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Friends identify Web site GM as crash victim

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

SM AIRPORT The head of a popular aviation Web site was one of two victims who perished in a fatal plane crash here on Wednesday night, according to friends and colleagues.

The forum for Airliners.net was flooded with messages of condolences on Thursday as news spread that Paulo Emanuele, the site's general manager, died when the Marchetti F260 he was aboard headed nose first into the ground and erupted in flames at Santa Monica Airport shortly after takeoff.

The Los Angeles County Coroner has yet to release the names of the victims but officials with Airliners.net issued a statement on Wednesday night, identifying one of the victims as the aviation enthusiast.

"Paulo loved Airliners(.net) and everything it stands for," the statement on the site's main page said. "He will be remembered for his passion, his kindness, and his love for life."

The Web site is part of Demand Media, a Santa Monica-based company specializing in social media and technology.

The experimental single-engine aircraft took off from the airport shortly after 5 p.m. when the pilot reportedly experienced engine trouble. As he attempted to land, the pilot lost control of the plane, which crashed roughly 1,000 feet from the west end of the runway. No one on the ground was injured.

"The indication that I got was that he apparently had attempted to make contact

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GETTING ON TRACK

Morgan Genser *news@smdp.com*

Santa Monica High School's Jerome Hatchett looks for an open teammate against Hawthorne High School Wednesday at Samohi. The Vikings won the Ocean League game, 70-64. With the victory, Samohi improves its record to 16-5 overall and 4-3 in league.

District looks into sexual harassment allegation

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

KANSAS AVENUE School district officials plan to launch an investigation into a sexual harassment allegation involving a male teacher at Edison Language Academy and two female colleagues.

The Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District was notified several weeks ago that an instructor reportedly made an anti-gay comment to the teachers about two male students kissing in class, adding that he would not have minded if the interaction had instead involved girls. He then proceeded by suggestively putting his arm around the female teachers, according to one of their husbands, Rafael Garcia-Rangel.

Garcia-Rangel, whose wife is first grade teacher Veronica Nuñez-Garcia, contacted Mike Matthews, the assistant superintendent for human resources, on Jan. 16 about the alleged incident earlier that week, describing the encounter between the school employees.

"The coach … notified my wife and her colleague that 'two of your boys (students) were playing a kissing game with each other,'" Garcia-Rangel wrote in an e-mail to Matthews. "Then he said, 'had it been two girls though I wouldn't have said anything.

"My wife responded by stating 'this is when I walk away' and did so."

Nuñez-Garcia, who declined to comment for the article, later told the teacher that his

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Heavy hitters coming to Santa Monica's Broad Stage

BY TAYLOR VAN ARSDALE
Special to the Daily Press

11th Street Musical icons Dave Grusin and Lee Ritenour debut their latest classical crossover venture "Amparo" at the Broad Stage on Saturday.

Grammy nominated "Amparo" — the follow up to Grusin and Ritenour's successful 2000 release of "Two Worlds" — is the brainchild of Chris Roberts, President of Universal Decca.

"He had the vision that Dave and I could probably crossover into the classical world," Ritenour said.

Eight years later, bolstered by the success of Grammy nominated "Two Worlds" Roberts approached the musicians about

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All persons are invited to apply regardless of race, sex, age, disability, religion, marital status, national origin, sexual preference, or ancestry. Applicants must be residents and registered voters in the City of Santa Monica.

All interested parties please send letters, resumes, and/or applications to:

Maria M. Stewart, City Clerk
1685 Main Street
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Applications are available at the City Clerk's Office, and at the City's website: www.smgov.net. Potential candidates are required to submit an application with their letters of interest and/or resumes. You may request an application by mail or fax by calling (310) 458-8211.

Applications and letters of interest will be accepted through Tuesday, February 17th at 5:30 p.m.

If filled by appointment, the vacancy must be filled by the February 24, 2009, Council meeting. If no appointment is made by that date, the City Council is required to call a special municipal election to fill the vacancy. The appointment is for a partial term ending November 2010. The vacant seat, whose 4-year term ends November 2012, shall be placed on the November 2010, ballot so voters may elect a Councilmember to serve the remainder of the term.

The State Political Reform Act requires officeholders to disclose their financial interest and income which may be materially affected by their official action. The applicant appointed to serve in this position will be required to file a Statement of Economic Interest (Form 700)with the City Clerk's Office upon assuming office, and annually thereafter. The appointee will be subject to the Oaks Initiative. The Oaks Initiative prohibits City public officials who have approved or voted to approve a "public benefit" from receiving a "personal or campaign advantage" from the recipient of the "public benefit" for one year from the time the City public official leaves office, or five years after conferring the "public benefit," whichever is shorter.

Maria M. Stewart, CMC
City Clerk

WHAT'S UP WESTSIDE

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA AND SURROUNDS

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1211 Fourth St., 8:00 p.m. — 9:15 p.m.
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Salsa the night away
Isabelle's Salsa/Tango/Pole Dance Academy
1334 Lincoln Blvd., 7:15 p.m. — 10 p.m.
Learn or improve your salsa moves at Isabelle Pampillo's salsa socials. $20 buys a 90-minute class, social hour, and practice. Call (310) 392-3493 for more information.

Saturday, Jan. 31, 2009

'A Little Princess'
Morgan-Wixson Theatre
2627 Pico Blvd., 11 a.m. — 12:30 p.m.
Come watch a play based on Frances Burnett's timeless story of a very different type of princess whose generous spirit is undimmed by dark circumstances. This play is not just for girls! Donations of new or gently-used books in English or Spanish ages 0-10 will be accepted and forwarded to the Venice Family Clinic. Reserve seats for $6-8 at (310) 828-7519.

Greening from within
Ocean Park Branch Library
2601 Main St., 2 p.m. — 4 p.m.
Start the new year with this series which guides you in a unique and personal approach to ecology. Call (310) 392-3804 for more information.

'Cinderella: The Musical'
Santa Monica Playhouse
1211 Fourth St., 12:30 p.m. & 3 p.m.
Audiences help romance bloom in this internationally acclaimed musical for kids 2 to 102, featuring a charming prince, zany fairy godmother, silly stepsisters and a zealously well-meaning stepmother. For information, call (310) 394-9779 ext. 651.

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.

The gift that keeps on giving

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

Upward Bound House, a leading provider of housing and supportive services to homeless families in Los Angeles, accepted $100,000 that will help support the construction of an emergency shelter in Culver City for families with children. The gift was given by longtime supporters Robert and Marion Wilson, who helped found Upward Bound House's Family Place in 1997.

"We are overwhelmed by the Wilson's generosity," said David Snow, executive director of Upward Bound House. "This gift will enable us to meet our core operating and program needs, and will play a critical role in filling the final gaps in our capital efforts to complete our new emergency shelter. This is a wonderful blessing for the hundreds of children who will move from the streets to stable homes."

The new facility — the only on the Westside of Los Angeles for families with children — is scheduled to open mid-2009 and will serve 240 individuals each year, including over 125 children. It will complement the agency's 21-unit Family Place facility located in Santa Monica. By offering both emergency and transitional housing, Upward Bound House will operate a distinctive "continuum of care" that guides families from crisis into stability, Snow said.

Santa Monica City Councilman Richard Bloom, an advocate to end homelessness regionally, congratulated Upward Bound House on this major gift.

"Upward Bound House's Family Shelter facility will employ a model 'Housing First' program designed to rapidly move homeless families into permanent housing," Bloom said. "This is one of the key strategies in our regional effort to end homelessness."

Upward Bound House is a community-based, nonprofit social service agency located in Santa Monica. Since 1997, more than 1,000 individuals — including over 600 children — have graduated from Upward Bound House and are no longer homeless. There are more than 10,000 homeless children in Los Angeles County every night, according to the organization.

