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THE PRAYERS GO OUT TO THE JAPANESE VICTIMS ISSUE




Brandon Wise *brandonw@smdp.com*

PRECAUTION: **Santa Monica Traffic Officer Carl Nicita (center) assists people exiting the Santa Monica Pier during the tsunami advisory on Friday morning. The pier was closed for several hours as public safety officials braced for a possible tsunami following the devastating earthquake in Japan.**

# Tsunami warning forces closure of pier, beach lots

## Local Red Cross chapter accepting donations for Japanese victims

**BY KEVIN HERRERA**
Editor in Chief

SM BEACH The Santa Monica Pier and beach parking lots were closed for several hours Friday morning as residents and public safety officials braced for a possible tsunami following a magnitude 8.9 earthquake that struck Japan.

Small surges of ocean water hit the Southern California coast, but no significant damage was reported.

SMPD Sgt. Jay Trisler said portions of the pier were reopened just after 10 a.m., and access to the west end of the pier and beach parking lots was restored just after noon.

The earthquake, which caused a 30-foot tsunami to hit Japan, has killed more than 300 people there. It is believed to be the strongest earthquake ever to strike near Japan, and the fifth largest in history.

The American Red Cross of Santa Monica is accepting donations to help the citizens of Japan impacted by the devastating earthquake. Donations can be mailed or dropped by the chapter at 1450 11th St. during regular business hours, said Red Cross Executive Director John Pacheco. Donations should be earmarked "Japan Earthquake and Pacific Tsunami."

Volunteers who wish to help the Red Cross can call (310) 394-3773 or go online at www.redcrosssofsantamonica.org.

The first waves generated by the tsunami reached Southland beaches around 8:30 a.m., and while they generated some rough currents, the waves were not unusually

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# Judge orders release of teacher's personnel file

## Samohi teacher violated district's sexual harassment policy

**BY KEVIN HERRERA**
Editor in Chief

DOWNTOWN LA Officials with the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District have been ordered to release the personnel file of a high school teacher who sexually harassed a 13-year-old female student at Santa

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# City Hall pays man $24K for bus injury

**BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD**
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL City attorneys reached a $24,000 settlement with an elderly man that was injured when a Big Blue Bus driver allegedly pulled away from a stop abruptly, causing him to fall.

According to a complaint filed on March 10, 2010 in Los Angeles Superior Court, Steven Overoye boarded the BBB line 2 at approximately 7 p.m. on New Years Eve, 2009.

Overoye's attorney, Eric Brown, contend-

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## Daylight Savings



**Don't forget to adjust your clocks come Sunday. It's time to spring forward!**

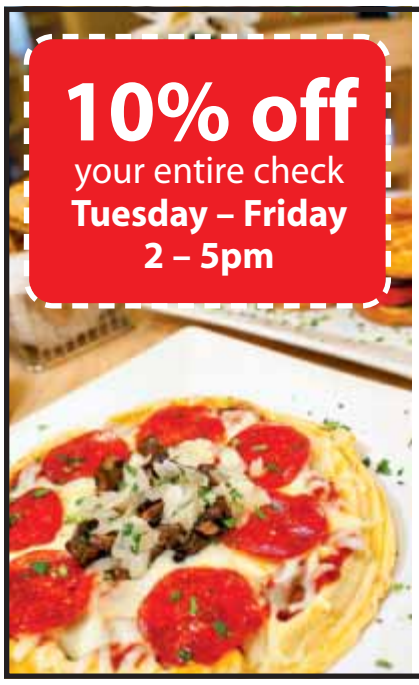
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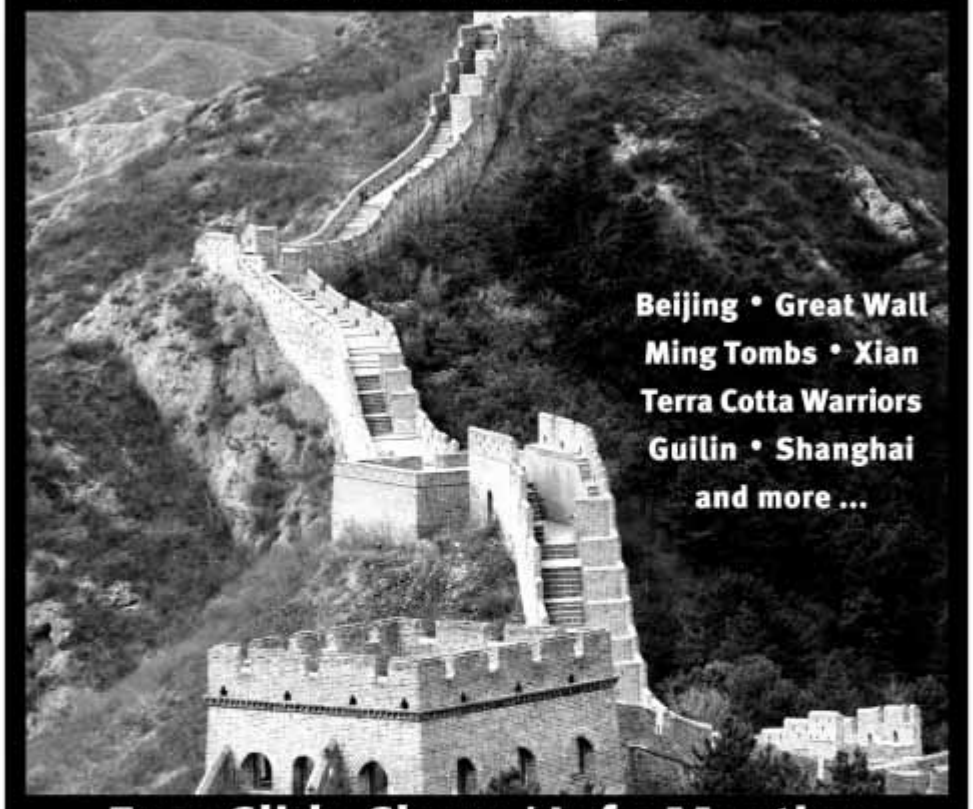
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# What's Up Westside

## OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

### Saturday, March 12, 2011

**Free concert**
Santa Monica Civic Auditorium
7:30 p.m.
The Santa Monica Symphony will present a free concert for residents. The symphony will perform Rossini: "Italian Girl in Algiers" Overtur, Liszt: Piano Concerto No. 1 and Shostakovich: Symphony No. 6. For more information, call (310) 395-6330 or visit www.smsymphony.org.

**Homebuyers beware**
Memorial Park
1401 Olympic Blvd., 10 a.m.
Realtor Kimberly Burnett will present a workshop for homebuyers that will cover the process of purchasing, negotiating, pitfalls to avoid, zero down financing, foreclosures and short sales. For more information, call (800) 351-8005 ext. 800.

**Community shred event**
City Yards
2500 Michigan Ave., 9 a.m. — 2 p.m.
Do you have sensitive documents taking up space in your home? Nervous about tossing bank statements, medical information and tax documents in the recycling bin? Solution: shred it! You can do it for free Saturday if you are a Santa Monica resident. Shredding is a reliable way of safely and properly disposing of documents containing personally identifying information that, if discarded improperly, could open the door to identity theft. The city has arranged for Shred-It Corporation to provide secure shredding services free of charge and all shredded materials will be recycled.

**Fishy**
The Edye Second Space at the Broad Stage
7:30 p.m. & 9:30 p.m.
The Bay Area's Fishtank Ensemble is the rompin', stompin' leader of cross-pollinated Gypsy music. In fact, French fiddler Fabrice Martinez paid dues gigging Europe with a mule-drawn caravan. Ed Douje is the master of the 21st century flamenco guitar. And Ursula Knudsen mesmerizes with her vocal range and virtuoso saw-playing. For more information, go to thebroadstage.com.

### Sunday, March 13, 2011

**Purim party**
Santa Monica Synagogue
1448 18th St., 11 a.m. — 3 p.m.
Celebrate Purim at this street fair hosted by the Santa Monica Synagogue. There will be games, music, a photo booth, a Purim costume contest, food and crafts. This is open to all. Free. For more information, call (310) 453-4276 or go to www.thesms.org.

**Jazzy**
Unitarian Universalist Community Church of Santa Monica
1260 18th St., 7:30 p.m.
Arrogant Doormats will perform a jazz concert. The group consists of pianist Louis Durra, drummer Jerry Kalaf and bassist John Crooks. Donation of $10 will be accepted at the door. The trio will be performing their own deconstructed versions of popular music. The UUCCSM sanctuary is an excellent hall for live music, and Louis will be performing on their 7-foot New York Steinway. For more information, call Peter at (310) 403-8627.

To create your own listing, log on to smdp.com/submitevent

For help, contact Daniel Archuleta at 310-458-7737 or submit to editor@smdp.com

For more information on any of the events listed, log on to smdp.com/communitylistings




## CORRECTION

Incorrect information appeared in a March 11 story entitled "Council members approve water sustainability plan." Demand for water in Santa Monica is 13,200 acre-feet per year, and local supply is 9,500 acre-feet per year.

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HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

# Samohi's championship run comes to an end with Mater Dei defeat

**BY SLAV KANDYBA**
Special to the Daily Press

SANTA ANA Santa Monica High School girls' basketball team's season came to an end Thursday night following a 57-41 loss at Mater Dei High School in the second round of the CIF-Southern Section state playoffs.

UCLA-bound Moriah Faulk tallied 20 points and 9 rebounds in her last game in a Vikings uniform, 9 of them coming during the final stretch of the game. She was 3 of 6 from the three-point line and a perfect 5 of 5 from the free throw line. Briana Harris added 14 points and 4 rebounds for Samohi.

"I hate losing," Faulk said. "I had to leave it all on the court … It hurts because I'm done with high school basketball."

The game was also Marty Verdugo's last as Samohi head coach. He said he was proud of the Vikings' effort against a taller and stronger team in Mater Dei.

"We couldn't beat them but we were mentioned in the same breath," he said. "I gave my heart and soul [to Samohi girls' basketball program] for five years … . I feel content and at peace."

Mater Dei outscored the Vikings in all but the fourth quarter. After a 10-8 score after the first, the Monarchs kept Samohi to 4 points in the second, extending the lead going into half-time 22-12. In the second half, Mater Dei continued their offensive prowess, outscoring Samohi 20-10.

"They're a tough team," said Kristina Johnson, who will be a freshman at the University of Pacific this fall. "We fought to stay in the game. They were too big."

Johnson said her emotions were "up and down" after the loss. "There's nothing I can do about it now. I'm proud of my team."

The Vikings end the 2010-11 campaign 23-10 (8-2).

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## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

CITYWIDE

### Taxi cab hotline created

City Hall has created a hotline customers can use to report on the performance of taxi cab companies recently awarded franchises by the City Council.

A taxi franchise system was adopted by the council in 2009 that limited the number of cab companies operating in Santa Monica to five.

The motivation behind the move was to cut down on the high number of cab companies operating in the city, and in turn cut down on carbon emissions, reduce traffic Downtown, better regulate fares and increase wages for drivers, city officials said.

