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TIMBER!

Brandon Wise *brandonw@smdp.com*

Workers with West Coast Arborists on Friday carry chunks of a fallen tree that fell on a BMW SUV parked on Bay Street. The tree was damaged by the severe rain storms that have soaked Southern California this week.

Bar's pool plan goes down the drain

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

SANTA MONICA BLVD A bar owner's plan to add an outdoor lounge with a pool and spa to his business was denied by the Planning Commission this week because of noise and parking concerns.

The denial has added to existing tension between City Hall and some bar owners who operate businesses next to residential neighborhoods and could lead to a zoning code change that would prevent new bars from cropping up next to homes.

The owners of sports bar Busby's West had asked to add about 1,400 square feet to accommodate the pool and outdoor dining area, but the commission voted Wednesday night to deny the application after residents who live near the property at 3110 Santa Monica Blvd. complained the bar is a nuisance.

The commissioners who opposed the project cited concerns the renovation would increase the noise level at the bar and exacerbate parking scarcity in the neighborhood.

The proposed expansion would have resulted in an "intensification of use in a residential area with significant negative consequences to the residents," said Planning Commissioner Jay Johnson, who made the motion to deny the application.

In turning down the expansion plan the commission followed a recommendation by City Hall's planning department.

Busby's co-owner Paul Boettcher said he was frustrated by the commission's decision but won't appeal it to the City Council.

"We're only considered a nuisance by a minority of malcontents … but yet we were painted as a nuisance, which is completely false," he said.

He said he employs more security guards than he's required to and keeps the noise level in check.

In a letter to the Planning Commission sent on Friday, Boettcher and his business partner, Donal Tavey, said their expansion proposal was an effort to return the business to profitability.

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International Bird Rescue Research Center

IN DANGER: **A California brown pelican suffering from hypothermia and a seal bite is rescued by the International Bird Rescue Center. Roughly 70 pelicans have been rescued along the coast, battered by rain storms and urban runoff.**

Pelicans battered by rain, runoff

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

SM BEACH Wildlife officials have collected nearly 70 California brown pelicans that have been battered by rains and urban runoff and are gearing up to help dozens more.

Most of the birds are suffering from hypothermia and appear disoriented. Their feathers normally form a natural barrier to the water and act as insulation from the cold but instead are matted by oil, grease and other gunk from massive runoff, much of it from roads and freeways, said Paul Kelway, spokesman for the International Bird and Rescue Center in San Pedro.

The center is treating 33 pelicans and Santa Barbara County authorities have rescued 36 more, Kelway said. Crews have also been sent to Santa Monica amid reports that dozens of birds are in trouble. Officials are trying to send some birds to San Francisco Bay area where the center has another treatment facility.

"Everything is pointing to these storms and the contaminants making their way into the water," Kelway said. "We are finding pelicans with contaminated feathers. We have to wash them. The timing of this really points to the storms and this urban runoff.

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Theatre Raymond Kabbaz
10361 Pico Blvd., 7:30 p.m. — 9:30 a.m.
A selection of the top French short movies of the year will be shown throughout the night, complete with wine and cheese — and English subtitles. Admission is $20 for adults and $10 for students. No children under the age of five are allowed. For more information, call (310) 286-0553.

Tea party
Santa Monica Playhouse
1211 4th St., 12:30 p.m. — 1:30 p.m.
Bring the whole family to "Alice and the Wonderful Tea Party," the musical comedy version of the classic children's tale. Tickets are $12.50 for adults and $10.50 for children ages 12 and under. For more information, call (310) 394-9779 ext. 2.

Run for relief
Santa Monica Beach
1550 Pacific Coast Hwy, 9 a.m. — 1 p.m.
As part of an effort to help earthquake survivors in Haiti, "Youth Run 4 Haiti" has organized a 2-mile run to raise money for the American Red Cross Haitian Earthquake Relief. Runners will meet at 9 a.m. in Beach Parking Lot 1, the parking lot north of the pier to register for the run. The run will begin at 10 a.m. The event is open to young people of all ages, and the $10 entrance fee will go entirely to the American Red Cross.

Sunday, Jan. 24, 2010

Marriage as comedy
Morgan-Wixson Theatre
2627 Pico Blvd., 2 p.m.
"Run for Your Wife" is a quirky play about one husband, two wives and the craziness that ensues. For more information, call (310) 828-7519.

Cello supreme
Broad Stage
1310 11th St., 4 p.m.
Lynn Harrell, one of the most renowned cellist in the world, will come to the Santa Monica College Performing Arts Center to present a performance featuring the USC Thornton Symphony. For more information, call (310) 434-3412.

For more information on any of the events listed, log on to smdp.com and click the "Events" tab for the given day's calendar.



Country's first legal gigolo starts work in Nevada

OSKAR GARCIA
Associated Press Writer

BEATTY, Nev. A brothel in a Nevada desert town has hired the state's first male prostitute, a muscular college dropout who abandoned a brief stint as a porn actor in Los Angeles to become the only legal gigolo in the United States.

The Shady Lady Ranch successfully won state and county approval to clear the way for the "prostidude," as Nevada's newest sex worker is already being called. After a slow first week on the job, his first appointments are scheduled for this weekend.

The male prostitute — known as "Markus" — has quickly become the center of attention in Nevada's brothel industry.

He has been criticized by female counterparts for not being willing to have sex with men. And he created a dustup after telling Details Magazine that his pioneering role in the sex business was "just the same" as civil rights icon Rosa Parks refusing to give up her seat and move to the back of the bus. Not surprisingly, he has been forbidden from doing interviews after the remarks.

Competing brothel owners also fret that hiring gigolos in Nevada will bring unwanted scrutiny from state officials, potentially tempting them to make prostitution illegal. The competitors have also expressed concerns about sexually transmitted diseases, and worry that female customers can't be inspected as carefully as men are before sex.

Markus, 25, described himself as a well-read college dropout and former U.S. Marine from Alabama. He said he drove to Los Angeles to become a porn actor and left after filming two scenes, the first about a month ago. He said he ended up in a homeless shelter near Santa Monica, Calif., after being unable to find another job.

Shady Lady madam Bobbi Davis picked him from about 10 potential hires culled from hundreds of applications, many featuring crude inquiries, according to her husband and co-owner Jim. Part of Markus' appeal was that he was not afraid to deal with heavy publicity.

"Whichever woman may walk through that door, she's appreciated," Markus said in his Details interview. "A surrogate lover will love that woman for a whole hour, or however much we charge here, and she'll leave feeling much more empowered and much

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Photo Courtesy McCabe family

IN MEMORY: **Apart from music, Gerald McCabe was also interested in furniture design, tugboat restoration, yoga and Citroen autos.**

Founder of folk music venue McCabe's dies at 82

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

PICO BLVD Gerald "Gerry" McCabe, a furniture designer whose passion for woodworking and love of music led to the creation of the folk music institution McCabe's Guitar Shop here, died last Sunday in Eugene, Ore., two days after suffering a heart attack, family members said. He was 82.