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HUGE VICTORY

Morgan Genser *news@smdp.com*

Santa Monica High School's Thea Lemberger drives to the hoop against Hawthorne High School defenders Wednesday at Samohi. The Vikings went on to rout Hawthorne, 95-21. The win improves Samohi's record to 15-5 overall and 3-2 in Ocean League play.

Rich people's spending goes underground

BY JOHN ROGERS
Associated Press Writer

BEVERLY HILLS Throwing your money around is so pre-recession.

As the economy weakens, the wealthy and the businesses that cater to them say it's more common — even chic — to scale back extravagant spending and play down affluence. Retailing experts call it luxury shame, or stealth wealth.

From Rodeo Drive to Fifth Avenue, that means one thing: Hide the labels.

Some shoppers are asking cashiers at high-end stores to put their purchases in plain white paper bags. Others want their expensive clothes and jewelry shipped home so they can walk out of the store without any bags at all.

"There's a sense of there being a gaucheness in spending in excess and coming home with a Louis Vuitton or Chanel bag," says Lucyann Barry, a personal shopper and stylist for New York's ultra-rich.

For one self-conscious client, Barry recently delivered a $1,200 Gucci handbag disguised as a gift so the rest of her family wouldn't know she had bought it herself.

Of course, plenty of rich people have become decidedly less so as stocks, homes and businesses have declined in value during the recession. And they're cutting back. Holiday sales were down at Neiman Marcus, Tiffany & Co. and Saks Fifth Avenue.

Despite the slump, the affluent still maintain lifestyles that would seem extravagant to the vast majority of Americans — hundreds of dollars spent at exclusive restaurants, thousands dropped on shopping sprees.

What's different now is the extra care some are putting into making themselves seem more like everybody else.

"I'm trying to be more covert," said Edward Douglas, of Randolph, N.J., who owns a small manufacturing company that he says has so far been unaffected by the recession.

One of his luxuries is vacationing with his family in the Bahamas, and although he still intends to go this year, he's planning on flying commercial instead of by private jet.

Robert Jones, who owns businesses including a nightclub and two restaurants, now spends $400 on a regular hotel room for

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The sky isn't falling

Editor:

Your article, "EPA to study lead emissions at airport," Jan. 28, page 1, is revealing in two ways: It reiterates just how little problem there is from leaded aviation fuel and it shows that a vocal minority are still dedicated to closing Santa Monica Airport by any means no matter how much the loss might damage our surrounding communities.

The article reports that lead pollution has always been below federal limits and remains below them even though those limits have recently been made an order of magnitude more strict. What has changed is the rhetoric.

Over the last two decades we have heard repeatedly from would-be airport assassins that the only problem was the jet traffic and there were no bones to pick with the small piston engine aircraft that don't burn kerosene.

But now that the latest attempts to get jets banned have come to naught, we see a renewed attack on small propeller aircraft. What this contingent really seems to want is simply no aviation of any kind.

There is currently no economically feasible alternative to tetra-ethyl lead for piston-engined aircraft. Banning it would not only remove an insignificant amount of lead from the air, it would remove most of the aircraft, and, in the process, destroy general aviation in America.

The cost/benefit ratio simply doesn't justify such a draconian measure. We had a textbook example of such a skewed cost/benefit ratio just [Wednesday] when a good proportion of Southern California was brought literally to a standstill while the official dithering over a pre-dawn traffic accident was allowed to keep the freeway closed for half a day.

That data gathering exercise will never justify the millions of dollars in lost productivity and wasted gasoline.

Sound policy must derive results that clearly and unambiguously justify its implementation, otherwise it becomes part of the problem instead of part of the solution .

Meanwhile, go ahead and breathe deep. The sky is not made of lead and it's not falling.

Bill Worden
Venice

Kudos

Editor:

Ms. [Meredith] Carroll's article on Thursday, Jan. 22 on middle-achievers is absolutely brilliant! It should have been read by everyone!

This is fitting to be taught in political science classes and in motivational meetings for average students. Many kudos as it was a fine and surgical analysis of our former president and I can think of some local examples which resemble that mold.

Eddie Greenberg
Santa Monica

Setting an example

Editor:

I just finished reading [Mariel Howsepian's] article in the [Jan. 23 issue of the] Daily Press ("Michie Obama looks the part," page 10) and must compliment [her], not only on [her] excellent writing style, but also the content.

In particular, I was so impressed by [her] call for graciousness, instead of cat calls and booing, even when one disagrees with another.

What a wonderful example for [her] to set for [her] sixth graders.

Your references to the peaceful transfer of power ("not a mustachioed melodrama") made me smile and I thought to myself how truthful and accurate! Bravo on an excellent piece. You sound like an inspiring and thoughtful teacher, and I look forward to reading more of your work.

Pattie Fitzgerald
Founder, Safely Ever After, Inc.



The Soap Box

Bennet Kelley

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President Obama and the dawn of a new day

NEARLY 200 YEARS AFTER THE BRITISH Army captured Washington, our nation's capitol endured a different onslaught by an army twice as large as the U.S. and Russian armies combined.

The 1.8 million people who braved Washington's winter chill for the inaugural came from all 50 states armed not with muskets but hope and a determination to be part of this historic occasion.

This hope permeated the city despite the fact that not since Roosevelt has the nation confronted problems of such a scale.

It was the hope of a new day. This was not solely because of President Obama's status as the first African-American president.

While Obama's election clearly represents the realization of Dr. King's dream that Americans be judged by the content of their character and not the color of their skin and is a statement to the world of the promise of America, the stain of our nation's past racial history was very much present in the nation's collective bated breath as the president and first lady walked part of the parade route.

It was a new day because the nation had been liberated from the pall and embarrassment of the past eight years. Throughout the week I heard people expressing their excitement over the thought of not being ashamed of their president and his policies.

President Obama spoke to this sentiment in his inaugural address when he rejected "the [false] choice between our safety and our ideals."

The message was clear that America was America again and "ready to lead once more."

It was a new day because the torch had been passed to a new generation that stood free of past timidity over the use of government but mindful of the need to utilize this tool wisely.

A generation — Generation Jones — shaped not by the black and white culture wars that defined the baby boom, but by an appreciation of various shades of grey and the fact that no party or ideology was the sole keeper of truth.

As President Obama stressed, "we come to proclaim an end to the petty grievances and false promises, the recriminations and worn out dogmas, that for far too long have strangled our politics."

It was a new day because, after months of being adrift as President Bush was visibly checked out as president, the nation drew strength from President Obama's resolve that the challenges we face will be met.

A Republican friend teased me before I left for Washington by asking that I let him know if the new president walked on water (although this would not have been a difficult task given the freezing temperatures).

Despite what Republicans may believe, nobody (save for a yet to be chosen First Dog) seriously believes that President Obama is the Messiah or that he can solve all the problems that confront this nation with the snap of a finger.

What people do believe, and what made people who have never even traveled to Washington before to make the trip and stand for hours in the cold to watch the inauguration, is that President Obama is, in the words of Colin Powell, "a transformational figure." He has connected with and energized voters in a way not seen since Bobby Kennedy's presidential campaign.

WHILE PRESIDENT OBAMA IS CERTAIN TO DISAPPOINT MANY OVER THE COURSE OF HIS ADMINISTRATION, WHAT WE MUST REMEMBER IS THAT ON A CHILLY TUESDAY THE NATION CAME TOGETHER AND BEAMED WITH HOPE AND OPTIMISM FOR THE FUTURE.

This skill combined with the magnitude of the current crises gives him an opportunity to reshape the country as Roosevelt had nearly a century ago.

While President Obama is certain to disappoint many over the course of his administration, what we must remember is that on a chilly Tuesday the nation came together and beamed with hope and optimism for the future.