Many taxi cab operators criticized the plan and lobbied for the council to expand the number of franchises, saying customers would be left with fewer choices, longer waits and higher prices. A group of Armenian cab drivers sued City Hall, claiming discrimination. That lawsuit is still pending.

The franchised companies are:
- Bell Cab Company: (888) 481-2345
- Independent Taxi Owners Association: (800) 521-8294
- Metro Cab Company: (310) 444-7777
- Taxi! Taxi!: (310) 444-4444
- Yellow Cab Company: (877) 733-3305

The taxi hotline is (310) 458-CAB4 (2224).

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SMMUSD HDQTRS

### School district seeks Malibu residents

The Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District's Financial Oversight Committee currently has one vacancy and is looking for a Malibu resident to fill it. The right candidate will be able to bring some depth of business and/or financial expertise to the committee.

Application forms are available at www.smmusd.org/fiscal/financialDAC.html.

The deadline for applications is Friday, April 29, 2011. They can be mailed to the district office (1651 16th St., Santa Monica, Calif., 90404), faxed (310. 581.1138), or scanned and e-mailed to swahrenbrock@smmusd.org.

Committee meetings are currently scheduled once a month at the district office at 7 p.m. in the Testing Room.

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CITYWIDE

### Check those smoke alarms

As residents spring forward this Sunday, the Santa Monica Fire Department would like everyone to take a minute to check smoke alarms to be sure they are working properly.

Fire officials said smoke alarms should be installed in every bedroom, outside each separate sleeping area and on every level of a home, including the basement. Interconnect all smoke alarms throughout the home. When one sounds, they all sound.

Test alarms at least monthly by pushing the test button. Replace all smoke alarms, including alarms that use 10 year batteries and hard-wired alarms, when they are 10 years old or sooner if they do not respond properly when tested, fire officials said.

You can learn more about fire and life safety by visiting http://santamonicafire.org.

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**DUSTY**

Morgan Genser *news@smdp.com*

**Samohi catcher Arielle Casillas tags out South High's Alex Kossoff at home on Friday during the first game of a double header in which the Vikings hosted South in a non-league game and lost 6-1.**

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### Here first

**Editor:**

I noticed that the citizens group for airport "reform" uses the short name of CRAAP ("L.A. officials' proposal may force flights over SM," March 11, page 1). I guess it would be bad of me to suggest that they are full of themselves? After all, the airport was here first and they want to change it to their liking? Why?

**Brian Gray**
Venice

### Calling a spade a spade

**Editor:**

I have long marveled at Bill Bauer's penchant for relentless cynicism. But I never thought that I'd live to see the day that ol' Bill would succumb to the snake oil salesman charms of Oscar de la Torre! After running column after column about Oscar's unscrupulous behavior, lies, opportunism and obfuscation, suddenly Bill seems to think that Santa Monica's de la Teflon Don is serious about addressing the special ed community's concerns ("Cuneo's paranoid rant," My Write, March 7, page 4).

Was the superintendent's "confidential" board memo leaked to the press because a certain board member really cares about special ed or because he's angry at Cuneo, the police, City Hall, and the district because of his own personal problems and wanted to stir the pot? What has Oscar done to help special ed? A whole lot of nothing. With apologies to Texas, Oscar's "all hat and no cattle," and you'd think that Bill Bauer would know better after observing him for all of these years.

But I suppose Bauer can be forgiven because he's so wedded to the idea that our school district can do no right. He opposes funding the schools but then thinks that the schools should come up with more and more money to fund more and more special ed programs. The truth is that special education already takes up an enormous amount of the district's budget and the number only keeps growing, even as cuts are being made everywhere else. Special ed parents move to Santa Monica because they know that SMMUSD has some of the best special education programs around – their kids routinely get full-time one-on-one aides as everyone else's kids watch their class sizes increase and the school year shorten.

Let's call a spade a spade: the superintendent's memo to the board was insensitive and impolitic. But that doesn't mean that it should have been sent out to the press by one of his board members. For the good of the community, de la Torre needs to get over his beef with Cuneo (who's retiring in a few months anyway) and actually do some work addressing the issues he claims to care about. And the Daily Press ought to consider providing its readers with a columnist without Bill Bauer's depressing obsession with slanted, cynical, and self-important rehashes of old news. We deserve better.

**Kitty Costa**
Santa Monica




## On the Beat

NRO Jeff Glaser — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

# Homeless hanging out at local libraries

Q: I AM CONCERNED WITH THE LARGE number of homeless people who are hanging out in front of the library drinking, smoking and leaving trash everywhere. What are the police doing to address this?

A: This question has two issues; the first being the concern that there are people "hanging out" in front of the library. The Santa Monica Police Department wants to remind everyone that all of the libraries in our city can be enjoyed by everyone, regardless of their residential status. With the library being a public building, there is no restriction from anyone, homeless or not, from remaining on the property as long as they are not doing anything unlawful per the municipal code, penal code or library rules.

In regards to the drinking, smoking and littering, this is illegal and it is an issue the police have been and will continue to address whenever possible. I, along with many other officers, have given warnings and issued numerous citations to those that smoke on the library grounds, drink alcohol in public or leave litter on the ground. (Littering also includes throwing cigarette butts on the street or sidewalk.) In addition, Library Services Officers and library management are working with the police on ways to further educate those on the rules and laws surrounding the library. If you do see anyone littering, or violating any rules or laws, please do not hesitate to contact a nearby library staff member or the SMPD at (310) 458-8491.

Q: I was stopped by someone in a parking lot who asked me if I wanted to buy a pair of designer jeans for $20. The person said it was great deal as they were the same jeans that sold in the department stores for over $100. Should I be concerned?

