

Santa Monica preparing for L.A. Marathon

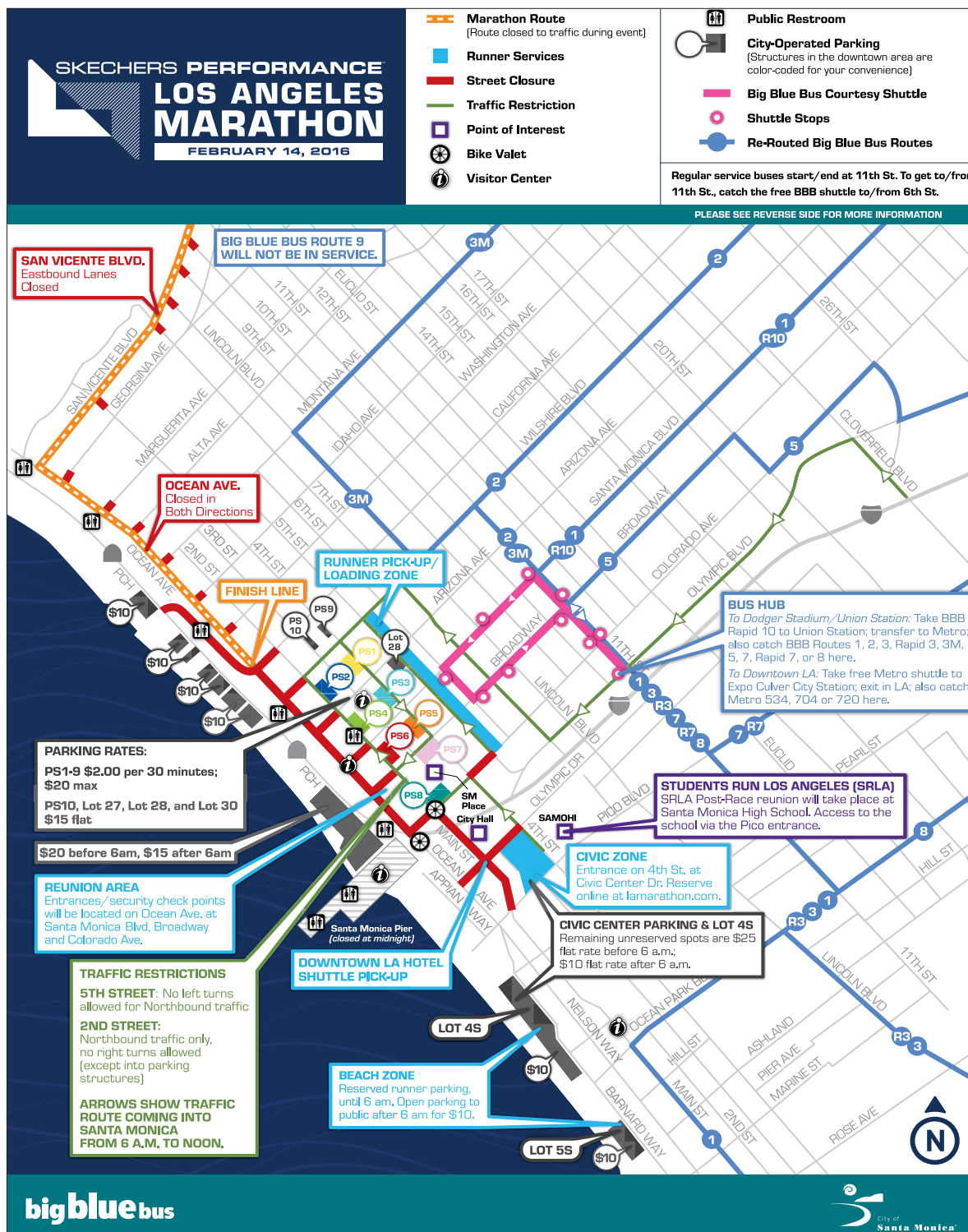
The Los Angeles Marathon will take place Sunday, Feb. 14 and with the finish line located in Downtown, the day will include road closures, transit detours and

changes to parking rates.

The race begins at Dodger Stadium and finishes at the intersection of Ocean and California. With a staggered start time begin-

ning at 6:30 a.m., individuals will cross the finish line between 8:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. depending on

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Courtesy art

Electrical fire closes Santa Monica Blvd.

BY MATTHEW HALL

Daily Press Editor

A transformer fire prompted the evacuation of a local store on Sunday and while several firefighters were taken to the hospital, no serious injuries are reported.

According to the Santa Monica Fire Department, four engines, a ladder truck, a hazardous materials team and a battalion chief responded to multiple calls of black smoke

emanating from a manhole on the Third Street Promenade at Santa Monica Boulevard at about 6 p.m. on Feb. 7.

Firefighters determined the fire was in an underground, high voltage electrical vault. Heat and smoke were traveling from the fire, via underground conduits, to the electrical room of the nearby Gap store prompting a public evacua-

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Samohi grad to run in Olympic Trials marathon

Elite race scheduled a day prior to LA Marathon

BY JEFFREY I. GOODMAN

Daily Press Staff Writer

Chris Chavez has made running a sacred part of his daily routine, so it's hardly surprising to find him on the move.

But when the Santa Monica High School alumnus answers his cellphone on this particular Tuesday afternoon, he's not covering ground on foot. Instead he's in the car, driving to the doctor's office for his daughter's 4-month checkup.