After 50 years of division over civil rights, Vietnam, Watergate, the Gingrich revolution and the "Clinton Wars" and all things Bush, it was clear that a new day had dawned and that the nation stood ready to "pick ourselves up, dust ourselves off, and begin again the work of remaking America." That in itself is a significant achievement.

There are many challenges still to be met. We must remember that, as John Kennedy said during his inaugural address, "[a]ll this will not be finished in the first 100 days. Nor will it be finished in … the life of this administration. … But let us begin."

As the crowd dispersed from the mall and the sun set on this historic day and people returned home to states across the nation, it was clear that the "work of remaking America" had begun.

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Super Bowl or super bore?

IN CASE YOU'VE BEEN ON ANOTHER planet, Sunday is the Super Bowl. I think this is number 43 (XLIII) but don't quote me as I'm not great with Roman numerals. The NFL began using them to make the Super Bowl seem more "dignified." This year's game is in Tampa Bay, which is the strip club capital of the world. How's that for dignified?

As it happens I was at Super Bowl I, which was played at the Coliseum (L.A. not Rome). Frankly, it was boring. The Coliseum can hold 100,000 and only 60,000 showed up. Even the name, Super Bowl, was ridiculed by some, calling it the Tidy Bowl. (I didn't get the connection then, either.)

One problem with that first Super Bowl was the disparity in talent. It was not long after the merger between the AFL, which began in 1960, and the NFL, which started in 1920. All that seemed to change, however, in Super Bowl III when Joe Namath's Jets defeated Johnny Unitas' Colts in one of the greatest upsets in sports history (not counting when my Hamilton High School B basketball team defeated Westchester for the Western League title, but who lives in the past).

The Super Bowl is such an obsession in America that if you're a guy and you're not interested you're considered either a Communist or gay or both. (Women, for some reason, are cut a little more slack.) I can almost picture the late Sen. Joe McCarthy holding a piece of paper, "I have here a list of the names of people, at the highest levels of our government, who did not watch the Super Bowl! It's un-American!" After ruining countless lives, Joe was censured by the Senate, and drank himself to death. If you don't remember Joe McCarthy, picture Rush Limbaugh, but with a darker complexion.

Not only is the Super Bowl game popular (100,000,000 viewers and nearly that many parties) but so are the commercials. No recession there. Commercials can cost up to $3 million a spot.

Some are quite brilliant but then again, at those prices, they'd better be. In fact, many times the commercials are more interesting than the games. Not last year, however, when the New York Giants rallied to beat the then undefeated New England Patriots in one of the most exciting games I've ever seen. (This one was even more memorable than the commercials.)

The ads are so popular they're replayed over and over on the Internet. I'd say that's insane except that I watch them myself. Then again, the marketing world is so different these days. It's hard to imagine but there was a time when you bought something at a department store the bag didn't advertise the store for all the world to see. And no one wore a T-shirt with the manufacturer's name across the chest and back. I remember thinking that it was absurd. That was right before I started wearing them.

Perhaps another ingredient to the success of the Super Bowl is the wagering. In 2008 over $10 billion was bet by over 200 million people worldwide. No wonder so many people seem to have more than just a "rooting" interest.

In Las Vegas you can bet on such obscure action as which team will be called for a penalty first; will the first score be a safety, field goal or touchdown; and will the combined scores be more or less than the points Lebron James scores. (The Cavs play the Pistons on Sunday.) Vegas even takes action on who will win the coin flip.

This year's game is between the Pittsburgh Steelers, who are the heavy favorites against the Arizona Cardinals. Perhaps one of the reasons the Cardinals are the underdogs is that they haven't won a championship since 1947 when they were the Chicago Cardinals.

That may seem like a long time ago unless you're a Cubs fan. They haven't won a World Series since 1908.

I'm rooting for the Cardinals because I've always liked the style of their quarterback, Kurt Warner. He's pure action.

He also may wind up in the Hall of Fame, which is even more remarkable considering not that long ago he was stocking cans in a grocery store.

My only complaint about Kurt is that, after the game he always gives credit to God. Somehow he makes it sound as though God has nothing better to do than root on a football game like some bookie needing to cover the spread.

The best (or worst) thing about the Super Bowl is the parties. They can be like a combination of New Years and Mardis Gras. If you're really into the game, with all the noise you can't concentrate. But everybody quiets down for the commercials. At $3 million a pop, I suppose they better.

When he isn't betting on coin flips, JACK can be reached at Jackneworth@yahoo.com.

The Q Line

Council searches

The passing of City Councilman Herb Katz recently has forced his colleagues on the dais to search for a replacement. It will be difficult to replace the esteemed Katz who dedicated much of his life to civil service.

So this week's Q-Line question asks:

Who would you like to see as the new City Council member?

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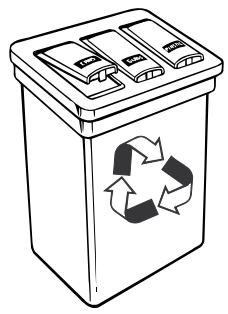
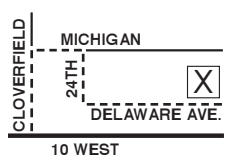
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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA PLANNING COMMISSION

SUBJECT: A Public Hearing will be held by the Planning Commission on the following:

The Planning Commission will discuss the recently released Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Exposition Light Rail Line Phase 2 project. This will include discussion and comment on the DEIR and the Commission's prior recommendations to City Council.

The Planning Commission will receive a presentation and update on issues related to the Downtown and Civic Center Specific Plan area, including circulation as related to future Light Rail.

The Planning Commission will discuss general policy matters pertaining to the City's ongoing effort to prepare new Land Use and Circulation Elements of the City's General Plan, with possible focus on the Transportation Demand Management (TDM) plan.

Regular policy discussion meetings are scheduled on the first Wednesday of each month. Discussion topics are set in advance of the meeting, and may change up to 24 hours in advance of the meeting. Information on current meeting topics is available at City Hall and online at www.msgov.net/planning.

WHEN: **Wednesday, February 4, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.**

WHERE: Council Chambers, City Hall
1685 Main Street
Santa Monica, California

City of Santa Monica

HOW TO COMMENT
The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. You may comment at the Planning Commission public hearing, or by writing a letter or e-mail. Information received prior to the hearing will be given to the Planning Commission at the meeting.

MORE INFORMATION
If you want additional information about the meeting agenda, please contact Kyle Ferstead, Planning Commission Secretary by e-mail at kyle.ferstead@smgov.net or by telephone at (310) 458-8341. The Zoning Ordinance is available at the Planning Counter during business hours or available on the City's web site at www.msgov.net/planning. The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible. If you have any disability-related accommodation request, please contact (310) 458-8341, or TYY Number: (310) 458-8696 at least five (5) business days prior to the meeting. Santa Monica "Big Blue" Bus Lines #1, #2, #3, and #8 serve City Hall. Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the Public Hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Monica at, or prior to, the Public Hearing.

