to lose? Discussions can only be insightful. Tonight: Talk over dinner.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ Focus more on the individual; you could see a problem emerge otherwise. Others want their voices heard, and each individual has his or her own tonality. Though you could feel restrained, go 125 percent on this level. Tonight: Where the fun is.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Ideas pop up from out of nowhere. You particularly enjoy being this innovative. Deal with an unexpected development more openly. Sometimes you close down when interacting in odd and unanticipated situations. Tonight: Opt for an adventure.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ Tension builds because of a snap judgment that has become an attitude. You need not greet an unexpected jolt with negativity. Few like being tossed into a new playing field. Be positive, and you can emerge a better person as a result. Tonight: No more resistance, please.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ No one understands the power of communication as well as you do. Why sit on the back burner? Walk in another person's footsteps. You will understand how you need to speak to this person. Within a meeting, a discussion comes up where you need to take the lead. Tonight: Loving the moment.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ What is occurring with your spending? Certainly a gift is a nice way of demonstrating your caring. Remember there are touching ways of expressing your caring without spending. A child or new friend makes a choice that stuns you. Tonight: Paint the town red.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ As a natural leader, you take the podium of life. Someone clearly becomes unusually responsive. Be aware of the effort that is involved to clear out a domestic or personal issue. You, too, must greet an element of the expected. Tonight: Make change OK within the bigger picture.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ You always have a lot on your plate. You enter a phase in which you express unusual vitality. Others sense this energy. Look at recent past issues. How have you been blocking yourself? Tonight: Do absolutely what you want.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ Zero in on what you want. Others might not have the same mind-set to pursue your chosen course. Make it OK to follow through on your own. Your creativity surges. Tonight: Enjoying visiting with friends.

Happy birthday

This year you often switch from being gregarious and open to being closed off and in deep thought. As you live in this pendulum, others often question when to approach you. In a sense, they see you as a wild card. If you are questioning strange attitudes, know where they are coming from. If you are single, forming a bond in such a changeable period could be interesting. If you are attached, your significant other could be reticent at times, as he or she might try to judge what your mood is! Be patient with others. CAPRICORN might understand you too well!

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



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Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★★★★

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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

5	8	9	7	6	4	2	3	1
1	4	2	3	9	5	6	7	8
6	3	7	8	1	2	9	5	4
2	7	6	4	8	9	5	1	3
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6 Like some messages

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14 Stamp groups

15 Effortless

17 Moist

18 Cracked

20 Malevolent

22 Passing craze

23 Accelerate

26 Take as one's own

28 Put away

29 New enlistee

31 Purr producer

32 Sty cry

33 Planted agent

34 Travel stops

36 Writer Hunter

38 Talked and talked

40 Ball's husband

43 Make amends

44 Get a touch-down

45 Like Thor and Odin

46 Crowd count

DOWN

1 Blemish

2 Mex. neighbor

3 "Nothing Compares 2 U" singer

4 Painter Degas

5 Goes out with

6 Upper limit

7 Trying to lose

8 "Singin' in the Rain" costar

9 Perfect place

10 Editor's spot

16 Slangy agreement

18 Miles off

19 Green shade

21 Suit piece

23 Astonish

24 Russian river

25 Rose of baseball

27 Con containers

30 Mamie's man

33 Proces-sion

34 Hormuz's nation

35 Peace-keeping org.

37 Immense

39 Once called

41 Common verb

42 Last letter

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1-20

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

2, 3, 6, 6, 7, 8, 9, 12, 12

Solution for Task 779

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Arithmo Crossmath – Reclaim Your Brain

• Insert the given numbers in the empty squares so when they are calculated in threes from left to right and top to bottom they satisfy the demands in the shaded boxes both horizontally and vertically.

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DAILY 3

MIDDAY: 2 5 8
EVENING: 7 2 0

DAILY DERRY

1st: 09 Winning Spirit
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ In December, Russell Mace, 55, was caught soon after robbing a Union Savings Bank branch in New Milford, Conn. A bank employee had spotted Mace acting "suspicious" in the parking lot, and indeed, he said, Mace entered, robbed the bank of about \$3,000, and fled to a waiting car. Police, however, identified the car, which they had noted from Mace's recent arrest for shoplifting. (The "suspicious" behavior the bank employee had noticed, he told police, was Mace, pants down, defecating, in plain view among parked cars.)

■ (1) A 28-year-old man in New York City quietly excused himself the morning after his wedding in November (at a hotel following an elaborate reception), took a taxi to a Harlem River overlook, and jumped to his death. According to a relative, the man's suicide note mentioned that he "couldn't take it anymore." (2) Luna Oraivej, 37, was ordered in 2010 by a court in Seattle to take an anger-management course to settle a charge of domestic violence, but in December 2011, she sued the creator of the course because a fellow attendee had stabbed her in the arm during a classroom dispute. (The instructor was playing a video of "Dr. Phil," and Oraivej had urged the classmate to listen to Dr. Phil's message, but the classmate apparently could not bear it.)

TODAY IN HISTORY

1959 - The first flight of the Vickers Vanguard.

1960 - Hendrik Verwoerd announces a plebiscite on whether South Africa should become a Republic.

1969 - East Pakistani police kill student activist Amanullah Asaduzzaman. The resulting outrage is in part responsible for the Bangladesh Liberation War.

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