Fatherhood beckons.

"It's involved some changed priorities, not just with running but training and everything around it," he said. "I view running as a complement to my life, not the focus."

Still, Chavez hasn't given up on his athletic passion. On Feb. 13 he'll be running in the Olympic Trials marathon in Downtown Los Angeles, an elite race featuring the best distance runners in the country.

Scheduled the day before the LA Marathon, the event helps to determine which athletes will join Team

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Engineering a city for the future

Local students travel to national urban design competition

BY JEFFREY I. GOODMAN

Daily Press Staff Writer

Leave it to a few local teenagers to build a city that promotes sustainable waste management.

Three students from Wildwood School are soon heading to Washington, D.C., to participate in the Future City competition, a trip they earned by earning first place at the recent Southern California regional event in Encinitas.

Future City is a cross-curricular

program organized by DiscoverE, formerly the National Engineers Week Foundation, which supports engineering education. More than 40,000 students from 1,350 middle schools participate in the program, according to its website, researching and developing ways for cities to be more sustainable and eco-friendly.

Kai Steines, Luke Todaro and Cameron Stephenson, the students at the West Los Angeles private

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Thomas' Bagels Celebrates National Bagel Day

Visit the Thomas' "toaster" food truck at Santa Monica Place to get free bagels, play games and have a chance to win prizes. This is the only spot in the country where Thomas' is celebrating on the ground. Santa Monica Place, 11 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Republican Party CCC 54th Assembly District Meeting

The Republican Party County Central Committee 54th Assembly District Board meets every 2nd Tuesday of the month. Guests are welcome. Lenny's Deli, 2379 Westwood Blvd., 7:30 - 9 p.m.

City Council Meeting

Regular meeting of the Santa Monica City Council. City Hall, 1685 Main St., 5:30 p.m.

Movie Screening: "Trainwreck" (2015)

In this bawdy, adult, romantic comedy, a commitment-phobic magazine writer (Amy Schumer) is forced to question her reluctance to settle down when she meets a charming sports doctor (Bill Hader). (125 min.) Seating first come, first served. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 10

Movie Screening: "A Raisin in the Sun"

Sidney Poitier stars in this powerful drama about a black family in South Chicago trying to make the best choice regarding an insurance payout that could drastically alter their lives. (128 min.) Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 3 - 5:15 p.m.

Valentine's Day Craft

Get ready for Valentine's Day with a fun craft! All materials will be provided. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd., 4 - 5 p.m.

The Living Room presents the Big Kids' Table: Valentines Coloring and Crafts

Create a Valentine for that special someone or just sit back and unwind with beautiful adult coloring books and relaxing music. Materials supplied - you bring the creativity! Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 6:30 - 8 p.m.

Commission on the Status of Women Meeting

Regular meeting of the Santa Monica Commission on the Status of Women. Ken Edwards Center, 1527 4th St., 7 p.m.

Common Core and the New SAT: Why All Of These Changes?

Why is the SAT changing? Why do we have the Common Core? C2 Education explains the changes and why you need to know about them. Grades 9-12. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 11

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Main Library

Bhutan: the Happiest Kingdom on Earth

Join organizers for an armchair journey to Bhutan on Saturday, Feb. 13, at 3 p.m., in the Martin Luther King, Jr. Auditorium at the Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd.

Lisa Napoli, the author of "Radio Shangri-La: What I Discovered on My Accidental Journey to the Happiest Kingdom on Earth," describes her experiences helping the Bhutanese, at the dawn of democratic rule, start up the country's first radio station and get connected to the world. Dissatisfied with her life and work in Los Angeles, Lisa followed her heart and traveled to the ancient Himalayan kingdom, which is nestled between Nepal, Bangladesh and China. A book sale and signing follows.

This program is free and all ages are welcome. Space is limited and on a first-arrival basis. This is an event of The Living Room ...a place for adults program series. For more information, visit smpl.org or contact the Santa Monica Public Library at (310) 458-8600. The Santa Monica Public Library is wheelchair-accessible. For special disabled services, call Library Administration (310) 458-8606 one week prior to the event. The Main Library is directly served by Big Blue Bus lines 1, 7, R7, 8, and R10. Big Blue Bus lines 2, 3, 3M, 5, and 9 also stop within a short walking distance. Ride your bike. Bicycle parking racks are available at the library.

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Downtown

Cupid crashes dinner dates in downtown Santa Monica over Valentine's Day weekend

A busy Valentine's Day Weekend awaits in Santa Monica, one of marathon runners, avid spectators, and yes - a divine mythological presence. This year, on Saturday, Feb. 13 - Valentine's Day Eve - between 6 p.m. and 9 p.m., Downtown Santa Monica, Inc. will unleash Cupid to frolic the streets of Downtown Santa Monica with presents for unsuspecting couples. The Grecian god of desire plans to pop in to randomly selected restaurants to surprise lucky couples with a \$50 gift card toward their Valentine's dinner.

The entirety of DTSM's surging culinary community is in the running, spanning notable new concepts, celebrity chefs, and iconic standbys. In classic mythology fashion, Cupid will be seen sporting traditional Grecian attire and his iconic bow and arrow. Coupled diners displaying an outpouring of love will be fortunate to be hit with Cupid's arrow and receive a gift of gratitude, courtesy of Downtown Santa Monica, Inc.