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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.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 21, AT 11:35 A.M.,
Santa Monica vice officers contacted a woman offering sexual services in exchange for money. The woman advertised in a local newspaper, police said. An undercover officer arranged to meet the woman at a local hotel. The two were in a hotel room when the woman offered to perform sex acts in exchange for $200. Once money exchanged hands additional officers entered the room and placed the suspected prostitute under arrest for solicitation. The suspect was identified as Robin Carol Zurn, 35, of Santa Monica. Her bail was set at $2,000.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 21, AT 4:11 A.M.,
Officers responded to the 1500 block of Georgina Avenue regarding a report of an auto burglary in progress. When officers arrived, they saw a man carrying a backpack whom they believed may have been involved in the burglary. Officers attempted to detain him but the suspect fled on foot, police said. Officers later caught the suspect in the 1400 block of San Vicente Boulevard. The suspect was in possession of items officers believed were stolen from the vehicle, which was parked on Georgina with its front door left ajar. Officers contacted the owner of the vehicle to verify that it was burglarized. The suspect was arrested and booked for auto burglary and resisting arrest. He was identified as Michael David Thompson, 18, from Venice. His bail was set at $50,000. Officers recovered a pair of women's sunglasses, among other items.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 21, 3:30 P.M.,
Officers responded to the 300 block of Wilshire Boulevard – Dr. Dayyani Eye Care – regarding a report of a theft. When officers arrived, they made contact with the store manager who said they had footage of a man taking a pair of Gucci sunglasses valued at $300. The manager said the man had come into the store several times over the last couple of weeks to look at expensive sunglasses. A community service officer with the Third Street Promenade detail watched video of the suspect and recognized him from an arrest several days ago. Officers located the suspect in the 1400 block of Second Street and he was booked for burglary and violation of parole. He was identified as Jarris Jay Castañeda, 29, from Los Angeles. No bail was set.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 21, AT 12:50 A.M.,
Officers responded to a report of a strong arm robbery that occurred in the 1500 block of the beach. When officers arrived, they made contact with the alleged victims who said they were sitting on the sand when one of their purses was stolen by a group of guys. A fight ensued and the suspects fled. The victims followed closely behind until police arrived. Officers placed the suspects under arrest for robbery and conspiracy to commit a crime. Their bail was set at $50,000. The suspects were identified as Johnny Alcala, 19, of Colton; Joseph John Madrid, 18, from San Bernardino; Steven Martinez, 20, La Puente; and Richard Paul Pineda, 27, of San Bernardino. Pineda was also booked for violation of parole. No bail was set.

THURSDAY, JAN. 22, AT 4:37 P.M.,
Officers responded to the 800 block of Wilshire Boulevard – IndyMac Federal Bank – regarding a report of a suspect trying to cash a bogus check. When officers arrived, they made contact with a cashier who said the suspect handed her a cashier's check for $3,800. The bank teller believed the check was fraudulent and notified police. Officers arrived a short time later and detained the suspect. Officers located the man's vehicle in the bank parking lot and found another check believed to be fraudulent. The suspect was arrested and booked for burglary. He was identified as Doron Shemesh, 30, of Los Angeles. His bail was set at $20,000.

THURSDAY, JAN. 22, AT 1:26 A.M.,
Officers on patrol at the corner of Second and Marine streets observed a car speeding down the street playing loud music. Officers conducted a traffic stop and spoke to the driver, who appeared impaired, police said. While speaking to her, officers noticed the passenger trying to hide something under the floorboard. Officers conducted a field sobriety test and the driver was placed under arrest for suspicion of driving under the influence. Officers identified the passenger and discovered he had an outstanding warrant. Officers placed him under arrest and searched the vehicle. They found crack cocaine and a glass pipe commonly used to smoke crack. The passenger was booked for possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia. The driver was booked for driving under the influence of alcohol and for being under the influence of a controlled substance. She was identified as Vanessa Lopes, 27, from Reseda. She was cited out and released. The passenger was identified as Jacquies Quan Manson, 37, a transient. No bail was set.

FRIDAY, JAN. 23, AT 11:56 P.M.,
Officers in the 100 block of Santa Monica Boulevard observed a suspect illegally riding a bike along the Third Street Promenade. Officers detained the suspect and discovered he was a parolee at large. Officers searched the suspect and found him to be in possession of marijuana. The suspect was identified as Donald Jake Sellers, 34, a transient. No bail was set.

Editor in Chief KEVIN HERRERA compiled these reports. news@smdp.com

Crash renews fears among those living in Sunset Park

FROM **CRASH** PAGE 1

with the tower but it was doubling with another aircraft so we don't know what he was saying," Patrick Jones, an air safety investigator for the NTSB, said. "Witnesses on the ground all observed that the engine appeared to be having problems.

"People described that the aircraft started flying slow and then started doing a stall spin."

Jones said the pilot was most likely planning to fly the aircraft around the area for a while before returning to the airport.

The airport, which was shut down immediately after the crash, reopened around 7 a.m. on Thursday when normal operations resumed, according to Bob Trimborn, the SMO manager.

The NTSB is currently investigating the crash and estimates that a probable cause won't be determined for six months to a year.

Jones said that he will spend the next several months on the fact-finding portion of the investigation, which involves inspecting the engine and air frame and checking to see where the failure might have occurred. He also plans to investigate the pilot's history, including his experience level with the specific aircraft.

This is the first fatal accident at the airport since 2001 when a Cessna 340A failed to take off after a pin designed to keep the aircraft on the ground wasn't removed before takeoff. Two people were killed in the crash, including a Santa Monica resident.

"I've been in the business a long time and this incident last night and the one that happened way back … are the only fatal accidents we've had in the airport," Trimborn said. "It's very, very rare."

The accident renewed fears among residents in Sunset Park that a plane could one day overshoot the runway and crash into homes.

"It always does when they see the smoke and hear fire engines going and helicopters hovering overhead," said Zina Josephs, the president of Friends of Sunset Park. "It's always nerve wrecking, especially until we find out what happened."

City Hall and the Federal Aviation Administration are currently involved in a legal battle over a ban on the largest and fastest jets from SMO.

Josephs added that while residents were saddened to hear about the deaths in the crash, they were relieved that the incident didn't involve a home.

"When I hear about an airplane crash involving Santa Monica Airport, I find myself thinking, 'thank God it wasn't a jet,' because the toll of injuries and deaths might be even worse," Josephs said.

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Teacher accused of sexual harassment

FROM **TEACHER** PAGE 1

comments were sexist, discriminatory and inappropriate, according to the e-mail. Her husband followed up a few days later demanding the teacher be terminated immediately.

"My wife has been filled with anxiety this entire weekend and we expect a quick and affirmative response to this incident," Garcia-Rangel said.

Matthews said that the allegation will be investigated under the district's sexual harassment policy.

"If we find any wrongdoing, we will take action with the employee with the intent of stopping it," Matthews said in an interview. "If something were to occur again, we would take more dramatic action.

"We want all employees to feel safe at all times and that is what the policy is intended to do."

Matthews said he could not comment on the specifics of the case because it is a personnel matter.

> **"IF WE FIND ANY WRONGDOING, WE WILL TAKE ACTION WITH THE EMPLOYEE WITH THE INTENT OF STOPPING IT."**
>
> **Mike Matthews**
> Assistant superintendent for human resources

Edison Language Academy is one of 11 elementary schools in the district. The school, which has an enrollment of about 425 students, is unique in that courses are taught in both English and Spanish.

Principal Lori Orum did not respond to a request seeking comment.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
BEFORE THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA LANDMARKS COMMISSION

The Landmarks Commission will hear a presentation of the final report and summary findings from the City of Santa Monica's comprehensive update of its Citywide Historic Resources Inventory from consultant project team ICF Jones & Stokes Associates.

When: **Monday, February 9, 2009 at 6:00 pm**

Where: City Council Chambers, City Hall, Room 213
1685 Main Street, Santa Monica

Questions/Comments
The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment on this and other projects. You or your representative, or any other persons may comment on the application at the Public Hearing, or by writing a letter addressed to Roxanne Tanemori, AICP, Senior Planner, City Planning Division, 1685 Main Street, Room 212, Santa Monica, California, 90401-3295. Or, you may contact Ms. Tanemori by phone at (310) 458-8341 or by email at roxanne.tanemori@smgov.net.