McCabe, who was fond of the ocean, yoga, classic French Citroens and natural foods, opened the guitar shop in 1958, specializing in the repair of acoustic guitars, banjos, mandolins and other folk instruments. While he focused mainly on his design studio, those affiliated with the guitar shop said it wouldn't have been possible without the early guidance and enthusiasm provided by McCabe.

Artists like Jackson Browne, Jeff Buckley, Kate Wolf and Mike Seeger played there, as well as guitarist and record producer Ry Cooder, who was 13 years old when he would get off the bus and drop in to see which famous musician would pop in. The shop was celebrated for the intimate concerts that have been held for decades and played a critical role in the evolution of the Southern California folk music community.

"The place is truly a musical oasis," said Dave Zeitlin, a close friend of McCabe who taught guitar lessons at the shop for over 40 years. "It was huge. I remember seeing Jackson Browne when he was first starting out. It is a marvelous place and serves the public in a way that no other guitar stores in the area do. I still dream that I work there. We dealt with everybody the same way, from top professionals to the 7-year-old beginner.

"Gerry was a nice guy, a little aloof and he had these piercing eyes. I liked him. He was a marvelous guy."

Those close to McCabe give credit to his partner's, Walter Camp and Bob Riskin, for expanding the shop, making it what it is today. They allowed McCabe to focus on his other passions, which included restoring old boats and building a home in Santa Monica Canyon. McCabe, who sold his stake in the guitar shop in 1986, also taught design at local universities and art schools and became a yoga instructor. Family members and friends said he also drove race cars.

"Gerry was the epitome of life, of art, of generosity and loving sweet humor," said longtime friend Gilah Yelin Hirsch. "I am honored to have known him over many years in various ways. His legacy is immense. In his utterly modest way, he was the center of many creative and loving constellations of very gifted people, overlapping communities that formed around him and his many interests."

Gerald Lawrence McCabe was born in Long Beach on Jan. 30, 1927. After graduating from Long Beach Polytechnic High School, he served in the Navy during World War II. He earned a bachelor's degree at UCLA and a master's at Cal State Long Beach, both in fine arts.

McCabe opened a custom furniture business in Santa Monica in the mid-1950s. His first wife, Marcia Berman, was a successful folk singer, and soon her friends

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Speaking up for nurses

Editor:

A letter appeared in the Daily Press defending the administration at our hospital, Saint John's Health Center ("Defending Saint John's," Dec. 16, 2009).

We have served the patients of Saint John's for 10 years (Liz) and 30 years (Lori), respectively. During that time, we've been inspired by the way that RNs have tried for years to improve our hospital and fix the problems that we believe have harmed morale and lowered the standard of patient care.

We want safer patient care practices, including staffing levels that account for patients' actual needs. We are disturbed by reports that RNs are made to work through legally-mandated meal and rest break periods, and we strive for an environment where nurses feel supported in speaking up about abuses. We try to adapt to cuts in our transporters and "lift team" staff – cuts that have injured our colleagues.

In several departments, it is frequently the case that when nurses take their breaks, their assignments are taken on by the other on-duty nurses. Since these nurses almost always are assigned to the maximum number of patients allowed by law before receiving the additional patients, the resulting assignment is in violation of the California nurse-to-patient ratio law authored by then-Assemblymember Sheila Kuehl.

The administration's lack of responsiveness on crucial issues will come as no surprise to those in our community who have dealt with hospital representatives on planning and development issues, such as the frequent affliction of foul sewage smells onto our neighbors, staff and patients.

Yet we know our hospital can improve. We know that RNs represented by the California Nurses Association, like those at the prestigious UCLA Medical Centers, have negotiated all-RN patient care committees with authority to protect patient care standards. Many of us feel that Saint John's RNs deserve those same rights.

A majority of RNs have signed two separate petitions urging Saint John's to reform its unfair practices. The most recent petition called for Saint John's to open its heart to free and fair election rules in harmony with Catholic social teaching and with our dearest principles of freedom as members of a democratic society. The fact that the National Labor Relations Board says that Saint John's extreme anti-union tactics broke the law shows that a union organizing peace agreement is needed to ensure a fair and ethical process.

Our work continues, and we are thankful for the support of the Santa Monica community.

Liz Baker-Wade, RN
Santa Monica
Lori Hammond, RN
Mar Vista

Health care reform or else

Editor:

In 2008, this country was hungry for change, and now we are starving for it. We tried Republicans for eight years and don't want to go back to the people who put us in this situation.

The need for real health reform is as great today as it was Tuesday. Thousands of people are still losing their health care every day. People are still going bankrupt. Insurance companies are still denying care.

One senator cannot be allowed to stop healthcare reform.

We must finish reform right by holding insurance companies accountable and making sure health care is affordable to all.

I voted for change in 2008, and I expect my representative and my two senators to deliver that change, or else.

Sima Haghighi
Santa Monica

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Tree hugging bartenders

IN THESE DAYS OF OVERWHELMINGLY serious issues, every once in a while we need a break from them. That's why some people exercise, or read, or send text messages like, "I'm texting now." People need diversions. So I have a gift for you, a question to ponder that is just something interesting that caught my attention. Why are there so many more liberal bartenders than conservative ones?

Sociologists Neil Gross and Ethan Fossey came up with some research recently that was reported in The New York Times. They investigated stereotypes like "university professors are liberal and bankers are conservative." They found that liberal and conservative stereotypes are self-perpetuating. Young people hear all their lives that journalism is a liberal field and running a corporation is something conservatives do. So it's not surprising that liberal young people might want to be journalists and conservative kids might be drawn to business.

Even when the researchers dealt with the labels that people gave themselves, many stereotypes held up. While the majority of people in most fields called themselves, "moderates," the professions that you would probably label "conservative" generally had more people in them that identified themselves as "conservatives" and vice versa. More artists, authors and social workers identified themselves as "liberals," and more religious workers, physicians and law enforcement officers called themselves "conservatives." No big surprises so far, right? But then we come to the statistic that caught my eye: more than five times as many bartenders consider themselves liberals than conservatives. Is there a liberal bartender stereotype that I just didn't know about?

What is it about bartending that makes it a "liberal profession?" Until now, I guess I believed in the stereotype that bartenders must be conservatives. My image was of a tough-minded guy who goes hunting on his day off and has a tattoo on his chest that reads, "If You Weren't Born Here, Go Home." As you can see, I also believed that bartenders have very big chests. But the statistics proved me wrong. More bartenders are liberal than conservative.