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Citywide

LA Marathon BBB detours

Runners will be hitting the streets of Los Angeles and Santa Monica on Sunday, Feb. 14. All Big Blue Bus routes will be on detour race day. Due to heavy congestion and street closures, consider doubling your commute time on race day. Because many people will be out and about for Valentine's Day, officials anticipate higher than normal congestion across our service area in the evening hours.

WHICH ROUTES WILL BE IN SERVICE?

All Big Blue Bus service that regularly operates on Sundays will be running except Route 9, which will not be in service.

WHICH ROUTES WILL SERVE THE BUS HUB?

To make taking transit to/from Santa Monica easier on race day, BBB and Metro will use a single Bus Hub on 11th St. and Olympic Blvd. BBB Routes 1, 2, 3, Rapid 3, 3M, 5, 7, Rapid 7, 8 and Rapid 10, as well as Metro Routes 534, 704 and 720 will all operate from the Bus Hub. Catch the complimentary shuttle from this location and it will take you as far west as 6th St. in downtown Santa Monica.

WHICH ROUTES WILL BE DETOURED?

Santa Monica: All regular BBB routes serving Santa Monica, with the exception of the Route 9, will come as far west as 11th

St. Routes will detour along 11th St. between Montana Ave. and Ocean Park Blvd. To help riders travel between downtown SM and the marathon finish line, a complimentary shuttle will travel in a one directional loop to/from the Bus Hub, north on 11th St., west on Santa Monica Blvd., south on 6th St., east on Broadway, and back to 11th St. and Olympic Blvd. Outside Santa Monica: Rapid 10 and Routes 12, 14, and 15 will be on detour.

HOW LONG AND OFTEN WILL THE COMPLIMENTARY SHUTTLE RUN?

To help with tired feet, BBB will operate a complimentary shuttle from approximately 6 a.m. - 6 p.m. every 15 minutes (depending on local traffic conditions). Please note that congestion will be heavy, especially during the peak afternoon hours.

HOW LONG WILL DETOURS LAST?

Detours will begin with the first trip of the day and last until safety officers allow buses to resume regular service. Beyond Santa Monica city limits, detours are usually lifted by 4 p.m. Detours within Santa Monica usually continue until 8 p.m.

For more information, visit BigBlueBus.com for detour information. On LA Marathon race day, customer service representatives will be available to help you at (310) 451-5444 from 7 a.m. - 3 p.m.

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and evaluate online sources. Intermediate level. Seating is on a first arrival basis. For more information, please visit the Reference Desk or call 310-434-2608. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Computer Class: Introduction to Typing

This course will guide you step-by-step from the beginning. It will teach you hand position and improve your typing speed through various hands-on tutorials. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd., 1 - 2 p.m.

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questions. Grades 1 - 5. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd., 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Make It: Working with Clay @ Main

Create heart-shaped magnets, just in time for Valentine's Day! Registration required. Sign-ups begin Tuesday, January 19. Grades K-5. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 3:45 - 4 p.m.

Chinese New Year Tea Tasting

Find out how to select good tea while learning about the health benefits and history of this famous leaf. Presented by Khemi Hapangama of Hill Country Tea. Ocean Park Branch, 2601 Main St., 7 - 8:30 p.m.

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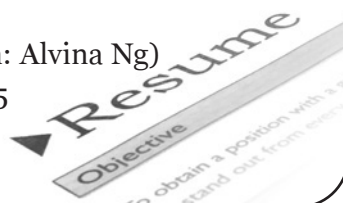
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What's the Point?

David Pizarra

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Renovation and innovation with Monica Film Center and Loews Hotel

AMERICANS LOVE A RENEWAL. WE ARE A nation built upon the concept of starting over. Whether you're starting over with a new identity like your name or your hair, or simply a new career, we love it. There is little that we enjoy more than a good comeback story.

Who doesn't love the idea of being able to change your entire life wholesale, and when we hear about people who have risen high, lost it all, and come back to be a success again - we're rooting for them because we have the belief that it would happen to us.

That ingrained love of a revival carries through to every aspect of my life, maybe that's why I'm a divorce lawyer - I love the renewal of people's lives when they find their happiness and move past the hurt. I'm a big fan of the comeback story, or even just the "whole new me." Last weekend the Laemmle Monica Film Center opened after a total, to the studs, demolition as part of a renewal. The center now has seven theaters of varying sizes, which is a huge benefit to the community because the Monica can screen those smaller audience-attracting films and not have to give up a huge space. They've done this also at the Royal in West Los Angeles and I really enjoy seeing a film in an intimate setting when it's not a blockbuster that requires a huge theater.

Greg Laemmle spent the extra money and made sure to have good seats, and a welcoming environment. There's the standard Laemmle tradition of art on the walls, thankfully it changes, as some of it I like, and some, not so much. There's a nice changing display of what's upcoming. Most important for a good movie going experience is the sound, which in the theater where I saw Josh Brolin star in "Hail Caesar!" (which I highly recommend for its period piece awesomeness, and great story that was well acted by Brolin) the sound was excellent.

I'd say that the Monica Film Center is a huge improvement from the tattered elegance that it was. As much as I loved the old theater, this new one has much to offer in terms of selection, comfort and ease of use.

The other big renovation that is happening in town is down the street at the Loews Hotel. I was treated to a behind the scenes tour by general manager Paul LeClerc last week. The hotel has also been undergoing a down to the studs and cement remodel. It started over a year ago, with the pool deck

being completely redone. If you want to see the entire process you can watch a very cool time lapse that was done of the pool being demolished and then replaced, it plays behind the registration desk at the hotel on a humongously large set of screens.