More Information
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Espanol
Este es un aviso de una audiencia publica para considerar la designación de una propiedad en la ciudad como un monumento histórico. Para mas información, favor de llamar a Carmen Gutierrez en la División de Planificación al número (310) 458-8341.



Photo courtesy Lance Staedler

COOL TUNES: **Dave Grusin and Lee Ritenour are scheduled to play the Broad Stage on Saturday.**

Gig scheduled for Saturday

FROM **BROAD STAGE** PAGE 1

creating a follow up CD.

The CD which has distinct Latin tones yet carefully blends classical adagios and English folk songs is, "a cross and combination of great musical heritages. The main melody instruments [piano and guitar] lent itself naturally to new tonal possibilities and orchestrations," Ritenour said.

The musicians, who are friends and have been playing together for years, have a history that is as varied as their respective musical backgrounds.

Grusin was originally enrolled in Colorado's (then A&M, now State College) to study veterinary medicine and admitted, "I was going to become an animal doctor."

At the last minute, thinking about all the time and money his father invested in his musical tutelage, he switched to study music at the University of Colorado.

Toward the end of his college career, Grusin began to think about how to make a living.

"I had some real film composer heroes, like Andre Previn and David Raksin. So I decided to get into film as a long term goal." He started on the television show "Gidget" eventually receiving offers to score films.

Since then, he's worked on well known movies such as; "Tootsie," "The Goonies," and HBO's "Recount" along with a daunting list of directors that includes, Steven Spielberg and the late, Sydney Pollack. Of Pollack, Grusin said, "Most of the time he knew what dramatic intent he'd want the music to convey and then he'd let you do that. Spielberg used to stop by everyday to see what kind of music I'd come up with. He was so hands on, helpful and supportive."

Ritenhour, born and raised in Los Angeles, grew up during the firmly established "Folk Era."

"Wherever you went, the guitar was the instrument of the day, and I was very attracted to it," Ritenour said.

Ritenour studied with some of the great L.A. guitarists: Duke Miller (who went on to teach at USC), Barney Kessel, Howard Roberts and classical guitarist, Christopher Parkening (now a Pepperdine professor). He was surrounded by experienced musicians at a very young age and became a studio musician when he turned 18. He's worked with luminaries such as Tony Bennett, Lena Horne, Peggy Lee, The Mamas and The Papas and backed such stars as Sergio Mendes and Pink Floyd (on "The Wall").

It was at Dante's (a club in NoHo) where Ritenour first met Grusin. They met again at a party at Sergio Mendes' house along with Brazilian artist, Antonio Carlos Jobim, and it was the first time they jammed together.

"Dave was like a God in this town. I was so fortunate when I started working with him on his films and TV shows. The fact that Dave was using this young guitar player became my calling card. By the time I was 21, I was working 15 sessions a week," Ritenour said.

But both Ritenour and Grusin admitted to occupational trepidation. "When I think about people who mapped out their careers, that's not me. I just bounced around like one of those steel balls in a pinball machine," said Grusin, who took whatever jobs would come his way. And as easy a picture as Ritenour painted, he admitted, "You always have a gnawing feeling in your stomach, and wonder, 'am I going to make it?'"

Most unusual to learn is that Grusin doesn't listen to music recreationally. "Part of it is, you spend all your waking hours writing, recording and everything else seems like a distraction," said Grusin. Ritenour confessed, "My one big hobby is riding my bike on the bike path in Santa Monica. I love to listen to a lot of jazz, classical and Brazilian, sometimes though, I'll listen to Porcupine Tree and Tool, which is the direct influence of my son, Wesley."

The "Amparo" show starts at 7:30 p.m. and tickets are available through the Broad Stage box office or by calling (310) 434-3200.

TAYLOR VAN ARSDALE is a writer/producer and movie reviewer for the Daily Press. She can be reached at Tailfish@roadrunner.com.



CLUTCH GRAB

Morgan Genser *news@smdp.com*

Santa Monica High School goalie Michael Freedman makes a game-clinching save against Hawthorne at John Adams Middle School on Wednesday. Samohi won the game, 5-2. With the victory, Samohi improved its record to 2-5-1 overall and 2-2-1 in Ocean League play.

Wealthy feeling guilty

FROM **WEALTHY** PAGE 3

his family rather than shelling out $1,000 for a suite.

And instead of chartering a private plane for business trips, he's signed up for CoGoJets' "jetpooling" service — the jet-set equivalent of sharing a taxi.

"A lot of us are downsizing not only because we have to, but because we think it is the right thing to do," he said.

At the trendy Intermix clothing store in West Los Angeles, some shoppers are still willing to drop $10,000 on a shopping spree that might bring home a couple of ostrich skin handbags, a pair of shoes and a designer dress.

But instead of walking out with one of Intermix's prestigious shopping bags, they often have their purchases shipped to their homes. They also come to the store dressed down in jeans and a T-shirt, a clerk observed.

"The fashionista is now a recessionista," said Burton M. Tansky, president and CEO of Neiman Marcus, which is throwing more invitation-only events for small groups of its best customers.

The fashion industry itself appears to be waking up to the new subdued shopping mood among the well-heeled. That means more understated colors and prints, says fashion consultant Robert Burke, who has previewed the collections of several major designers that are to be displayed next month in New York.

In Hollywood, a place that usually accepts any excuse to throw a party, holiday gatherings were sparse last year — even among people who could afford them.

And while Hollywood power brokers will still eat and greet at Spago in Beverly Hills or Granita in Malibu, they're less likely to splurge on those $300 bottles of wine.

"People want to look as though they are respectful that this is a recession," said Barbara Lazaroff, who with her ex-husband and business partner, Wolfgang Puck, operates upscale restaurants in Beverly Hills, Las Vegas and other cities.

In the run-up to this year's Golden Globe awards, Daily Variety reported dozens fewer sponsors lined up to hustle their wares at swag suites, those hotel rooms where celebrity nominees drop by to pick up bags filled with thousands of dollars' worth of designer trinkets.

"We have this culture of luxury shame," says Hollywood publicist Michael Levine. "I think it's become kind of shameful to express over-affluence."

But there's another way of thinking about it: Maybe, if the super rich really want to help out their fellow Americans, living a less luxurious lifestyle isn't the way to go. Money dished out on pricey dinners and clothes keeps people employed.

"We better hope they don't stop spending too much," says Milton Pedraza, founder of the Luxury Institute, which tracks spending on luxury goods.

Not to worry, says Barry, the personal shopper and stylist, who has seen firsthand the difficulty wealthy people have in giving up luxury cold turkey.

"Rather than buying six jackets at Chanel, let's say, they may buy one jacket," she said. "There's a big difference in getting out of the car with six Chanel shopping bags and getting out with just one."