So how do bartenders fit into the liberal stereotype? What do they have in common with other liberals? Maybe the stereotypical liberal love of egalitarianism is represented by the fact that bartenders can be men or women. Customers don't care who pours their drinks as long as they keep coming. And interestingly enough, I think the typical bartender has much in common with the sports jacket wearing, pipe smoking, latte drinking university professor. The bartender is the professor, and the bar is his classroom. He or she is in complete control. Like the professor, a bartender can kick people out of his "classroom." Like the professor, the bartender can share his worldly wisdom with those around him. Like the professor, the bartender feels he is underpaid, considering the public service that he performs. Maybe their desire for "one world" and their liberal love of other countries is shown by their serving drinks like white Russians, French connections, and Australian virgins. Maybe they demonstrate their liberal disdain for tradition by mixing up concoctions like the pineapple martini.

Regardless of how bartending came to be in the liberal column, it's there. So I guess there must be many children who grow up in liberal homes, wondering if they should feed the hungry or serve the thirsty. There are probably scores of college students who can't decide if they should go into sociology or mixology. And I feel bad for all of those young liberals who go through the gut-wrenching choice of, "Should I work for Greenpeace or at the Green Grass Lounge?"

YOUNG PEOPLE HEAR ALL THEIR LIVES THAT JOURNALISM IS A LIBERAL FIELD AND RUNNING A CORPORATION IS SOMETHING CONSERVATIVES DO. SO IT'S NOT SURPRISING THAT LIBERAL YOUNG PEOPLE MIGHT WANT TO BE JOURNALISTS AND CONSERVATIVE KIDS MIGHT BE DRAWN TO BUSINESS.

Once word gets out about these lefties who serve beer and cocktails, I assume outraged right-wingers will rail against them: "It's unnatural for someone to be able to pour four drinks at once without spilling a drop."

"The liberal agenda includes serving all kinds of fancy drinks instead of just straight Bourbon."

And can't you just hear Rush Limbaugh decrying, "Liberals are appropriating everything that was once ours. They've taken over the bars. What's next? Are they going to start foreclosing on people's mortgages?"

On the other hand, those on the right might not be upset about liberal bartenders at all. Let's face it. Just now, I was guilty of using a stereotype.

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Dr. Robert Hamilton

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Why I changed from a pro-choice believer to a pro-life advocate

"A VOICE IS HEARD IN RAMAH, MOURNING, and great weeping,

Rachel weeping for her children and refusing to be comforted,

because her children are no more."

— Jeremiah 31:15

Thirty-seven years year ago abortion-on-demand was born in America. Conceived during the "free-love" revolution of the 1960s and gestated by the self-indulged baby boomers, abortion was delivered to the nation by an activist Supreme Court on Jan. 22, 1973. Today, the Roe v. Wade decision stands as the epitome of judicial usurpation of the legislative process.

From these murky origins, abortion has matriculated into adulthood. Along the way it has gathered its own steam. Abortion is now the undisputed law of the land, but it is still an emotional and divisive issue that may be one of the key factors that unhinges Obama's health care makeover.

But the truth is, abortion transcends politics and how our society ultimately deals with it will determine what historians will say about our culture.

My odyssey from being a pro-choice believer to a pro-life advocate occurred during my internship in pediatrics at UCLA. During those months of training in the neonatal intensive care unit (NICU), while caring for the smallest of premature infants, I began to reconsider my views about abortion. The humanity of these tiniest of people was clearly evident. But what wore me down was the schizophrenia of what was going on in the hospital. How could pediatricians on one end of this great hospital struggle at great financial and emotional cost to save the lives of some babies while at the other end of the very same hospital, children of the same gestation age were being aborted. This incongruity sparked a struggle in my mind. I became a student of abortion and as I became more informed, my opinion changed.

The proponents of abortion made several claims before legalization occurred. One of their first assertions was that abortion would reduce the incidence of child abuse. They were dead wrong. In 1973, there were 167,000 reported cases of child abuse. Compare that to the staggering 3.5 million cases of child abuse and neglect that were reported in 2005. Today, nearly four children die each day from abuse.

Abortion did not cure child abuse. In fact, it has skyrocketed over 2,000 percent over the past 37 years.

Next, abortion activists predicted that abortion would reduce poverty. Again they were wrong. Instead, poverty has become "feminized" and women and children now constitute the new poverty class in America.

Third, with their mantra "every child a wanted child," feminists promised that life itself would become more precious than ever before. This too proved to be fatuous. Infanticide, physician-assisted suicide and euthanasia are being advocated around the country and, in some states, are now legalized. Life has not become more precious, it is now more disposable that ever before.

Finally, the most disingenuous claim of the proponents of abortion was the prediction that it would "empower" women. This too turned out to be utter fantasy. Ask any woman who has been forced to have an abortion by their boyfriend if they feel empowered. Speak to the women who tragically aborted the only child they would ever conceive and who now languish in nulliparous obscurity about empowerment.

Empowerment for both women and men comes from self-control and discipline, not from the blatant disregard of human life.

These are the broken promises of the abortion industry, but this is not what motivates the pro-life movement. Instead, they are appalled by the procedure itself.

Pro-lifers are repulsed by the sharpened curettes that dismember a fetus before it is "evacuated" from the womb. They are nauseated by the hypertonic saline solution that burns before it kills the small baby. They are sickened by the spear-like "tocar" that is thrust into the base of the fetal skull in late-term abortions to suction out the infant's brain (and kill the child) before the child's body can be "delivered."

The abortion industry has shielded the American public from these realities with clever euphemisms for 37 years! But, behind their verbal vagaries is a premeditated, violent act that terminates the life of a defenseless human being. Since 1973, roughly 50 million children have been denied their right to life.

Pro-lifers are pro-life because they understand the deed.

The debate over abortion is far from over and when a shocked American public understands the stark truths concerning the acts of abortion, they will surprise the politicians and the abortion industry and do what I did nearly 30 years ago: they'll become pro-life.

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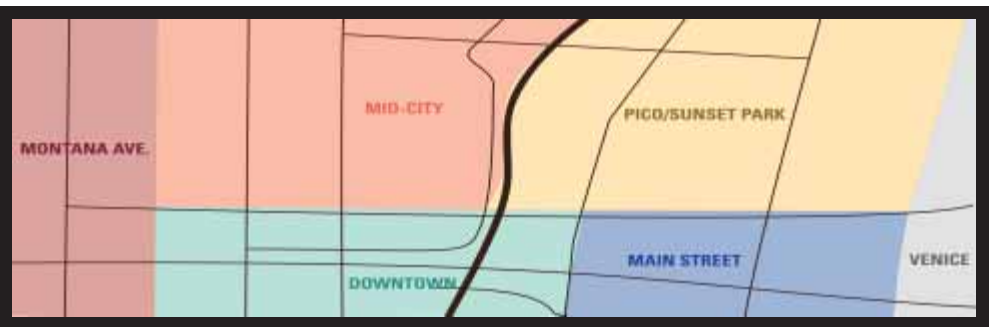
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Unemployment rose in 43 states last month

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AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON Unemployment rates rose in 43 states last month, the government said Friday, painting a bleak picture of the job market and illustrating nationwide data released two weeks ago.