Currently the hotel is redoing all the rooms that have also been taken down to the studs and cement. The new design moves away from the mid-90s color scheme of beiges and tans, into a much more appropriate and enjoyable ocean palette of whites and blues. Gone are the boring standard old blackout drapes and in are the wide blades of shutters that allow you to have a full ocean view as you see through them.

New technology has been incorporated into the rooms as well, from the new television system with big flat screen TVs in all the rooms to the air conditioning systems, and even the lighting in the bathroom, which is now touch-screen controlled on the mirror to allow a full range of lighting from night lights to just short of "ready for my close up Mr. Demille."

The lighting throughout the hotel is being upgraded to new LEDs that are not the obnoxious bright white, but are a variety of more warm and welcoming shades. Walking down the hallways on a new oceanesque themed carpet was a pleasant change from the traditional hotel overly designed ugly carpet that hides dirt.

LeClerc took me behind the scenes to the kitchen where we chatted with executive chef Zachary Dallessandro - I love big kitchens and this is an awesome environment for creating some culinary creations to be remembered. We chatted about the upcoming spring/summer change of menu that I can't wait to try out, but there's a special Valentine's Day menu for those of you who want to be at the beach on Sunday.

Chef Dallessandro has created a three-course prix fixe menu (\$75 per person) and if I had someone special in my life I'd want to grab a room for the weekend, and enjoy Valentine's Day in style.

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MARATHON

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their division and pace.

The Santa Monica Police Department will set up a Reunion Area at the finish line, accessible to visitors after passing through security. The Reunion Area will be on Ocean Ave. stretching from Santa Monica Blvd. to Colorado Ave. Entrance points will be at Broadway and Colorado Ave.

Real-time parking information is available via the parking app (smgov.net/parking) with updates on the downtown parking structures and beach lots. Parking in PS 1 - 9 will be \$2 per 30 minutes up to \$20 maximum. PS10, Lot 27, Lot 28 and Lot 30 will be \$15 flat. The beach lot adjacent to the Pier will be \$20 before 6 a.m. and \$15 after 6 a.m. The Civic Center parking lot and Lot 4S (along Barnard Way) will have reserved runner parking. In the Civic lot, remaining unreserved spots will be \$25 before 6 a.m. and \$10 flat rate after 6 a.m. Lot 4S and 5S will have open parking to the public after 6

FIRE

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tion and store closure.

Emergency responders were able to vent the building and isolate the underground vault. The response required the closure of Santa Monica Boulevard for about two hours, but Edison crews were working on site until about 2 a.m. No civilians reported injuries but three firefighters were transported to a local hospital for signs of possible toxic skin exposure after entering the Gap's electrical room. All three were released about three hours later.

Santa Monica residents have often expressed concern about the quality of the local electrical infrastructure and several casual discussions are underway to brainstorm potential solutions. Some residents have proposed formal complaints to the Public Utilities Commission, some have organized information to facilitate reporting of outages and others have discussed forming a new utility company. While conversations occur on Facebook, at neighborhood groups and at local gatherings throughout the city, no official campaign has been organized to require better electrical service.

According to a report given to the City Council last year, the City's electrical system is improving in reliability but still falls short from service levels provided in 2011.

Southern California Edison said last year that about 25 percent of power outages were caused by equipment failures. The single largest cause of power outages was animals or vegetation causing a short circuit (about

a.m. for \$10.

Big Blue Bus and Metro will offer transit services from the hub on 11th Street. (between Olympic and Colorado). All Santa Monica BBB services that operate on Sundays will stop at the 11th Street station (except Route 9 which will not run on race day).

A BBB shuttle will provide free rides around downtown Santa Monica and to the bus hub from 6 a.m. - 6 p.m. The Metro Expo Culver City Shuttle will also offer free rides the day of the marathon.

A bike valet will be open from 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. at the Bike Center (2nd/Colorado) and at Ocean/Tongva Park. The Main Street Farmers Market will also operate their bike valet from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Bikes are not allowed anywhere on the race route, Reunion Area or at the intersection of Ocean and Colorado. Bikes are allowed on Main Street between Pico and Colorado, but cars will be prohibited from that area.

— *Edited by Matthew Hall, Daily Press Editor*

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45 percent of total outages).

The utility company has recently embarked on a capital improvement project that has included replacement of eight underground vaults and rebuilding several circuits. Those efforts are ongoing according to Edison.

David Song with Edison said the company is adapting to new requirements imposed by modern technology and that work in areas like Santa Monica is about more than just maintaining the current system. "We're equipping it for the future grid that is going to be drastically different from what we had," he said.

Climate Action Santa Monica (CASM) has been working toward a regional Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) program that would allow municipalities to establish locally owned power companies that provide customers with the ability to choose a rate plan that correlates to the percentage of their energy generated by renewable sources. While a CCA would provide customers with choices in their power provider, it wouldn't address any shortfalls in infrastructure, as the new company would have to deliver its energy along the same lines currently owned by Edison.

SMFD said residents should be cautious around electricity.

"Santa Monica Fire Department would like to remind the public to be vigilant to electrical problems in our congested Downtown areas, stay away from downed power lines, and dial 911 to report smoke or anything suspicious with our City's electrical infrastructure," said SMFD Administrative Captain/PIO Dale Hallock.