A: Yes! You should be very concerned. It goes to the old adage, "If it sounds or looks too good to be true, it probably is." If someone is selling you something that appears to be less than what even the retailer's cost should you be, either the item is fake, or it is stolen merchandise. And if you purchased the item knowing that it could be stolen, you could be charged with a felony crime for being in possession of stolen property.

As consumers we pay much more for merchandise because of both instances. If the item is fake, the quality will not be to the same standard as the real manufacturer's specifications. Also, name brand manufacturers have to often spend money and manpower combating fraudulent manufacturers and end up passing those costs on to you and I, the consumer.

The other and more prevalent issue is that the item(s) in question are most likely stolen. These items are stolen by three different groups of people. The first are those that steal for their own use. The second type of person steals items to sell to their friends, family or local retailers who would buy items at 10-15 percent of the retail without asking any questions. The third type of thief is usually part of a group, also known as organized retail crime.

Organized retail crime has been defined as professional shoplifting, cargo theft, retail crime rings and other organized crime occurring in retail environments. One person acting alone is not considered an example of organized retail crime.

The FBI has estimated that the losses attributed to organized retail crime could reach as much as $30 billion a year. These criminals move from store to store and even city to city. Working in teams, some create distractions while others steal everything from infant formula to DVDs.

Both local and federal agencies work with retailers to fight organized retail crime. In early 2008 in the state of Florida, a single shoplifting investigation turned up a massive organized enterprise. Operating for at least five years, criminals had stolen up to $100 million in medicine, health and beauty goods. In Texas FBI agents pulled over a rental truck, leading them to $2.7 million in stolen assets. The goods included $1 million in stolen baby formula that was stored in rodent-infested garages with no temperature control.

Gang members consistently steal high-value merchandise that can be easily hidden, such as medications, infant formula, razor blades, apparel, camera film, batteries, DVDs, CDs, and smoking cessation products. Thieves may resell infant formula and pharmaceuticals among other things after not storing them correctly — or after altering expiration dates. This results in unsuspecting consumers having to face serious health and safety risks.

In order to sell their stolen goods, criminals had to rely on the black market by sending it overseas or they could sell it locally at swap meets and flea markets. Now, criminals are also using more sophisticated ways to sell their stolen items through the Internet from sites such as eBay and Craigslist.

Be aware that no matter what line of work you do, retail theft affects all of us else as the cost of this crime gets passed on to all consumers. The way you can help is by ensuring that you do not purchase items from those that appear to be questionable dealers or sellers. So remember, if you are buying items for pennies on the dollar and it appears like it is too good of a deal, it probably is.

If you suspect someone is selling fake or stolen merchandise on the street or business, please contact the police department at (310)458-8491 or you may anonymously call the "We Tip" line at (310) 458-8449.

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The Q Line

# An early night

Downtown residents last week succeeded, at least temporarily, in blocking Santa Monica Place from extending the hours people could purchase alcohol on the mall's dining deck.

This past week, Q-line asked:
**Do you think it was a wise choice to deny the extra hours, or do you think the mall should be allowed to serve late-night drinks?**
Here are your responses:

"THE DINING DECK IS OUR FAVORITE new amenity at the new mall. With such over-priced stores which we won't necessarily seek out, we will always find our way to the third level. It's lovely up there. Please don't hinder these places from doing business and please don't stop me from lingering on a beautiful night!"

"I DEFINITELY THINK THEY SHOULD EXTEND the hours at the mall to serve late night drinks. This way it will lessen one's inhibitions and people might be more apt to open their wallets to spend a thousand dollars for a handkerchief at the new mall. Definitely you need a drink when shopping there."

"I THINK THIS IS KIND OF PATHETIC because look at New York. People love it because you can be out late at night, spend money. This is not like a sleepy Kansas town. This is like a major tourist town and that is where a lot of city money comes from. I'm a long-time resident and I do have strong feelings about the way our town used to be and all that stuff, but the way it is now, it's not a sleepy town. I think hours should be extended. It's bringing money into the city and that is why Santa Monica is so successful and why property values are so high, because it is a big attraction."

"I THINK ABOUT THE MALL STAYING open later so people can have a drink. I think it's OK. Other places do, so why not they. I'm not a drinker but I think if people have a pleasure they should go for it."

"I'LL NEVER UNDERSTAND WHY IN THIS city a few voices can stifle the work of many. So a few residents who live Downtown complain about noise and the Planning Commission backs down. Hello! You live Downtown. It's going to be noisy. Perhaps you should be yelling at your landlord for building such crappy buildings without soundproof windows instead of trying to derail hard-working businesses that bring tax dollars to our city. This is another example of the squeaky wheel getting the grease. We need to look out for our businesses, not hinder them."

"I THINK EXTENDING THE HOURS OF liquor sales is a good idea. Downtown needs more late-night venues for the increasing number of young professionals who are living in Downtown and have the money to spend. A vibrant Santa Monica Place and Downtown will be needed if the Civic Center is redeveloped and becomes an arts and entertainment destination. People will need places to go after they get out of a concert or play. Currently, there are a few bars available, but those are all enclosed. Having outdoor drinking spots would be a welcomed addition. Stop the NIMBYs."

"AS A PERSON WHO LIVES NEAR THE new mall I believe the city should not allow extended drinking hours. As my grandmother used to say, nothing good happens after midnight. Extended drinking hours will only cause more problems, more DUIs and more accidents."

"I'VE BEEN TO THE RESTAURANTS ON THE third floor dining deck and I have to say that I have never seen rowdy crowds of college-age drinkers creating a scene. I don't see what the fuss is all about. The majority of the people I've seen drinking and eating there are young professionals, couples and tourists who are simply enjoying the views and the ocean breezes. It's not a club-like atmosphere. Let them serve alcohol like other bars and restaurants do. Why are they being singled out?"