The rise in joblessness was a sharp change from November, when 36 states said their unemployment rates fell. Four states — South Carolina, Delaware, Florida and North Carolina — reported record-high jobless rates in December.

New Jersey's rate, meanwhile, rose to a 33-year high of 10.1 percent while New York's reached a 26-year high of 9 percent.

Analysts said the report showed the economy is recovering at too weak a pace to generate consistent job creation.

"A lot of states that had started to add jobs (in November) gave up those gains in December," said Sophia Koropeckyj, managing director at Moody's Economy.com.

Texas and Georgia lost more jobs in December than they had gained the previous month, she noted, while Arizona and South Carolina lost nearly as many as they had gained.

That is consistent with nationwide trends. Employers shed a net total of 85,00 jobs in December, the government said earlier this month, after notching a small gain of 4,000 jobs in November.

In another nationwide trend, long-suffering states like California and Michigan saw their jobless rates stabilize even as they continued to bleed jobs. That's because thousands of frustrated workers gave up hunting for work and dropped out of the labor force, which means they aren't included in the unemployment rate.

California lost 38,800 jobs, the most of any state. But its unemployment rate was unchanged at 12.4 percent, the fifth-highest in the nation. That's because 107,000 people, or 0.6 percent of the state's work force, gave up and stopped job-hunting.

Michigan shed 15,700 jobs, but 31,000 people left the labor force. That caused the state's jobless rate to fall slightly, to 14.6 percent from 14.7 percent. Michigan has the nation's highest unemployment rate.

Nationally, more than 600,000 people left the labor force in December, according to government data. The large exodus from the labor force indicates that "unemployment is a lot worse than the numbers suggest," Koropeckyj said.

Still, Michigan has actually gained about 10,000 jobs over the past three months, as automakers and other manufacturers have boosted production to restock inventories depleted over the summer and early fall.

"That's a positive thing for a state that has been doing so terribly for so long," said Dave Iaia, an economist at IHS Global Insight.

Texas lost the second-most jobs: 23,900. That sent its jobless rate to 8.3 percent in December from 8 percent. The next-largest job losses were in Ohio, Illinois and Michigan.

The economy grew at a 2.2 percent annual rate in last year's third quarter, after declining for four straight quarters during the recession. Many economists estimate that growth accelerated to more than 4 percent in the October-December quarter. But that's still sluggish by the standards of many previous recoveries.

And growth could slow in the first half of this year as temporary factors, such as government stimulus spending and inventory restocking, fade.

Many states saw sharp drops in restaurant, hotel and other leisure employment, a sign that consumers are still holding back on their spending. Nationwide, the United States lost 25,000 leisure and hospitality jobs in December.

Texas shed 6,500 restaurant and hotel positions. Florida lost 5,600, South Carolina 5,200 and North Carolina lost 2,600 — more than any other sector in that state.

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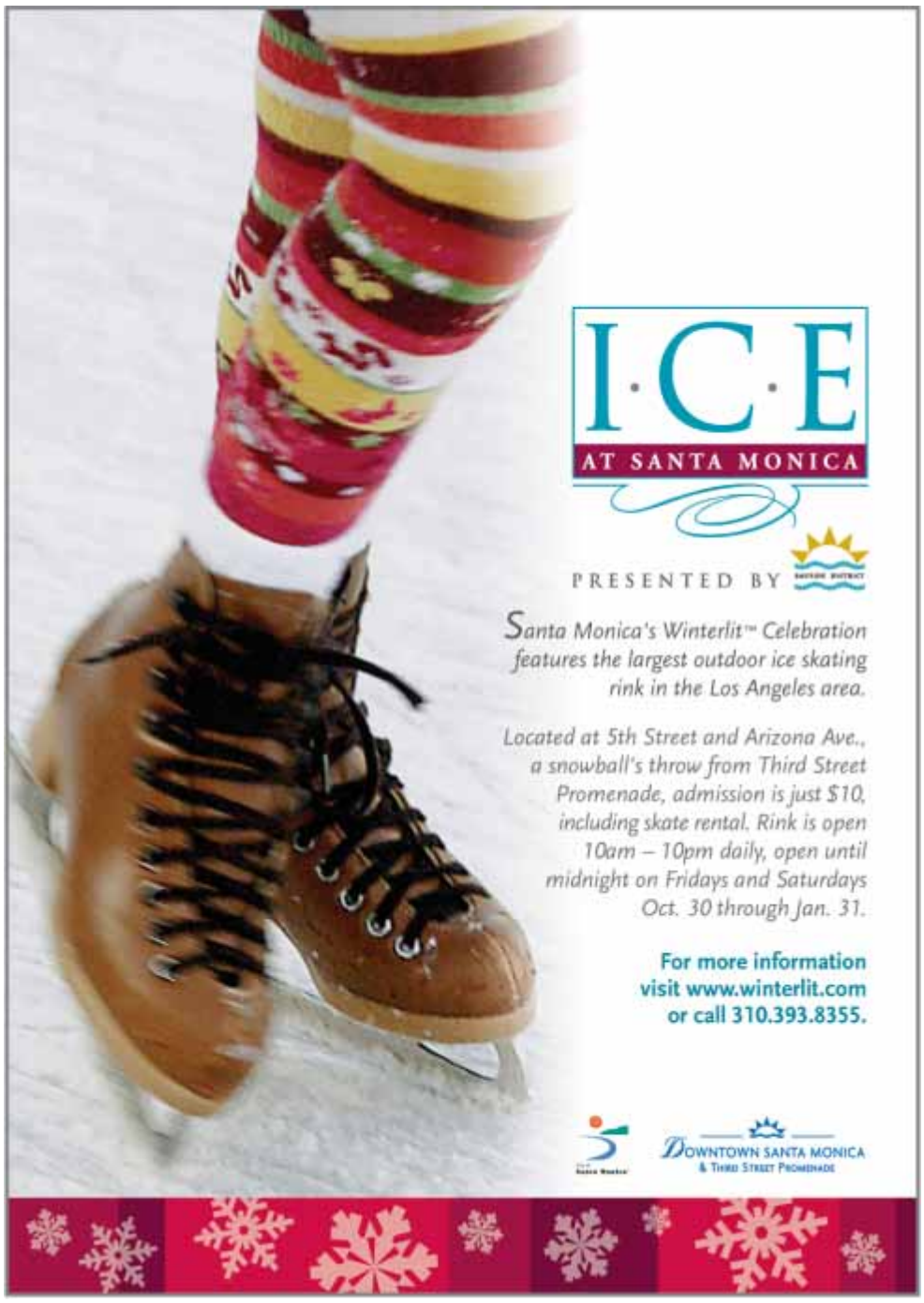
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By Anne-Marie Thompson
The Great Treasure Hunt STAFF WRITER

Could thousands of dollars be collecting dust in your closet or attic? Bring your valuables on down to the Great Treasure Hunt Antique and Collectible Buy Show in Santa Monica and leave with cash in hand! The Treasure Hunters are located at the Sheraton Delfina from Tuesday until Saturday to pump money back into the rapidly declining economy.