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Whole Foods providing healthy snacks to Surf Academy Editor:

Surf Academy and the Surf Bus Foundation are grateful to have the sponsorship of Venice Whole Foods Market! Surf Bus Foundation has been reaching out to LA City and County Park and Recreation Departments and Boys and Girls Clubs since 2003. We offer at-risk youth access to the Southern California coastline with surfing and ocean safety/literacy lessons. Surf Bus Foundation uses the ocean as a medium to cultivate improved self-esteem, motivation, endurance, and trust (in self) in the youth of Los Angeles. In a joint commitment to excellence, Whole Foods has teamed with Surf Academy and the Surf Bus Foundation to provide healthy and nutritious snacks for all participants at our complimentary lessons and community-driven surf contests. Whole Foods' commitment to promote healthy eating habits as part of youth development is brought to life on the beach here on the Westside! We want to thank Venice Whole Foods for their continued support!

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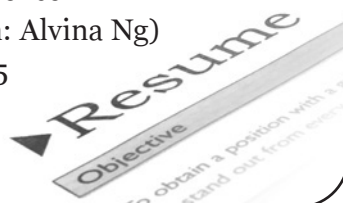
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WINNERS: Wildwood School students Cameron Stephenson, Kai Steines and Luke Todaro recently won the regional Future City competition in Encinitas.

ENGINEER

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school who make up Team Futureville, will vie for top honors at the national level, including the grand prize of \$7,500 and a meeting with President Obama.

"By participating in the Future City competition, the students gain an understanding of how to design sustainable cities that can support our growing populations," said Wildwood science teacher Tamara Smith, who will accompany the trio to the nation's capital Feb. 12-17. "They have opportunities to apply math and science to real-world issues."

Smith said the program encourages students to research and write about environmental issues while introducing them to the engineering design process and promoting collaboration. They learn about the ins and outs of cities like Los Angeles, delving into issues regarding public transportation, city planning and accessibility.

Future City builds on the 8th-grade science curriculum at Wildwood, which includes units on urbanization, population ecology and environmental health as well as biodiversity and water conservation. In the coming weeks, students will grow an urban garden, explore rooftop green spaces in Los Angeles, visit farms and learn about food sustainability, Smith said.

Previous themes for the Future City com-

petition included stormwater management, urban agriculture and green energy.

For this year's program, which emphasized waste management, 20 teams of Wildwood students were asked to develop virtual city designs using computer software and compose 1,500-word descriptions. Teams were chosen for the regional competition based on the quality of their work.

Students also created scale models, project plans and formal presentations. They began their Future City projects in September, spending time in and out of the classroom to fine-tune their ideas. Team Futureville was mentored by Akwe McDaniels, a Wildwood 9th-grader who was involved in the program last year.

"The strength in the winning team's project was the teamwork involved in completing all five deliverables," Smith said. "They listened to each other and recognized that each had strengths that they could bring to the project."

The team's trip to Washington will include a pizza party orientation, a set-up period, project assessment and a tour of the city. An awards ceremony will be held Feb. 16.

During the regional event at The Rhoades School, other Wildwood teams won awards for most accessible city, best land surveying and best residential area.

For more information about the program, visit www.futurecity.org.

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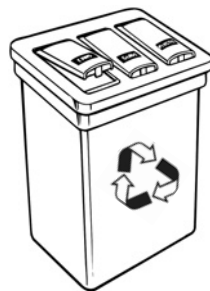


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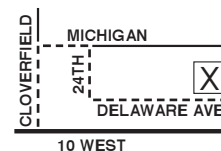
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SAMOHI GRADUATE: Chris Chavez will be one of the runners at the Olympic Trials.

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USA for the 2016 Summer Olympics in Rio de Janeiro.

Chavez, 29, qualified for the Trials by clocking a personal-best time of 2 hours 17 minutes 7 seconds at the California International Marathon in Sacramento in December 2014.

But this won't be the Burlingame resident's first experience at the Olympic Trials. In 2012 he participated in the Trials in Houston, crossing the finish line in 2:20.18 to place 53rd out of 85 runners. Meb Keflezighi, the 2004 Olympic silver medalist, won the race in 2:09:08.

"The really cool thing is that it's the one day every four years that every top marathoner in the U.S. shows up to race," Chavez said. "At the Trials it's like, 'Everybody is here, and we're going to sort things out.' I want to know where I stand."

Chavez, a former member of the track and field and cross-country programs at UC Berkeley, has added to his list of running accomplishments since graduating from college. In 2013 he was eighth overall at the LA Marathon with a 2:19.20. Last year he ran the prestigious Boston Marathon for the first time, clocking in at 2:20.04 to take 18th.

Chavez said he is mentally prepared for this year's Trials, which will usher runners past Staples Center, LA Live, the Los Angeles Convention Center, the USC campus, Exposition Park and Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum.

"In Houston, it seemed to have a magnitude like I was out of my element," he said. "I

feel more relaxed about it now. The novelty is gone, and I know exactly what I'm going into. There are 200 guys on the line, and they're all fast as hell."

Even before fatherhood, running was a side project for Chavez, who works as an investment analyst at a wealth management firm in the San Francisco Bay Area. And he has further adjusted his schedule to make time for his daughter, Cassidy, who was born Oct. 2.

"It's a new priority in my life," he said. "There are only so many hours in the day to maximize time with her. It's all a balance. I still run a lot, just not as much as I used to."