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD BY THE SANTA MONICA ZONING ADMINISTRATOR ON APPLICATIONS FOR VARIANCES

TIME: **10:30 a.m., Tuesday, February 10, 2009**

LOCATION: Council Chambers, Room 213, Santa Monica City Hall
1685 Main Street, Santa Monica

A Public Hearing will be held by the Zoning Administrator of the City of Santa Monica at the above noted time and place in regard to the following requests:

SUBJECT OF HEARING:

Use Permit 08-008, 320 Wilshire Boulevard. The applicant requests approval to install, operate, and maintain an unmanned wireless communications facility on the roof of a three-story commercial building located at 320 Wilshire Boulevard in the City of Santa Monica. The proposed facility includes the replacement of two (2) existing omni antennas with six (6) new panel antennas and the replacement of related equipment cabinets. As proposed, the project does not comply with the requirements for non-parabolic antennas contained in Santa Monica Municipal Code (SMMC) Section 9.04.10.06.110(a). Pursuant to SMMC Section 9.04.10.06.110(b), the Zoning Administrator may approve modifications to the requirements for non-parabolic commercial antennas through the approval of a Use Permit application. [Planner: Steve Mizokami] **APPLICANT: WDR, LLC. PROPERTY OWNER: 320 Wilshire, LLC.** [Continued from December 8, 2008 and January 13, 2009]

Variance 08-014,149 Ocean Park Boulevard. The applicant requests approval of the following modifications to the R2R Low Density Duplex District development standards: Permit a 1.25-foot rear yard setback in lieu of a 15-foot rear yard setback for the replacement and expansion of a non-conforming second floor deck. Pursuant to SMMC Section 9.04.20.10.030(d)(1), the applicant may request a variance to allow the modification of yard setbacks on parcels having a depth of ninety feet or less or width of thirty-nine feet or less. The subject property has a depth of 94.29 feet and a width of 37.5 feet. This project was initially heard by the Zoning Administrator at the November 11, 2008 meeting. The plans have been revised substantially since the last hearing necessitating an additional hearing. [Planner: Lily Yegazu] **APPLICANT: Randy Rush. PROPERTY OWNER: Audrey Ickovits.**

Any person may comment at the Public Hearing, or by writing a letter to the City Planning Division, Room 212, P.O. Box 2220, Santa Monica, CA 90407-2220. Plans are available for public review at the City Planning Division. For more information, please contact the City Planning Division at (310) 458-8341. Pursuant to California Government Code Section 64009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the Public Hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Monica at, or prior to, the Public Hearing. The meeting facility is accessible. If you have any disabilities related request, contact at (310) 458-8341 or TTY (310) 458-8696 at least three (3) days prior to the meeting. Santa Monica "Big Blue" Bus Lines #1, #2, #3, #4, #7 and #8 serve the City Hall.

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On the Prowl

Taylor Van Arsdale

Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Dating and drama

TRYING TO FIND LOVE WITH AN OLD college acquaintance doesn't always work. Sometimes, it can be downright heinous. I met Miller at ASU. He was on the periphery of my core group of friends; one of the few guys I'd never slept with, so when we reconnected via Internet, there was intrigue. Miller was always crazy about me. I couldn't remember why I wanted nothing to do with him ... and that was the problem.

Miller sounded smart, and he had a job, unlike the dirtbags I'd been used to seeing. Aside from living in Seattle, he seemed the perfect guy. After months of chitchat he decided to visit L.A. and see if we were "truly a match."

Miller arrived clad in a green suit and tie. His short blonde hair stuck to his face. He sweated profusely. He also looked mildly psychotic. I wasn't attracted to him, but thought, "How bad could he be? He's employed." His hands shook and he seemed overly animated. I didn't correlate his rapid speech and twitching to any type of pre-existing medical condition.

We supped that night at Saddle Peak Lodge. Curiously, I ate alone. Miller was outside chain smoking, chatting with the valet and/or the manager – whom he felt he needed to bring over to the table and introduce to me. Miller had four martinis, a bottle of wine and a beer. I'm no teetotaler, but that seemed excessive. We stopped at a friend's for a nightcap or I should say, given the amount Miller drank, a "nightcase." Slurring, Miller bragged about his days in the Air Force yet spouted archaic nautical terms, such as; "I must use the head," "That's a perfect nor easter you got there," and a phrase I came to detest, "Captain, please may I have another?" whenever he demanded a refill, which was often.

My place, 2 a.m.: he was bouncing off the walls. I needed sleep. Against my advice, he popped several Lunestas. I didn't want him pulling a Heath Ledger, but shortly Miller was in dreamland.

7 a.m.: Miller returned from a walk with a liter of Chivas, a carton of Camels and a six pack of Coor's Light – two bottles short, which he drank while on Wilshire Boulevard. I was appalled. Apparently Miller had made some "new friends" at the bus stop.

As for manners, Miller's mother taught him to always bring your hostess a gift and he brought several: A drab pair of socks received while recovering from back surgery at Seattle General – nothing says, "I love you" like a pair of hospital booties; a "Grey's Anatomy" textbook swiped from his local library; and a 12-inch ruler he lifted from work. WTF?

By now, I figured Miller was an alcoholic, but since we had a few more days together I decided to placate him. How much worse could it get?

The answer? A lot. No matter where we dined, Miller would hustle the manager to the table, bow and say, "This is Miss Taylor Van Arsdale."

The manager would stand there dumbfounded sharing the same perplexed look I had on my face.

And if you think this was bad at the fancy restaurants, imagine how much stranger it was at Jack in the Box? At the Huntley he got into a verbal brawl with some poor chap at the valet, in Westwood he made paper airplanes from restaurant placemats and flew them around, he announced whenever he was "going potty," tried to crash a police fundraiser, ran into the ocean fully clothed, lost his shoe, stripped butt-naked in broad daylight, and was wired up like a coke addict every night.

This was supposed to be a romantic weekend, walking on the beach, holding hands, meeting my soul mate, instead I was stuck baby-sitting a raving lunatic. That night, I told him, "Why don't you take a sleeping pill ... or half the bottle," and put him on the couch hoping he'd O.D.

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To make amends he insisted on buying groceries. The excursion was like "Supermarket Sweep." Miller tore through aisles, practically mowing me down with the cart. On aisle 12 he clipped an old lady. Why was everything so harried, why was he so weird, and more importantly after drinking so much booze, why was he still awake?

I was exhausted. Captain, please – NOT ANOTHER! I made the jaunt work for me. Instead of grabbing a roll of Bounty, I grabbed 16. I avoided perishables focusing on staples like rice and canned goods. He was buying me a month's worth of provisions for all I'd endured.

He didn't know it, and didn't care so long as we maintained 45 mph. Suffice to say there was a reason Miller was so restless – he was bi-polar, and had been on a manic bender, exacerbated by the drinking, pill-popping and chemical ingesting free-for-all to which he'd become accustomed.

Our weekend ended when the police removed a hostile, drunken, naked Miller from my porch. So Ladies, remember there's probably good reason you haven't slept with certain men from your past. If 10 years go by and you've forgotten why – pinch yourself and move on.

TAYLOR VAN ARSDALE has been married, widowed, duped and dumped, and is back in the dating fray at time when most of her friends are married with kids. All stories are true. She will answer one reader question per column. Write to her at Tailfish@roadrunner.com

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING SANTA MONICA ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD REGULAR MEETING

DATE/TIME: February 2, 2009, 7:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Council Chambers, (wheelchair accessible)
Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main Street

PROPERTIES:
- ARB 08-350, 1800 Stewart Avenue: Commercial
- ARB 08-454, 1518 Eleventh Street: Multi-Residential
- ARB 08-497, 3001 Wilshire Boulevard: Commercial
- ARB 08-561, 1707 Cloverfield Boulevard: Industrial
- ARB 08-573, 1959 High Place: Multi-Residential
- ARB 09-006, 1312 Lincoln Boulevard: Commercial
- ARB 09-008, 2349 Virginia Avenue: Multi-Residential

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Surf Conditions **Water Temp:** 56°

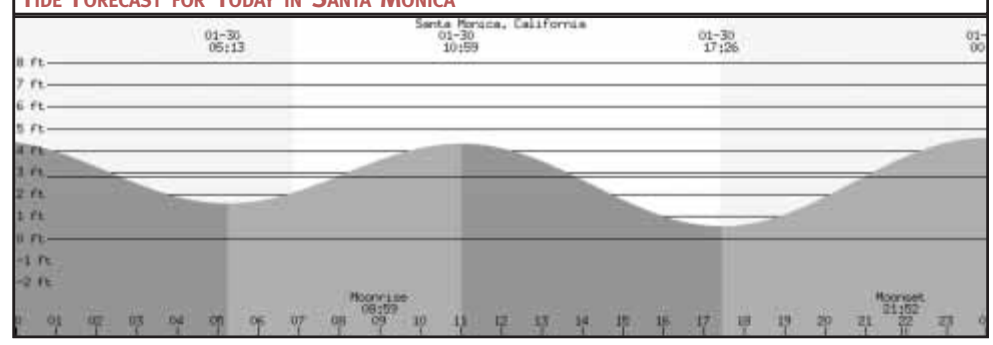
Swell Forecast (1-2 FT)

Ankle to knee high most everywhere. Winds are expected to persist, at least in the early AM from the ENE.