With unemployment reaching 10.9% in California, there is no doubt that Santa Monica locals are in need of fast cash. The Treasure Hunters will make an offer for anything of value, so come down to the Sheraton Delfina for a free appraisal.

"We will sort through boxes of collectibles and bags of coins and jewelry if you let us," says Treasure Hunter Kenny Davis, but that is not all they buy. They have purchased anything from comic books and tin toys to basketball jerseys and rare vintage guitars.



The Treasure Hunters will be set up at the Sheraton Delfina Tuesday from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m., Wednesday - Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The easiest way to know what coins are of value, the Treasure Hunters explain, is to look at the date. U.S. coins made before 1965 are valuable because of their high silver content, and they can be worth more if they happen to be a rare date.

The Treasure Hunters can test precious metals on site, as well. If there is any doubt of the carat content, the experts will be able to find out within minutes. They will buy broken chains, earring studs, diamonds, class rings, and much, much more. Nothing is too big or too small.

Scrap gold and coins are the most common items they buy, but there have been some interesting finds. Just recently someone came in with an African soul washer. After a quick call to verify the value, the Treasure Hunters made a hefty offer and a happy exchange. Some other purchased treasures include a baseball jersey belonging to St. Louis Cardinals first baseman Stan Musial, the estate of late baseball Hall of Famer Ty Cobb, and a certified 3-carat diamond engagement ring.

While the Treasure Hunters cannot purchase everything brought in, they welcome anyone and everyone to come by with their items.

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> "Every person out there has something we would have interest in"
> – Team member Chris Wagner

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Single Mom Sells Her Old Gold and Starts Business

Jane Mitchell from Northampton, Massachusetts came in to the Great Treasure Hunt Antique and Collectible Buy Show in need of extra cash. She brought her out-of-style gold jewelry and some broken chains. "I didn't think they would be worth much, but I'm starting my own business from home, so every little bit counts."



The little bit she hoped for ballooned to an even $2000, which was more than enough cushion for her new catering business.

> "It only took a few minutes & I left - **CASH In Hand!**"

With gold at an all-time high, it is no wonder she received such a large sum. "What's great," Jane exclaimed, "is that this was all just sitting in an old jewelry box in the back of my closet!" The Treasure Hunters turned her unwanted jewelry into much needed cash in less than 15 minutes.

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The Q Line

Money for schools

This past week, Q-line asked:

The school board recently agreed to place an emergency parcel tax on the ballot. This issue is sure to divide the local electorate. Some are no doubt willing to pay more for education while others feel that taxpayers are overburdened as it is. What's your opinion of the proposed tax?

Here are your responses:

"THE PROPOSED PARCEL TAX FOR THE schools is an abomination. Let them live and function like the rest of us have to do. Tighten your belt and live within your means. In the real world, people are losing their jobs and getting their salaries cut. Trim the fat in school administrators' and even teachers' salaries and have them teach by using their skills and what they already have to work with. Look at yesteryear. We all graduated knowing how to read, write and do basic math. Concentrate on that for awhile."

"WE NEED TO SEND A CLEAR MESSAGE to the Board of Education that they cannot keep coming to the taxpayers every time there is a shortfall. They need to find ways to cut their own budget and also to raise money. Vote no."

"WHEN ONE CONSIDERS THE AMOUNT of taxes paid by visitors and residents of Santa Monica on an annual and daily basis such as property, gasoline and everyday sales taxes, to name a few, and the sorry condition of the economy with near zero interest on bank savings, one would think the school district would understand that we are living in a time of belt tightening and adjust the district's budget and spending accordingly. I firmly state no more taxes."

"COMMERCIAL INTERESTS HOLD SWAY over the school tax committees. By recommending yet another parcel tax, the large, rich, Santa Monica business elite get off cheap and residents pay again. For example, the one-million-square-foot Water Garden office complex pays only one parcel tax despite scores of addresses on the property. However, each little condo pays the full tax, no matter how many condos on the property. Advocates for the new tax will sob 'Save our schools,' yet it is the commercial wallets that are being saved."

"CALIFORNIA AND OUR NATION BENEFIT greatly from a well-educated citizenry. If additional tax money is needed to accomplish this, it is our civic duty to make this investment. If we don't, other states and countries will leave us in the dust."

"IF WE DOUBLE-CHECK TO MAKE SURE that only kids who really live in town go to our schools, I bet we could close and layoff half the schools and its teachers."

"I'M OPPOSED TO THE NEW, PROPOSED tax. What happened to the money from the previous ones? It's just going into a bottomless, worthless pit. It is the parent's responsibility, not the taxpayers, to educate the litters of spawn that they drop."

"GOSH, WE DON'T HAVE A HUGE disconnect with the school board in this town. What did one member say, 'Education is free.' But the biggest chunk of the taxpayer dollar is to education. This is an A1 example of the stupidity and arrogance of our elected officials. Every year the school board overspends taxpayer dollars placating different constituencies — free lunches, free childcare, free after-school baby sitting, free college tuition. Who pays for this? The taxpayer. Just like the government printing more money, the school board has a new bond measure every two years and then SMC has a bond measure every other two years. Bugs Bunny had it right, what a bunch of maroons."

"AFTER VOTING ALL THESE YEARS FOR school district bond measures, I've had it with the school district's perpetual financial crises. There's no crisis when it comes to spending unnecessarily. For example, administrative salaries and digs, reconstruction projects, letting students coming in from outside the district, taking away opportunities from our students, special elections like this one. It is long overdue for the residents of Santa Monica to say no to more attempts to drain the community with yet another parcel tax. No, no, no, no, no."

"THE PARCEL TAX IS NEEDED BECAUSE of the state's budget mess. They have great schools, music programs and API scores that get better each year."

"FOR OVER 30 YEARS THE COMMIES from Santa Monicans for Renters' Rights have despicably ruled over us. Their cronies run every facet of our town and pay them astronomical wages and benefits. In order to get re-elected, they kick, spit on and screw over landlords every election so tenants vote for them. Landlords are hurting and in ruins from excessive taxes, fees, and ridiculous utilities rates. Now the Santa Monicans for Renters' Rights superintendent for schools is holding a sneaky and expensive election to get more bucks from homeowners. Instead of going through the regular election, they are squandering $300,000 to have a special election. When will we get sick of these crooks and send them back to Communist China."

"HOW MANY TIMES CAN WE SAY NO TO new tax increases and yet the buffoons keep coming back asking for more. I say let the schools operate within their budget, just like we have to do. So I will say it again, no to any new tax increases."