"THERE IS NOTHING MORE EXITING then be awakened at 2 a.m. by joyous crowds, in the mood of exercising their freedom of expression, examining the effect of their screams and the reverberating echo. All that to be followed by sweeping machines, pressure steamers and thank God by 5 a.m. in the quiet of a regular traffic and buses hitting the breaks, one falls into an early morning catnap, before greeting the sun. What happened to LUCE? Contradictions are always exiting and bring a lot more reverberation. Imagine at the immediate new mall area at least 200 apartments to be rejoiced by the night crowds! How wonderful!"

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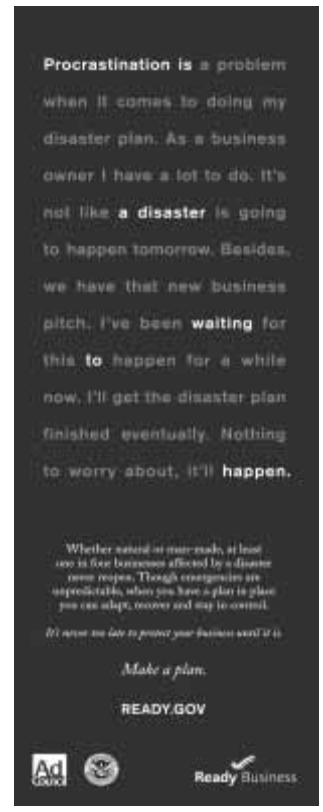



















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## The Re-View

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# La Scala lacks a personal touch

GROUCHO MARX USED TO SAY, "I'M A PERSON OF high principles, and if you don't like them … I have others."

I too have high principles, including what kind of restaurant I like to go to. It's not just about the food, it's the experience. One of the most important parts of the experience is whether or not I am treated well, like a guest. Are the people in the restaurant more interested in the customers' experience, or in just getting the patrons in and out with a swipe of the credit card?

When you enter La Scala, the first tip off is the sign displayed at the front desk that states the restaurant's policy: "If the party is not complete, the folks who arrive first will not be seated." We are usually on time. But we were meeting friends who are usually 30 minutes late.

So what are we supposed to do for 30 minutes? Not seeing a bar or reception area with seating, what I wanted to do was to be seated and order a glass of wine and an appetizer. Not permitted. Finally, after I pleaded my case, the hostess grudgingly agreed to seat us at a table for two, with another table for two adjacent to it for our friends when they arrived — if it wasn't already taken by then.

In the late 1950s La Scala was at the pinnacle of the Italian restaurants. Jean Leon was unfailingly polite and a great host. James Dean was the financial backer. Marilyn Monroe was a frequent guest. The customer was king. The restaurant was located on Little Santa Monica Boulevard. I believe it was the first Italian restaurant in Los Angeles to feature pasta made on the premises, and it was famous for the pasta dishes.

The new location on N. Canon Drive is a large room more like a factory than a fine dining restaurant. The tables are close together, and you are sitting as much with the unknown person next to you as you are with your dining companions. The restaurant is quite popular, so it's often filled to capacity and very loud. Our waitress was a pleasant blonde woman who was clearly not Italian and who had trouble pronouncing the Italian names on the menu.

The menu had a lot of pasta dishes on it, and I've had several of them before. The pasta is quite good. This time we tried some other dishes. I had a veal chop, which was good with a particularly rich balsamic reduction sauce served on the side. One companion had the swordfish, which was good, if a touch dry, and we also shared mussels and a crab cake. We liked the crab cake a lot, and I liked the mussels, but the broth could have benefited from more salt and a lot more garlic. We did not order the chopped salad, which has become the signature dish of the restaurant, and the reason a lot of our friends go there.

I ordered a glass of wine instead of a bottle because of another of my strongly felt principles: restaurants should mark up wine prices two to three times, but never more. Unfortunately, all the wines on this list were marked up at least four times, making the bottles outrageously expensive.

Then, it was time for dessert. I ordered a cheesecake, which we all shared and enjoyed. When it was time for coffee, I asked if I could have one biscotti just to try it. "No" said the waitress, "you have to order the biscotti plate with eight of them." So I asked to talk to the manager. The manager, Kenne Hoffman, a pleasant gentleman, showed up promptly, and confirmed that I could not order one biscotti. I explained that I was writing an article about the restaurant. He replied that the reason he could not violate the rule was that if he did he would lose his job. "Who would be so cruel?" I asked. "The owner, Gigi Leon," he replied. "Can I talk with her?" I asked. "No, she is rarely here, and runs the restaurant from her corporate office." He explained.

So that was it. This restaurant did not live up to my principles, and when it comes to restaurants I don't have others. So I paid the bill, which was about $50 a person, a bit high for what we ate, and left. No one said good-bye.

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# Calif., Ore. sustained most damage from tsunami

**BY JAYMES SONG & JEFF BARNARD**
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CRESCENT CITY, Calif. The warnings traveled quickly across the Pacific in the middle of the night: An 8.9-magnitude earthquake in Japan spawned a deadly tsunami, and it was racing east Friday as fast as a jetliner.

Sirens blared in Hawaii. The West Coast pulled back from the shoreline, fearing the worst. People were warned to stay away from the beaches. Fishermen took their boats out to sea and safety.

The alerts moved faster than the waves, giving millions of people across the Pacific Rim hours to prepare.

In the end, harbors and marinas in California and Oregon bore the brunt of the damage, estimated by authorities to be in the millions of dollars. Boats crashed into each other, some vessels were pulled out to sea and docks were ripped out. Rescue crews searched for a man who was swept out to sea while taking pictures.