Chavez said he's grateful for the support of his wife, a fellow Samohi graduate who was then known as Jordan Frank. The two met in high school choir. He's also looking forward to having family and friends in attendance as he runs the Olympic Trials in his home region.

He doesn't have a specific time goal, but he's vying for a top-40 finish.

"I work too hard at running just to accept participation as enough for me," he said. "I'm in very good shape, I've matured as a racer and I'm going to lean on that to hopefully run a smart race and finish in a high place. I'm realistic: I'm not finishing in the top three. But in good conditions, I could probably run a personal best."

As for how much longer he'll pursue the sport in competitive settings?

"I'll always run. That's not going to go away," Chavez said. "There's no definitive 'This is the end' moment. Eventually I won't be able to do it in the same capacity, but I enjoy each experience for what it is."

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WEDNESDAY – FAIR – SURF: 2-3 ft knee to chest high
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CRIME WATCH

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF



Crime Watch is 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.

ON JANUARY 25 AT APPROXIMATELY 10:45 A.M.

A woman was walking down the Montana stairs and saw the suspect standing on the landing at the mouth of the bridge that spans PCH. When the suspect saw the woman, he dropped his pants and began fondling himself. The woman told the suspect to stop and said she was going to call the police, then took out her phone and started taking photos of him. The suspect quickly covered himself up and tried to cover his face with an orange hat he was wearing, but also lunged forward and swung at the victim, in what she believed was an attempt to knock the phone out of her hand. The suspect then ran away. Santa Monica police officers responded to the 800 block of Palisades Park a short time later, but learned the woman left the area to go back home. The woman pointed out the suspect to a landscaper working in the park however, before she left. The landscaper in turn pointed out the suspect to the officers, who then detained him as he was walking southbound in the park. The suspect admitted he had some sort of confrontation with a woman earlier in the morning, but said he was only scratching his stomach under his shirt. The officers then contacted the woman and drove her to the park to look at the man they had detained. The woman confirmed the man they stopped was the same person she saw on the Montana stairs. The suspect was taken into custody and booked at the Santa Monica jail. Brandon Jamel Griffin, 22, of Los Angeles was charged with public exposure and assault. Bail was set at \$500.

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department responded to 328 calls for service on Feb. 7.

HERE IS A SAMPLING OF THOSE CALLS CHOSEN BY THE SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS STAFF.

Vandalism, 1500 block of Lincoln, 12:22 a.m.
Party complaint, 1400 block of Princeton, 12:40 a.m.
Burglary, 800 block of 18th, 12:45 a.m.
DUI, 800 block of Santa Monica, 1:32 a.m.
Battery, 2000 block of 14th, 1:36 a.m.
Loud music, 2800 block of Arizona, 1:49 a.m.
Suspicious vehicle, 400 block of 11th, 1:52 a.m.
Family disturbance, 1400 block of 7th, 1:56 a.m.
Party complaint, 1100 block of 22nd, 1:59 a.m.
DUI, 27th/Kansas, 2:01 a.m.
Fight, Main/Marine, 2:08 a.m.
Family disturbance, 1400 block of the beach, 2:40 a.m.
72 hour psychiatric hold, 00 block of Pico, 2:50 a.m.
DUI, 20th/I-10, 4:20 a.m.
Fight, 500 block of Olympic, 6:22 a.m.
Vandalism, 700 block of Idaho, 8:01 a.m.

Battery, 1100 block of Pico, 8:16 a.m.
Traffic collision, 400 block of Santa Monica, 9:03 a.m.
Burglary, 2100 block of Delaware, 9:21 a.m.
Traffic collision, Lincoln/Washington, 9:31 a.m.
Burglary, 800 block of 11th, 10:24 a.m.
Traffic collision, Lincoln/Wilshire, 10:55 a.m.
Person down, 100 block of Colorado, 11:50 a.m.
Person with a gun, Lincoln/Colorado, 12:09 p.m.
Battery, 1200 block of 15th, 12:35 p.m.
Battery, 600 block of Santa Monica, 2:27 p.m.
Suicide, 2000 block of Delaware, 2:38 p.m.
Burglary, 800 block of 11th, 2:44 p.m.
Traffic collision, 4th/Broadway, 2:57 p.m.
Hit and run, 1300 block of 4th, 3:22 p.m.
Family disturbance, 200 block of Bicknell, 3:24 p.m.
Hit and run, 17th/Montana, 3:31 p.m.
Traffic collision, 1700 block of Lincoln, 3:38 p.m.
Rape, 1200 block of 16th, 5:28 p.m.
Traffic collision, 2800 block of Broadway, 7:07 p.m.
Vandalism, 100 block of Wilshire, 8:27 p.m.
Hit and run, Lincoln/Pacific, 9:33 p.m.
Fight, 14th/Bay, 10:30 p.m.
Disturbance of the peace, 2000 block of Ocean, 11:12 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

The Santa Monica Fire Department responded to 45 calls for service on Feb. 7.

HERE IS A SAMPLING OF THOSE CALLS CHOSEN BY THE SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS STAFF.