"I CAN'T SUPPORT THE PROPOSED parcel tax. Why should we pass a measure that doesn't come close to providing enough money for our schools and continues to allow some members of our city to pay little or nothing at all? I mean fair is fair, but this parcel tax is not."

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Commission could restrict bars through zoning change

FROM PLAN PAGE 1

"The current economic climate, coupled with increased competition has eroded our business, forcing us to consider a change. Our biggest liability was the lack of an outside space," the letter said.

The vote came after the panel heard testimony from residents for and against the proposal.

Busby's patrons, some of whom live next to the bar, defended the establishment as a well-run business. But the commission also heard from neighbors upset about rowdy late-night crowds marauding through the neighborhood, beer bottles left on lawns and bad drivers in alleys — all offenses allegedly committed by the bar's customers.

Busby's opponents were pleased with the result Wednesday.

"It's the first time in recent memory that we had 20 members in the audience stand up and applaud and cheer a decision by the Planning Commission," Johnson said.

In their letter, Boettcher and Tavey said they were disappointed the commission didn't accept their noise mitigation proposals. They also said the commission was too sensitive to a small group of critics with unreasonable expectations.

"When one chooses to live half a block off Santa Monica Boulevard or indeed, directly facing it, particularly in an entertainment zone, one cannot expect a bucolic environment," they wrote.

The Busby's dispute underscores a broader, ongoing conflict between residents upset over impacts from bars and owners who say they're obeying city laws and operating responsibly.

In the past year, The Parlor and South, both on Wilshire Boulevard, also have garnered complaints from neighborhood groups about raucous patrons and illegal parking.

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> **Jay Johnson**
> Planning Commissioner

Johnson said the issues with all three of the bars stem in part from vagueness in the city's zoning code that the Planning Commission is set to address this year.

All three bars are allowed to operate near residential neighborhoods because they're classified as restaurants. In effect, though, each establishment operates more like a sports bar, staying open until 2 a.m. and earning a large percentage of revenue from alcohol sales. City Hall is powerless to object to the late night hours and bar-like atmospheres because under existing zoning code, there's no difference between a restaurant and a sports bar.

Johnson said the commission will consider updating the zoning law to include a category for sports bars this year, though the item has not yet been agendized. A proposed change would presumably limit sports bars to areas that are farther removed from residential neighborhoods. An updated zoning law wouldn't affect existing sports bars.

After the commission's decision on Wednesday, Boettcher said he felt misled by City Hall. He said he spent a year and a half and $50,000 planning the expansion and documenting his bar's compliance with city code.



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NOT IN THE NEAR FUTURE: **The owner of Busby's bar on Santa Monica Boulevard wanted to add a pool and spa but was denied by the Planning Commission.**

In seeking the planning commission's support for the proposed Busby's expansion, Boettcher said he was offering to give City Hall more control over the bar's operations. Because Busby's has a "grandfathered" liquor license, City Hall has little say over how the bar runs. But if the commission had approved the expansion plan, it could have implemented new rules, like requiring a periodic review of how Busby's runs.

He said in effect he and his business partner were inviting City Hall in to scrutinize the bar's operations.

"We're willing to take that risk because … we know as operators we're not going to screw up," he said.

Hank Koning, the commission's chairman, opposed the motion to deny the application, saying he favored an approach that would allow the expansion but limit the bar's hours and activities to address neighbors' noise concerns.

"We have to protect the residential community and it just felt to me that in denying this, we weren't doing that," he said.

Though Boettcher said he appreciated Koning's willingness to work on a resolution that would allow the expansion, he said closing the bar early each night was not an option. If he shut down at midnight instead of 2 a.m., he said he'd be out of business within six months.

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McCabe remembered for his humor, unique vision for design

FROM OBIT PAGE 3

were bringing their instruments to McCabe and asking him to repair them.

That inspired him to open the guitar shop, at 3015 Pico Blvd. Camp became the first employee and introduced a table, chairs and coffee pot. An ethnomusicologist named Ed Kahn had the book and record concession.

"He always enjoyed music," said Berman, who met McCabe when the two were taking a folk music class. "He was a very easy-going, non-judgmental person who was extremely talented, very modest and very fun loving. He loved to have a good laugh and had a good sense of humor that he retained towards the end."

McCabe's work was featured often in The Los Angeles Times' weekly Home magazine and was regularly showcased in the Pasadena Art Museum's series of California Design exhibits. A famous Julius Shulman photograph of Pierre Koenig shows the architect standing near a McCabe-designed stereo cabinet.

McCabe lived and worked at studios in Venice for most of his career, then moved to San Pedro in the late 1990s. He was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease in 2004, and he soon moved to Eugene to be closer to his daughters.

Daughter Hally McCabe remembers spending countless hours at her dad's design studio and the guitar shop, sitting on his lap playing with a classic cash register.

"As a teenager I hung out at that store and eventually worked there for awhile," she said. " I saw so many musicians come through those doors."

What she remembers most about her dad was his love of wood. Her father seemed to always be running his hands along a piece of furniture, checking to see if his workers had sanded his pieces just right. She still has a dining room table her father built for her, as well as a jewelry box made of maple.

"He was always doing things his own way," Hally McCabe said. "He didn't care what everyone else was doing."

His other daughter, Molly McCabe, said her father was unique because he could see things in 3D, a trait she picked up and uses in her own design business, A Kitchen That Works. She also shares her father's dyslexia and his respect for maintaining a health body. McCabe didn't let his children eat sweets.

"He lived his life the way he wanted to," Molly McCabe said.

In addition to his two daughters, McCabe is survived by his sister Janet Owens; and two grandchildren.

A celebration of his life will be held Jan. 30 at Hally McCabe's home in Eugene. A celebration in Los Angeles will be announced.

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Treatment costs roughly $500 a bird

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"The pelicans are just getting pummeled by these storms."

Workers at the center in San Pedro are using dishwashing liquid to clean the birds, just as they do during oil spills. The process can take five to seven days per bird, Kelway said. They won't be released back in the rain, and the forecast for early next week calls for more.

Storms that started Monday have already dropped up to 8 inches of rain in Los Angeles County, the National Weather Service reported.

The long-beaked pelicans weigh 8 to 10 pounds, stand about 4 feet tall and have a 6- to 7-foot wingspan. They are a symbol of the Pacific Coast, and were recently removed from California's endangered species list, Kelway said.

Treatment costs about $500 a bird, Kelway said.

Those interested in helping are urged to donate funds to the center by going on its Web site at www.ibrrc.org.

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Shady Lady gets dozens of e-mails

FROM GIGOLO PAGE 3

more confident in herself."

Jim Davis told The Associated Press that after reading the article, he and his wife decided that Markus doing interviews was bad for business. Bobbi Davis declined an interview with the AP. The Davises declined to give Markus' real name, which is customary for sex workers in Nevada.