None of the damage — in the U.S., South America or Canada — was anything like the devastation in Japan.

The warnings — the second major one for the region in a year — and the response showed how far the earthquake-prone Pacific Rim had come since a deadly tsunami caught much of Asia by surprise in 2004.

"That was a different era," said Gerard Fryer, a geophysicist with the Pacific Tsunami Warning Center. "We got the warning out very quickly. It would not have been possible to do it that fast in 2004."

Within 10 minutes after Japan was shaken by its biggest earthquake in recorded history, the center had issued its warning. The offshore quake pushed water onto land, sometimes miles inland, sweeping away boats, cars, homes and people. Hundreds are dead.

As the tsunami raced across the Pacific at 500 mph, the first sirens began sounding across Hawaii late Thursday night.

Police went through the tourist mecca of Waikiki, warning of an approaching tsunami. Hotels moved tourists from lower floors to upper levels. Some tourists ended up spending the night in their cars.

Across the islands, people stocked up on bottled water, canned foods and toilet paper. Authorities opened buildings to people fleeing low-lying areas. Fishermen took their boats out to sea, away from harbors and marinas where the waves would be most intense.

Residents did the same last February, when an 8.8-magnitude quake in Chile prompted tsunami warnings. The waves did little damage then.

Early Friday, the tsunami waves reached Hawaii, tossing boats in Honolulu. The water covered beachfront roads and rushed into hotels on the Big Island. The waves carried a house out to sea. Seven-foot waves flooded low-lying areas in Maui.

As the sun rose, people breathed a sigh of relief.

"With everything that could have happened and did happen in Japan, we're just thankful that nothing else happened," said Sabrina Skiles, who along with her husband spent a sleepless night at his office in Maui. Their beachfront house was unscathed.

Many other Pacific islands also evacuated their shorelines for a time. In Guam, the waves broke two U.S. Navy submarines from their moorings, but tug boats brought them back to their pier.

In Oregon, the first swells to hit the U.S. mainland were barely noticeable.

Sirens pierced the air in Seaside, a popular tourist town near the Washington state line. Restaurants, gift shops and other beachfront businesses stayed shuttered. Some residents moved to the hills nearby, gathering behind a house.

Albert Wood said he and his wife decided to leave their home late Thursday night after watching news about the Japan quake — the fifth-largest earthquake since 1900.

Wood was expecting the waves to get bigger and more intense than what he saw. Still, he shook his head as the cars lining the hills began to drive west, into the lowlands adjacent to the shore.

"Just if you ask me, they're being too bold," Wood said. "It's still early. They're just not being cautious."

Erik Bergman was back at the shore by 9:30 in the morning. Roughly 100 feet away was a man playing with his dog. Two small children chased seagulls.

"People aren't too nervous," Bergman said.

President Barack Obama said the Federal Emergency Management Agency was ready to come to the aid of any U.S. state or territory that needed help. Coast Guard cutters and aircraft were readied to respond as soon as conditions allowed.

Outside Brookings, Ore., just north of the California border, four people went to a beach to watch the waves and were swept into the sea. Two got out on their own, and the others were rescued, authorities said.

In Crescent City, Calif., miles to the south, the Coast Guard searched for a man who was swept out to sea. He was taking photos near the mouth of the Klamath River. Two people with him jumped in to rescue him. They were able to get back to land, authorities said.

Sheriff's deputies went door to door at dawn to urge residents to seek higher ground.

An 8-foot wave rushed into the harbor, destroying about 35 boats and ripping chunks off the wooden docks, as marina workers and fishermen scrambled between surges to secure property. Officials estimated millions of dollars in damage.

When the water returned, someone would yell "Here comes another one!" to clear the area.

Ted Scott, a retired mill worker who lived in the city when a 1964 tsunami killed 17 people on the West Coast, including 11 in Crescent City, watched the water pour into the harbor.

"This is just devastating. I never thought I'd see this again," he said. "I watched the docks bust apart. It buckled like a graham cracker."