EMS, 1800 block of 17th, 12:21 a.m.
Injuries from assault, 14th/Pico, 1:38 a.m.
EMS, 1900 block of Stewart, 2:57 a.m.
Automatic alarm, 400 block of Pico, 4:16 a.m.
EMS, 2400 block of Virginia, 4:23 a.m.
EMS, 1000 block of 4th, 5:46 a.m.
Flooded condition, 24th/Wilshire, 7:18 a.m.
EMS, 2500 block of Virginia, 7:23 a.m.
EMS, 600 block of 16th, 8:13 a.m.
EMS, 2000 block of Colorado, 8:20 a.m.
EMS, 900 block of 26th, 9:03 a.m.
EMS, 100 block of Adelaide, 9:27 a.m.
EMS, Lincoln/Washington, 9:30 a.m.
EMS, 1000 block of 3rd, 9:36 a.m.
Automatic alarm, 1900 block of 11th, 9:45 a.m.
EMS, 2400 block of Lincoln, 10:07 a.m.
EMS, Lincoln/Wilshire, 10:56 a.m.

EMS, 1200 block of 11th, 11:06 a.m.
EMS, 100 block of Colorado, 11:51 a.m.
EMS, Lincoln/Ashland, 2:15 p.m.
EMS, 800 block of Ozone, 2:19 p.m.
EMS, 1900 block of Pico, 2:22 p.m.
Injuries from assault, 600 block of Santa Monica, 2:28 p.m.
EMS, 2000 block of Delaware, 2:34 p.m.
Illegal burning, 2000 block of Pearl, 2:34 p.m.
EMS, 2000 block of Delaware, 2:36 p.m.
EMS, 2000 block of Ocean Front, 2:43 p.m.
EMS, 100 block of Wadsworth 3:03 p.m.
EMS, 2600 block of Ocean Front, 4:02 p.m.
Structure fire, 200 block of Palisades, 4:50 p.m.
EMS, 400 block of 23rd, 4:55 p.m.
EMS, 1100 block of 15th, 5:11 p.m.
Automatic alarm, 1500 block of Ocean, 5:22 p.m.
EMS, 1300 block of 15th, 5:32 p.m.
Vault fire, 1300 block of 3rd Street Prom, 5:55 p.m.
Trash/dumpster fire, 2800 block of 4th, 6:41 p.m.
EMS, 2900 block of Highland, 6:50 p.m.
EMS, 1100 block of 7th, 6:55 p.m.

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Oozes
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DOWN

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Last year’s frosh
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- 4

Egg layer
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- 6

Sleeve filler
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Interstellar cloud
- 8

Decorates

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Small herrings
- 11

Trade in
- 14

From Oslo, say
- 19

Respect, in slang
- 20

Lawn growth
- 24

Join forces
- 25

Hurries
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- The Davis Cup competition is established.

1904

- Russo-Japanese War: Battle of Port Arthur concludes.

1922

- Brazil becomes a member of the Berne Convention copyright treaty.

1934

- The Balkan Entente is formed.

1942

- World War II: Top United States military leaders hold their first formal meeting to discuss American military strategy in the war.

1942

- Year-round Daylight saving time is re-institated in the United States as a wartime measure to help conserve

energy resources.

1943

- World War II: Allied authorities declare Guadalcanal secure after Imperial Japan evacuates its remaining forces from the island, ending the Battle of Guadalcanal.

1945

- World War II: A force of Allied aircraft unsuccessfully attacked a German destroyer in Førdefjorden, Norway.

1950

- Second Red Scare: US Senator Joseph McCarthy accuses the United States Department of State of being filled with Communists.

1951

- Korean War: Geochang massacre

NEWS OF THE WEIRD BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ (1) The Albany, New York, company Vireo Health told reporters it would soon offer the world's first certified Kosher marijuana, announcing that the Orthodox Union of New York had authenticated it as having met Jewish dietary laws (e.g., grown with insect-free plants). (Other Kosher-validating officials complained that the approval should apply only to marijuana that is eaten, not smoked.) (2) Two habit-wearing nuns were scheduled to ask the Merced (California) City Council in January to decline its prerogative under state law to ban dispensing or cultivating medical marijuana. The nuns' order makes and sells salves and tonics for pain management, using a strain of cannabis containing only a trace of psychoactive material.

■ Since the (naturally insulated) uterus can be a lonely space, Institut Marques of Barcelona, Spain, recently demonstrated a tampon-like “speaker” to carry soothing, specially selected, 54-decibel (“hushed tone”) rhythms that supposedly improve fetal growth. In the Babypod’s first “concert,” the singer Soraya performs Christmas carols. (However, documented evidence for such a device was limited to success of in-vitro fertilization when music was wafted through during the first 48 hours of sperm-egg union.)

BE FLIRTY TONIGHT, VIRGO

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ You might need to slow down a bit and take some personal time for yourself. You seem to be acting like a firecracker with no fuse and endless pop. A demanding friend or loved one could be depleting your energy. Take a step back for now. Tonight: Be a couch potato.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Friends could make the day busy for you, which might force a reorganization of plans. Take a moment to reflect on what is very important to you. Schedule your day accordingly; you will be happy no matter what. Tonight: Follow through on a friend's idea. See if it is possible.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Others will be more impressed with your actions and decisions than they let on. You could be bombarded with questions, and might think that they don't like what you're doing, but they simply are wondering about the decisions that got you where you are. Tonight: In the limelight.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ You might decide to combat your overactive imagination through detachment. You might think you're calming your mind, but you still will be tapping into your intuition. Trust in it, if you can. Invite a friend over to catch up on some important news. Tonight: Dream on.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Relate to a loved one directly. You might discover that this person seems to be distracted. Yes, this might be true, but he or she likely is thinking about you. Making plans according to your gut might not be valid. Tonight: What seems too good to be true probably is.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Others dominate in a way that might surprise you. Understand that you can't compete with them for attention. Make that OK, and use this period for you. Catch up on a good book or relaxing to soothing music. You could be shocked by what happens as a result. Tonight: Be flirty