Davis said the Shady Lady had received dozens of e-mails expressing interest in the gigolo. He said it took years to establish steady business from truckers, salesmen and other travelers after the brothel opened 17 years ago, and getting paying women customers could take at least a month.

"This is a business — if (Bobbi Davis) didn't think she could make more money she wouldn't have done it," Davis said. "Why else would she start something like this?

"And if she knew what she was getting into, she probably wouldn't have," he said.

The yellow-painted Shady Lady compound is more than 30 miles north of Beatty — an unincorporated township of less than 1,200 people between Las Vegas and Reno.



Surf Conditions **Water Temp:** 58°

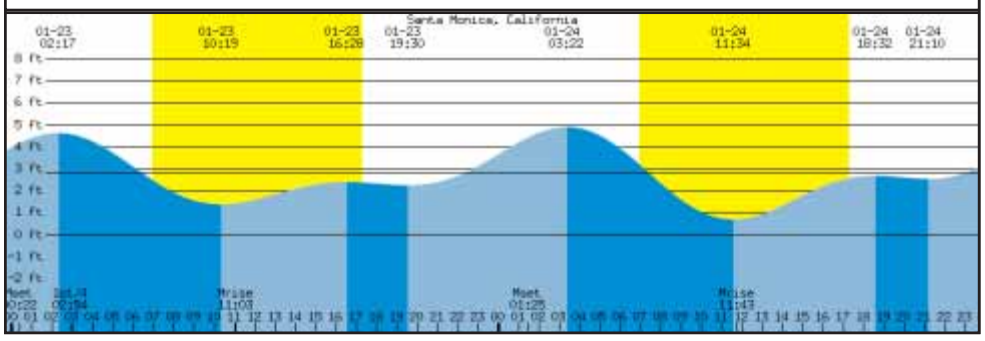
Swell Forecast

Steep angled NW swell should back down to around chest high max for west facing breaks. Winds should be lightly offshore for a good part of the day.

Long Range Synopsis

End of week looks very small as well.

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 20, 2010**

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QUICK STATS (in last 30 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 0
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 12
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 43 / 10
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 4 / 34

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

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

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

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

LEGEND

DRY -- each location is graded on an A – F scale based on bacterial pollution levels present in the surf zone
WET -- grades for days of recorded rainfall and the following 3 days
ns -- no sample taken

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MLB

Mets obtain Matthews Jr. from Angels

RONALD BLUM
AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK Gary Matthews Jr. was traded from the Los Angeles Angels to the New York Mets on Friday for right-handed reliever Brian Stokes.

Matthews, who will compete with Angel Pagan to play center field while Carlos Beltran starts the season on the disabled list, is owed $23 million over two seasons as part of his $50 million, five-year contract.

The Angels agreed to send the Mets $21.5 million as part of the trade, a person familiar with the details told The Associated Press. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the amount was not announced. The money includes $500,000 to reimburse the Mets for a trade bonus they must pay Matthews as the acquiring team, meaning the outfielder will cost New York a total of $2 million over two seasons.

"He's a very versatile player," Mets general manager Omar Minaya said on a conference call. "With Carlos or without Carlos, I just think he makes our team better."

Matthews was briefly with the Mets but had only one at-bat with them. New York purchased him from Pittsburgh in December 2001, then traded him to Baltimore just before the 2002 season for left-hander John Bale.

Matthews hit .313 with 19 homers and 79 RBIs for Texas in 2006, when he made the AL All-Star team, then signed the big deal with the Angels that turned out to be the worst contract in the team's history. He slumped to a .252 average with 18 homers and 72 RBIs during his first season in Anaheim, then lost his center field job when the Angels signed Torii Hunter.

Matthews had 46 RBIs in 2008 and 50 last year, when he started 80 games. Now 35, he is the son of Gary Matthews, the 1973 NL Rookie of the Year.

"I think this is going to be mostly a change-of-scenery guy," Minaya said. "The fact that we have him for the next two years at a very reasonable price — I think the key for him is just going to be playing time. ... I think he might be able to get more playing time here as the year goes on."

SI.com reported in February 2007 that Matthews was sent human growth hormone by Applied Pharmacy in August 2004, an accusation he denied. Major League Baseball concluded there was insufficient evidence to discipline him.

The 30-year-old Stokes was 2-4 with a 3.97 ERA last season, setting career highs for games (69) and innings (70 1-3). He spent the last two seasons with the Mets after making his big league debut for Tampa Bay.

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The Princess and the Frog (G) 1hr 35min
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Up in the Air (R) 1hr 49min
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It's Complicated (R) 1hr 54min
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Sherlock Holmes (PG-13) 2hrs 14min
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Crazy Heart (R) 2hr 07min
11:00am, 1:30, 4:20, 7:10, 9:55

A Single Man (R) 1hr 55min
1:40, 4:30, 7:20, 9:50

La Danse: The Paris Opera Ballet (NR) 2hrs 38min
11:00am

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1:00, 7:00

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Noon, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00

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11:40am, 2:00, 4:20, 6:40, 9:00

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Your call, Capricorn

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ Revamp an upcoming trip, or consider a day trip this weekend. A change of setting never hurts, and it refreshes the mind. News comes from a distance; you might want to celebrate. Don't take unnecessary risks. Tonight: Worry tomorrow and enjoy now.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ You smile and feel more relaxed than you have in a long while. Take a drive, go to a movie or schedule a mini trip -- whatever is your pleasure. You could be overwhelmed by all the possibilities. Tonight: Make hay while you can.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ Take off for the day. Do something uniquely for you. You need to mellow out and do some thinking. You might be surprised by everything that comes up. A partner might be more understanding than you realize. Tonight: Don't worry about vanishing.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ Friends point out the direction to better times and more fun. Your style might need some updating. Friends really care and ask you to join in. A partner is only too happy to adjust to a change. Tonight: Where the action is.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Deal with someone directly. Others admire your style, but right now the message might need more weight than diplomacy, especially if someone is not getting it. You cannot be responsible if someone doesn't share. Tonight: A must show.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ Escape reality; fantasy fits the bill. You might want to do something in a totally different way. Remain sensitive to a child or loved one who is going through some big changes. Doors will open with caring. Tonight: Use your imagination.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ Togetherness works well for you, especially right now. You are more open than you have been for a sustained period. Initiate talks and share more of yourself. Possibilities open up when you are together, and not just in the personal realm of your life. Tonight: Chat, talk, flirt, etc.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ Say "yes" to a partner or loved one. In fact, you'll find relating much easier if you relax. Really, if you are with the person you love, do you care what you do or where you eat? Tonight: Be a socialite for the night.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ Go skiing or indulge in another favorite winter sport. Getting exercise makes you full of energy and get-up-and-go. Listen to your inner voice with a money matter. Don't take any risks. Tonight: Off to a movie.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ Let your creativity float up, adding to the mischief, fun and/or sensuality of the moment. Knowing when you have had enough could be more important. Laugh and relax with the company of another person. Tonight: Know that you are the main player. It is your call.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ Step back and gain a deeper understanding of what is going on behind the scenes. Stay close to home; get into a project that is long overdue. If you want to see friends or loved ones, invite them over. Tonight: Remember, your home is your castle.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ Keep conversations rolling. Open up to a potential new friend who demonstrates caring and sensitivity. You could change your mind because of the feedback you get. Different opinions count. Tonight: Hanging out.