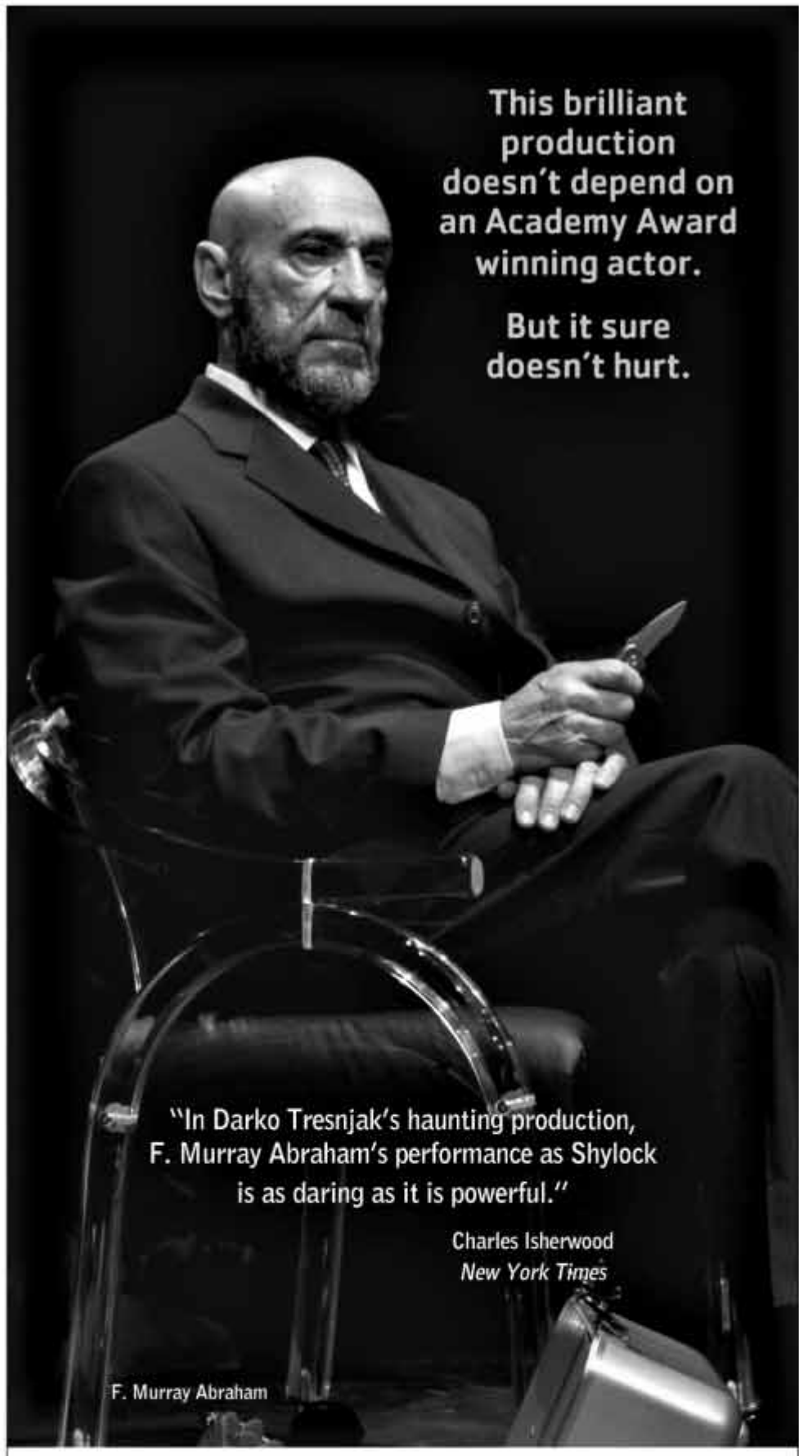
The waves, however, had not made it over a 20-foot break wall protecting the rest of the city. No serious injuries were immediately reported.

On the central coast in Santa Cruz, loose fishing boats crashed into one another and docks broke away from the shore. The water rushed out as quickly as it poured in, leaving the boats tipped over in mud.

Some surfers ignored evacuation warnings and took advantage of the waves ahead of the tsunami.

"The tides are right, the swell is good, the weather is good, the tsunami is there," said William Hill, an off-duty California trooper. "We're going out."

Scientists warned that the first tsunami waves are not always the strongest. The threat can last for several hours and people should watch out for strong currents.




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# A Roundabout Way Of Thinking

Drivers in Santa Monica might have noticed some recent changes to many intersections around town that have people wondering if they are headed down the Champs Elysees towards the Arch de Triumph or perhaps lost on an English country road. The roundabout intersection has made a roundabout trip across the world to Santa Monica with the hopes of easing traffic congestion and making the roads safer for drivers and pedestrians alike. Drivers here in Santa Monica must be aware of the traffic rules and regulations that govern roundabout driving so that motorists are not stranded like foreigners in a foreign land. Here are some basic rules and explanations about roundabouts that will hopefully help you on your way around town.

The basic definition of a roundabout is a circular junction in which road traffic must travel in one direction around a central island. Roundabouts increase safety in the community by requiring drivers to both decrease their speeds and in turn increase their awareness upon entering the intersection. Roundabouts also increase a neighborhood's aesthetic appeal by creating charming and unique architectural designs. Neatly landscaped circles or placement of a statue, monument, or flagpole give roundabouts a homely and suburban feel despite their very urban purpose. Pedestrians are often prohibited or discouraged from entering the center circle of a roundabout, but pedestrians and drivers can nonetheless enjoy the visual charisma that the intersection adds to a community. Roundabouts facilitate motorists, bicyclists, runners, and dog-walkers in an efficient and competent manner.

Roundabouts have some negative drawbacks as well. Larger vehicles and trucks may find it difficult to navigate through narrow roundabouts that are not built to handle such vehicles. The recent implementation of roundabouts in Santa Monica has also caused some backup and unwanted traffic delays at roundabouts where drivers are not familiar with the traffic laws and traffic flow. On the same note, there is a greater risk of traffic collisions and accidents from drivers who are simply not paying attention to their surroundings. Roundabouts require far greater concentration and awareness than do conventional squared intersections.

Upon entering a roundabout, drivers should first notice a sign or traffic indicator alerting the driver to slow down and prepare to yield. A painted dashed line will also alert drivers that they are entering a roundabout intersection. Unless otherwise indicated, drivers do not have to come to a complete stop; however, the situation may require a complete stop depending on traffic conditions at the time. Remember, pedestrians always have the right of way! So, if you see a bicyclist, jogger, or walker you must stop in order to allow that person safe passage. If there are no other cars in the roundabout and no pedestrians, the driver can then safely enter the roundabout. Most Santa Monica roundabouts are one-way, meaning a driver can only make a right turn to enter the roundabout and a right turn to exit the roundabout.

A driver that is already in the roundabout has the right of way over a driver that is entering the roundabout. Thus, if you are the car that is approaching the roundabout and slowing down getting ready to turn into the roundabout, do not expect another car that is already in the roundabout to stop or slow to let you in! This area tends to be one of the most confusing aspects of roundabouts, but if you remember that the car already in the roundabout has the right of way…you should be alright. Regardless of who has the right of way, drivers should nonetheless always remain vigilant and aware of their surroundings to prevent any kind of accident. Keep a slow to moderate speed while circling depending on the traffic at the time. Also, it is very important that drivers remember to use their turn signals. Turn signals alert circling drivers inside the roundabout and allow other drivers to adjust speeds based on turns. Moreover, a turn signal also notifies drivers waiting to enter the roundabout that the path is clear for them to safely make the maneuver.