Long Range Synopsis

Saturday the 31st may be flat. No significant swell energy is expected.

Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica



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NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous four weeks up to the ending date of **January 20, 2009**

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

QUICK STATS (for the last 28 days)
- Number of sewage spills -- 0
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 8
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 37 / 22
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 10 / 21

The Beach Report Card is made possible by simplehuman, Goldhirsh Foundation, the James Irvine Foundation, Ford

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
Las Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth	A+	A+
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth	A+	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Las Alisos creeks	A+	A+
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach	A+	A+
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth	A+	A+
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth	A+	A+
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private)	A+	A+
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth	A+	F
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach	A+	A+
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth	A+	F
Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach	A+	B
Pearce State Beach at creek mouth	A+	D
Marie Canyon storm drain at Pearce Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	D	F
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence	A	F
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily	F	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east	A+	D
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon	A+	A+
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero)	A+	A+
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs	D	A+
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach	A+	A+
Tuna Canyon	A+	A+
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth	D	B
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	D	ns
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+	A+

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

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

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MOVIE TIMES

Aero Theatre
1328 Montana Ave.
(323) 466-FILM

Call theater for information.

AMC Loews Broadway 4
1441 Third Street Promenade
(310) 458-1506

Bride Wars (PG) 1hr 30min
11:00am, 1:15, 3:25, 5:50, 8:00, 10:15

Yes Man (PG-13) 1hr 44min
10:05

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

Inkheart (PG) 1hr 46min
11:30am, 2:10, 4:50, 7:30

Notorious (R)
12:30, 3:30, 6:30, 9:30

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

The Curious Case of Benjamin Button (PG-13) 2hrs 48min
11:10am, 2:45, 6:20, 9:55

My Bloody Valentine 3D (R) 1hr 41min
11:50am, 2:20, 5:00, 7:45, 10:15

New in Town (PG) 1hr 36min
11:00am, 1:50, 4:20, 7:00, 9:25

The Uninvited (PG-13) 1hr 27min
11:20am, 2:00, 4:40, 7:15, 9:35

Defiance (R) 2hrs 17min
11:40am, 3:10, 6:35, 9:45

Frost/Nixon (R) 2hrs 02min
10:50am, 1:40, 4:30, 7:20, 10:10

Underworld: Rise of the Lycans (R) 1hr 32min
11:30am, 2:10, 4:50, 7:30, 10:00

Laemmle's Monica Fourplex
1332 Second St.
(310) 394-9741

Revolutionary Road (R) 1hr 59min
1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:50

Doubt (PG-13) 1hr 44min
1:50, 4:30, 7:20, 9:55

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

The Wrestler (R) 1hr 45min
1:30, 4:20, 7:00, 9:40

Mann's Criterion Theatre
1313 Third St.
(310) 395-1599

Paul Blart: Mall Cop (PG) 1hr 27min
12:00, 2:20, 4:40, 7:00, 9:30

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

Taken (PG-13) 1hr 33min
12:30, 2:50, 5:10, 7:30, 9:50, 12:00am

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

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

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

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

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ Note a change in the wind. Out of the blue, you feel as if you have been re-energized. Listen to feedback from others. Pressure builds and takes you down a unique path. Understanding grows. Tonight: Start the weekend right.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Use the morning for anything that you feel is important and significant to get done. By the afternoon, fatigue and reflection might have your mind drifting to another realm. If you can, make this an early day. Tonight: Play it low-key.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★★ A boss or higher-up could be demanding a lot from you. Try to clear out of work early if possible, as this person isn't changing the way he or she is right now. Be more upbeat and content. Tonight: Where the action is.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★★ Find an expert and/or get other opinions before committing to any new course of action. By the afternoon, you might have a difficult time backing down. Others seek you out for help. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★★ Deal with one person directly and with clarity. How you handle a this person could also depend on your ability not to trigger, as intense as the moment might be. Start considering a big change involving new places. Tonight: Accept an unusual invitation.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★★ Others need your time. Put a halt to what is occurring. The best you might be able to do is to eliminate a big meeting, in preference to seeing one person at a time. Your energy carries you where others might drop. Tonight: Relax and visit with a favorite person.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★ Maintain a nice and easy pace. If you think about it, you could easily become overwhelmed. What might start out as a business meeting could easily transform into fun. Allow more of the good times in. Tonight: Sort through suggestions.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Plug more of your imagination into your work. You could be taken aback by what goes on and what you feel you need to do. Trust in your ability to detach and find a straighter, more efficient route. Tonight: TGIF.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ You could be slow to start but a runaway freight train by the end of the day. Not knowing when to call a halt to the pace, you might achieve a lot and leave others behind, way behind. Tonight: Onward to the fun times.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Make calls in the morning and complete any dealings that you can that involve others. By the afternoon, schedule time to reflect and clear your desk. You'll get a lot done, and quickly at that. Tonight: Happy to be home, once you get there.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Check out an expense early before you forget. An incredible pace surrounds you midday, and you might have difficulty handling anything personal. An opportunity is the result of you being the person you are. Tonight: Favorite haunt.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★★ Get an early start on your day, and you could be delightfully surprised by what heads down your path. Others call on you. Demonstrate your resourcefulness and creativity, as you brainstorm away. Tonight: Your treat.

Happy birthday

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

This year, you must often greet changing circumstances that could impact your financial stability. You can cruise over these ups and downs with planning and discussions. Find experts; trust those who might know more than you. Communication becomes more and more important. You learn that by opening up and explaining yourself, you get what you want. If you are single, you'll meet someone in an easy manner, or in a day-to-day interaction. Take the time to get to know this person past the infatuation stage. If you are attached, the two of you enjoy your time together more and more. ARIES makes a great sounding board, but can be opinionated.

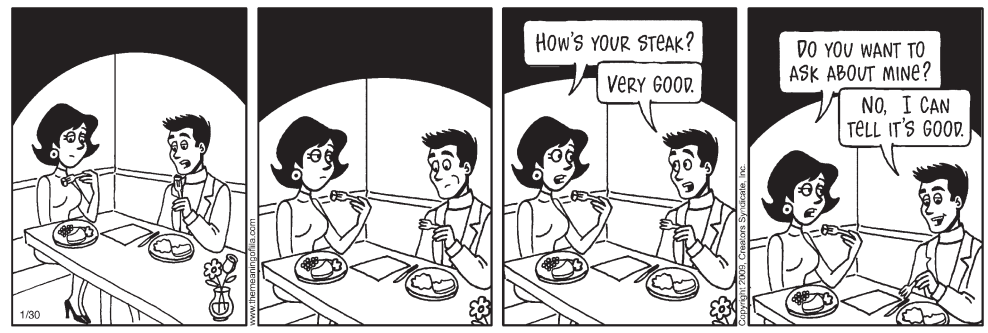
Girls and Sports

By Justin Borus and Andrew Feinstein



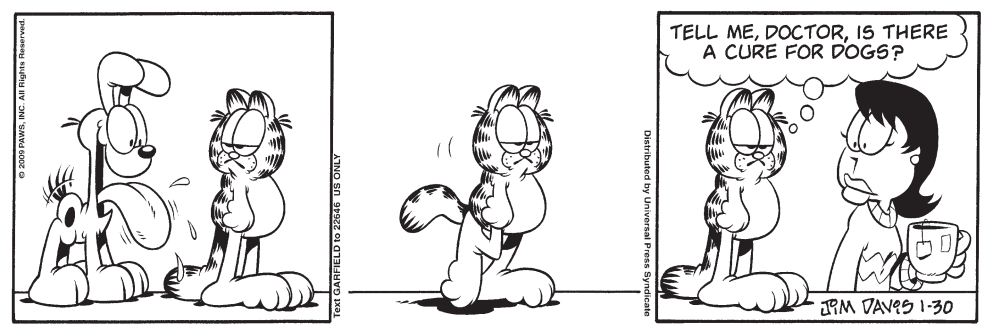
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SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