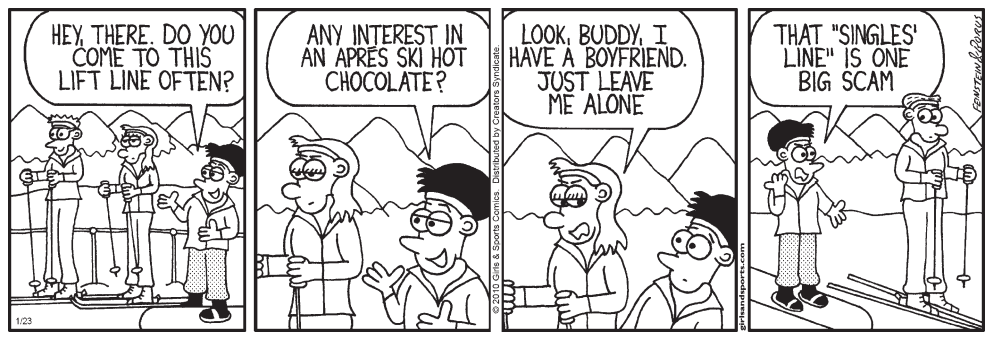
Happy birthday

This year, you have more opportunities than in the past to relate on a deeper level with a loved one. Self-understanding allows greater caring from you as well. Others like the more secure, open you. Listen to what you know to be true for you, and make less judgments on others. If you are single, new doors open through networking. Nevertheless, you could meet someone through a roommate or family member. If you are attached, discover a new sense of connectiveness between you and your sweetie. A long-desired change becomes a possibility. TAURUS sometimes grounds you too much.

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

Girls and Sports

By Justin Borus and Andrew Feinstein



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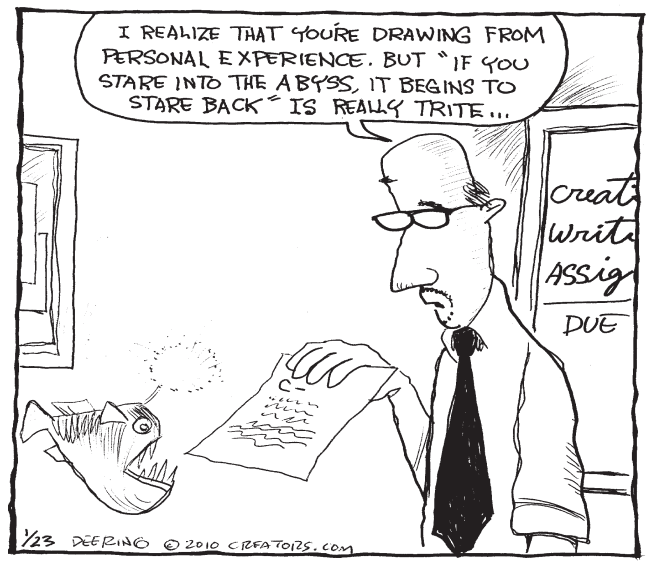
Garfield

By Jim Davis



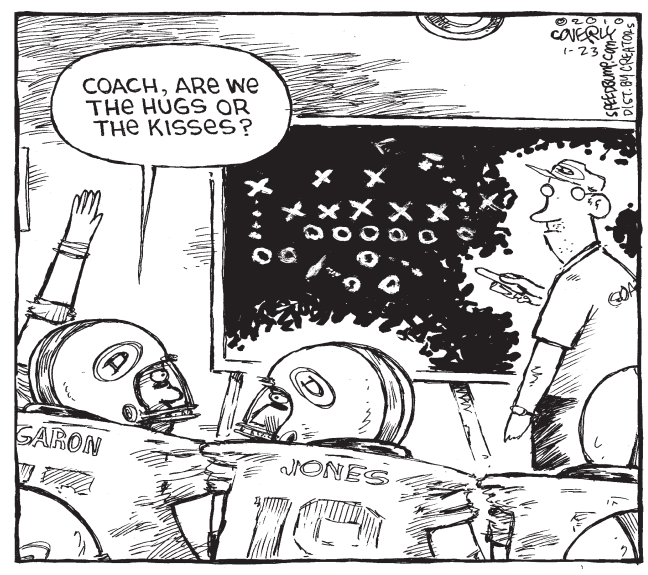
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Difficulty Level ★★★★

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GETTING STARTED

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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12 Individual
13 Donut-shaped
14 Karate levels
15 Like some watches
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18 Mo. neighbor
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23 Ogled
24 Full of info
25 Acrophobe's dread
27 Huck's pal
30 Organic acid
31 Forest feller
32 Bat wood
33 Breeze
35 Emporium
38 Baseball's Satchel
39 Alaska native
40 Pot starters
41 Pigeon perch
42 Brief job

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7 Bar order
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20 "Right?" to René
21 Take a stab at
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25 Hurry
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28 Breathing need
29 Least
30 Twangy
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36 Weaver's creation
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ In November, Oprah Winfrey's mother, Vernita Lee, and the luxury fashion store Valentina Inc. announced a settlement of the latter's lawsuit over Lee's $155,547 outstanding tab. On a previous tab of $174,285 in 2002, Lee had agreed to make periodic repayments, but the store apparently allowed her to open another account, and as the new balance swelled, Lee sued, claiming the store should not have re-extended credit to her.

■ In December, pedophile Theodore Sypnier (the first-ever New Yorker to turn 100 years old while behind bars) was released from prison even though he continues to deny that he has done anything wrong. He was sent once again to a halfway house near Walden, N.Y., run by Rev. Terry King, who took Sypnier in twice before and warns that Sypnier is still highly dangerous. "As a father," said King, "I would not want my child anywhere near him." Noting that Sypnier continues to reject counseling, King said, "He's been adamant that, 'I'm 100, and I'm not gonna change.'"

TODAY IN HISTORY

1570 The assassination of regent James Stewart, 1st Earl of Moray throws Scotland into civil war.

1571 The Royal Exchange opens in London.

1579 The Union of Utrecht forms a Protestant republic in the Netherlands.

1656 Blaise Pascal publishes the first of his Lettres provinciales.

1719 The Principality of Liechtenstein is created within the Holy Roman Empire.

1789 Georgetown College, the first Roman Catholic college in the United States, is founded in Georgetown, Maryland (now a part of Washington, D.C.)

1793 Second Partition of Poland: Russia and Prussia partition Poland for the second time.

1879 Anglo-Zulu War: the Battle of Rorke's Drift ends.

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