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ You might be inspired by someone else's ideas. Test out the validity of these concepts on a couple of your friends first. These people have taught you how to respect different points of view. Often an infusion of new ideas benefits all parties involved. Tonight: Call it an early night.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ You might feel as if you are in your own little bubble right now. Some of you will funnel this energy into a creative project or a romantic moment. Take some time with a child or a loved one who seems to want and/or need your attention. Tonight: Act as if there is no tomorrow.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ Generally, you're a sign that loves adventure. Today, however, you might be content staying home. You have a lot of ground to cover, and you will be better off where no one from work can bother you. Return calls and emails later on. Tonight: Make it easier.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You have a very strong imagination, and sometimes you use it without realizing it. You enjoy appearing extremely logical; therefore, you're unlikely to share this well of ideas with others. What you sense about a loved one will be right-on. Tonight: Follow your sixth sense.

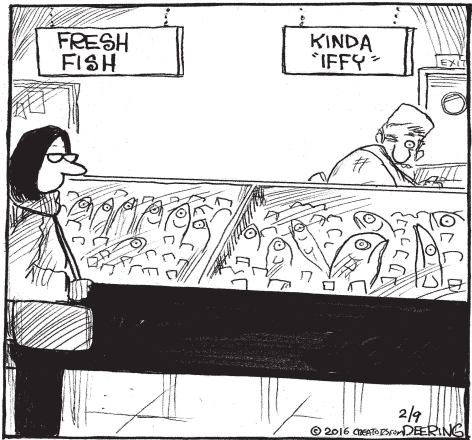
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ People often describe you as being quirky and independent. Today is no exception, as you pull apart a situation and look at it from various different perspectives. You could be surprised by what comes up as a result. Use this knowledge to make a decision. Tonight: Pick up the tab.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
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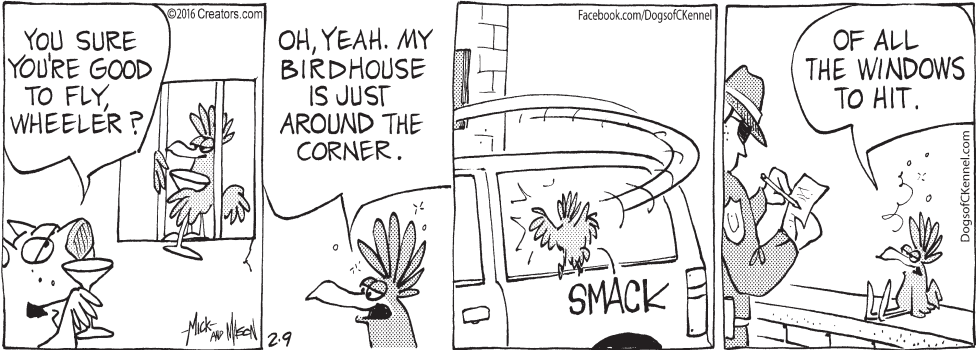


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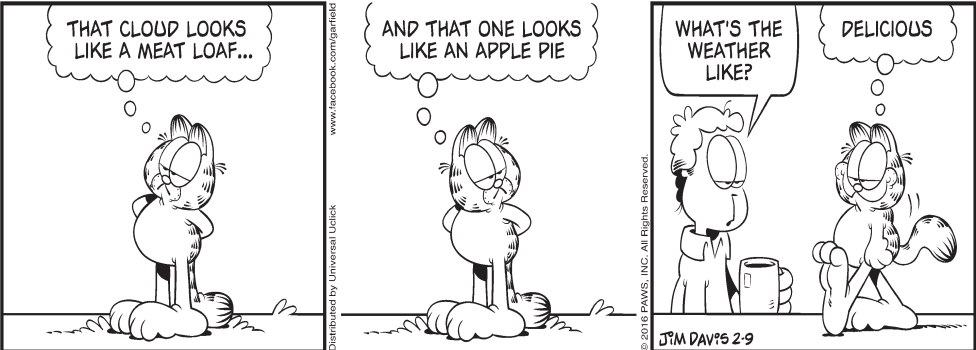
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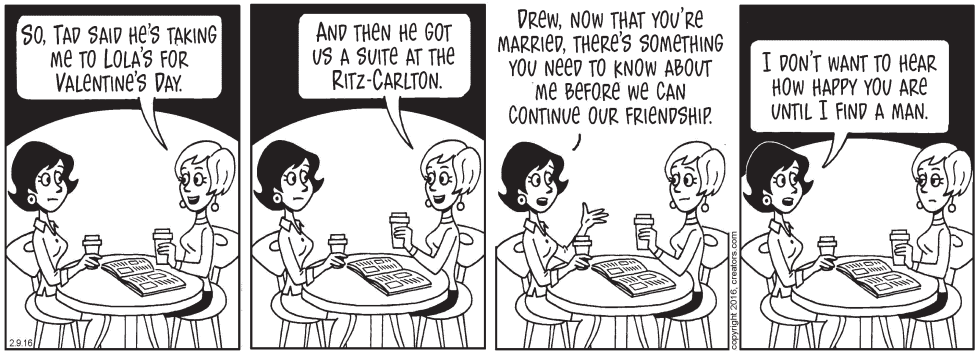
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