9	4	3	6	1	8	7	2	5
1	6	5	7	2	9	4	8	3
2	8	7	3	4	5	6	9	1
4	2	9	1	8	7	3	5	6
3	1	8	4	5	6	2	7	9
7	5	6	9	3	2	1	4	8
6	9	4	5	7	1	8	3	2
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Petulant sound
6 Some coasters
11 Happen over
12 Two-point shot
13 Seething
14 Designer Simpson
15 Hauler's unit
16 Say "there, there"
18 Sellout
19 Abe's son
20 Flowed into
21 Cave sound
23 Leases
25 Bruins legend
27 Fan sound
28 Some modern paintings
30 Start of an idea
33 Funny Caesar
34 Uno doubled
36 Kickoff aid
37 Surrounding
39 Musical princess
40 Yes-man
41 Cordelia's sister
43 Surrendering cry
44 Peace goddess
45 Jabs
46 Bash

DOWN

1 Twist in agony
2 Valiant
3 Survivor song title
4 Squirrel snack
5 Put up
6 Libel's kin
7 Young fellows
8 Survivor song title
9 Washington airport
10 Alacrity
17 Crew need
22 Vein contents
24 Old horse
26 Late flights
28 Geisha garb
29 Heir, at times
31 Household pest
32 Actor Colm
33 Took notice
35 Vegas area
38 Goofing off
42 Chunk of history

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Yesterday's answer

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EVENING: 7 6 4

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Twenty million Chinese have their residences in caves, but that is often not a bad deal, according to a December McClatchy Newspapers dispatch from Miaogou Village. In addition to the obvious advantages (e.g., no mortgage), some caves have been in the family for generations and have electrical wiring, plumbing and cable television, and some are part of communities of connected caves. Researchers said that earthen insulation keeps the inside temperature from dropping below about 55 degrees Fahrenheit even in the dead of winter.

■ Political Correctness Update: (1) In November, the student association at Carleton University in Ottawa, Ontario, voted to eliminate a cystic fibrosis organization from the list of charities it supports, explaining that since the condition almost exclusively afflicts white people, it was not "inclusive" enough to merit student funding. (2) In December, Britain's Oxford University Press announced the latest changes in its highly selective Junior Dictionary, finding room to add dozens of words, including trapezium, alliteration and incisor but eliminating, for example, bishop, chapel, christen, minister, monk, nun, parish, psalm and saint. The publisher said the changes reflect Britain's "multicultural, multifaith" society.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1948 Indian political and spiritual leader Mohandas K. Gandhi was shot and killed by a Hindu extremist.

1968 the Tet Offensive began during the Vietnam War as Communist forces launched surprise attacks against South Vietnamese provincial capitals; although the Communists were beaten back, the offensive was seen as a major setback for the U.S. and its allies.

2003 Richard Reid, the British citizen and al-Qaida follower who'd tried to blow up a trans-Atlantic jetliner with explosives hidden in his shoes, was sentenced to life in prison by a federal judge in Boston.

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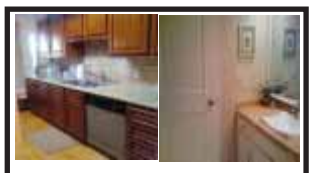
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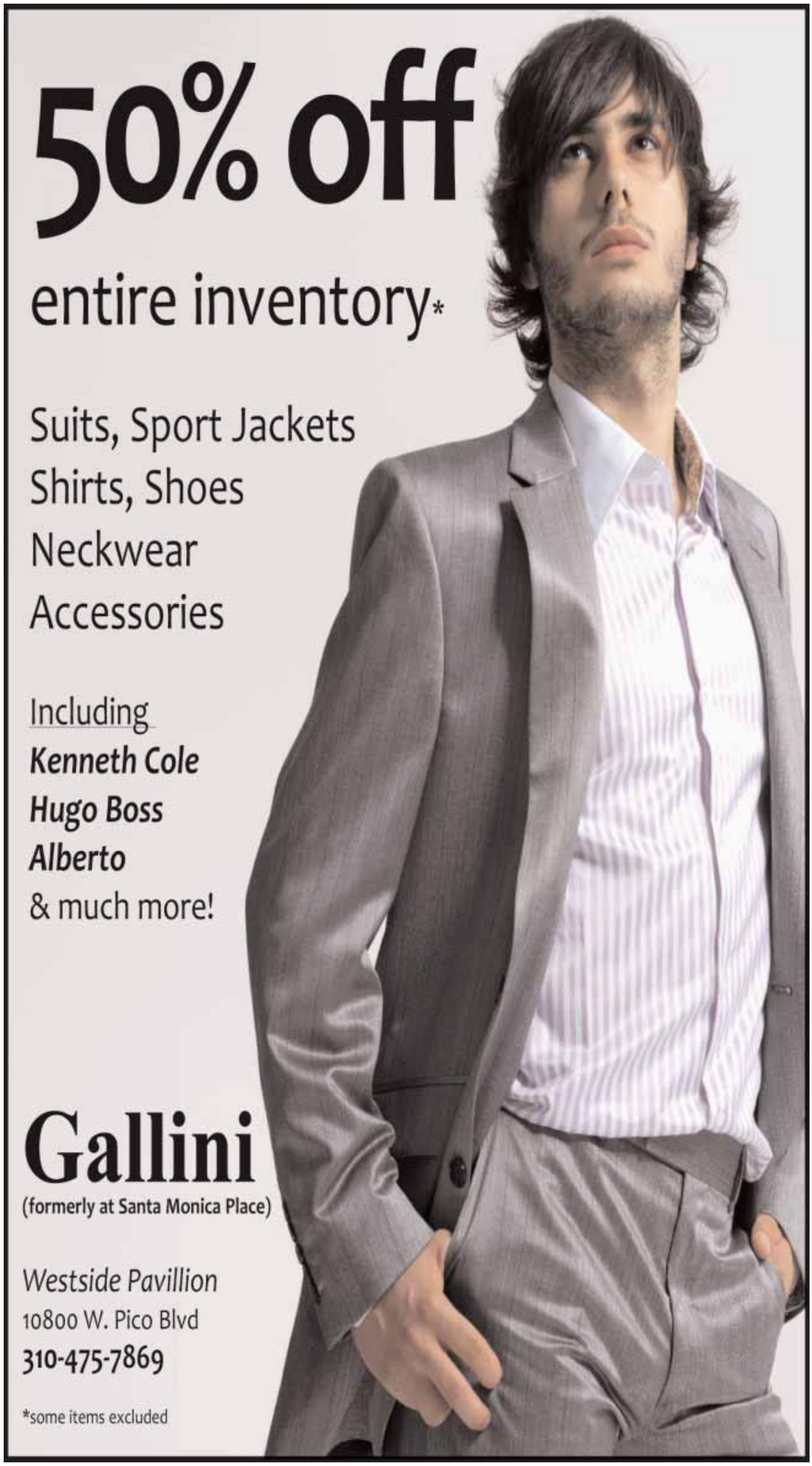
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