Avoid unnecessary traffic citations, accidents, and congestion by following these simple roundabout rules. Remember to be aware, vigilant, and attentive to your surroundings at all time. Adjust to a roundabout way of thinking and enjoy the ride around town!

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## CLOSURE
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large. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration said the highest recorded wave to hit Santa Monica was measured at 2.4 feet tall.

No significant changes in the size of the waves could be seen from Palisades Park, where several people gathered, including Modesto Fernandez, a Las Vegas resident visiting Santa Monica. Fernandez grew up in San Francisco and loves the ocean, making trips to the coast as often as he can to soak in the sun and the surf.

"I just came down here to check out the ocean and then I hear about this tsunami," he said as he watched waves roll over the breakwater just north of the pier. "This is a once in a lifetime thing. Definitely worth missing breakfast for."

Although the waves appeared benign, officials advised people to stay away from beaches around the Southland and stay out of the water as currents can be hazardous to swimmers, boaters and could continue for several hours after the initial waves arrived. And at harbors and marinas, people were reminded to follow Coast Guard and harbor master recommendations. No evacuations were ordered.

Although the surface of the water may appear normal, much of the action caused by the earthquake and subsequent tsunami took place under the surface in the form of riptides and currents.

The Coast Guard was watching for boats breaking free from moorings, and encouraged boat-owners to double-up lines on their vessels, said Adam Eggers, spokesperson for the Coast Guard in Southern California.

Many boats in marinas in Santa Cruz and Ventura had boats free-floating, and some sunk.

"Our big concern is that we're going to have 50 boats on the shore, spilling oil and gas," Eggers said.

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## SETTLE
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ed that the bus driver started and stopped the vehicle before Overoye could reach a seat.

The abrupt stop caused the man to fall, allegedly causing injuries so severe that he has required ongoing medical treatment.

Overoye alleged that the fall caused injuries to his neck and lower back, specifically the cervical and lumbar areas. He also alleged that the fall caused severe psychological consequences, including confusion, depression and loss of enthusiasm for life.

Overoye sued City Hall for approximately $125,000, alleging negligence and poor hiring and training of staff, said Assistant City Attorney Debbi Kanoff.

The settlement, announced at the March 8 City Council meeting, was for $24,000 in damages, with no admission of fault on the part of City Hall.

"Our bus drivers are excellent," Kanoff said. "They do a very good job, and are very well trained, but they're human."

Neither Overoye nor his attorney could be reached for comment.

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| SELLING PRICE: | $21,488 |
| MILITARY REBATE**: | - $500 |
| FACTORY REBATE: | - $500 |
| COLLEGE REBATE**: | - $1,000 |
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## RULING
FROM PAGE 1

Monica High School.

Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Ruth Kwan ruled Thursday that parents who requested the information had a right to know what kind of contact math teacher Ari Marken had with the geometry student, and what discipline was administered following an investigation by the school district that found he violated the district's sexual harassment policy.

Michael Chwe, a parent with two children at Samohi, filed a California Public Records Act request in December with the superintendent's office in an attempt to learn more about the investigation involving Marken.

That was after more than 140 people signed a letter expressing disapproval of the district's handling of the case and asking for more information about the incident.

The school district was in the process of responding to Chwe's request when Marken filed a motion to block the release of the records.

Marken's attorney said an appeal of Kwan's ruling is likely. The personnel records will not be released pending the outcome of that appeal. Marken has until March 21 to file. If not, the district will release the records requested.

"I think this decision is great," Chwe said. "When a teacher has been found to have sexually harassed a 13-year-old child, I believe the parents should be able to know what happened."

Chwe said he has filed a lawsuit against the school district, claiming it failed to turn over the personnel file in a timely fashion, allowing Marken time to file a request for an injunction barring its release.

Superintendent Tim Cuneo said the district's position has been to release the information requested by Chwe and that has never changed.

"If Mr. Marken wishes to appeal, he has that much time [March 21] to do so. If not, we will provide the information requested," Cuneo said. "We plan to follow the law and since Mr. Marken's attorney asked to have it heard, we had to wait for the court's decision."

In her ruling, Judge Kwan said the violation of the district's sexual harassment policy by Marken was at the lower end of the spectrum, but even so, she felt parents have a right to know what occurred.

The district's sexual harassment policy includes everything from making inappropriate jokes or drawings to teasing and touching someone's clothes in a sexual way, as well as making unwanted sexual advances.

The father of the victim told the Daily Press that he still doesn't know exactly what happened to his daughter, who told him she did not want to return to Samohi and is now attending school out of the country.

"The whole purpose of getting these records is because [the school district] kept it a secret," said the father, who did not want his name used in this article out of concern that his daughter could be identified. "The district did not provide

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# NEW WAY OF THINKING

Brandon Wise *brandonw@smdp.com*

**Tom Holm, creator of the non-profit EcoTrek Foundation, stands next to his cellulosic ethanol (C.E.) fueled Ford F250 underneath the Santa Monica Pier sign after completing his coast-to-coast trip across America on Friday. He says cellulosic ethanol can replace gasoline in over 10 million FlexFuel vehicles on the road without any modifications.**

## TEACHER

FROM PAGE 11

me any details and then [Marken] was hired back. … It's not like he's working at Sears. These are 13-year-old girls for crying out loud. He should have been fired."

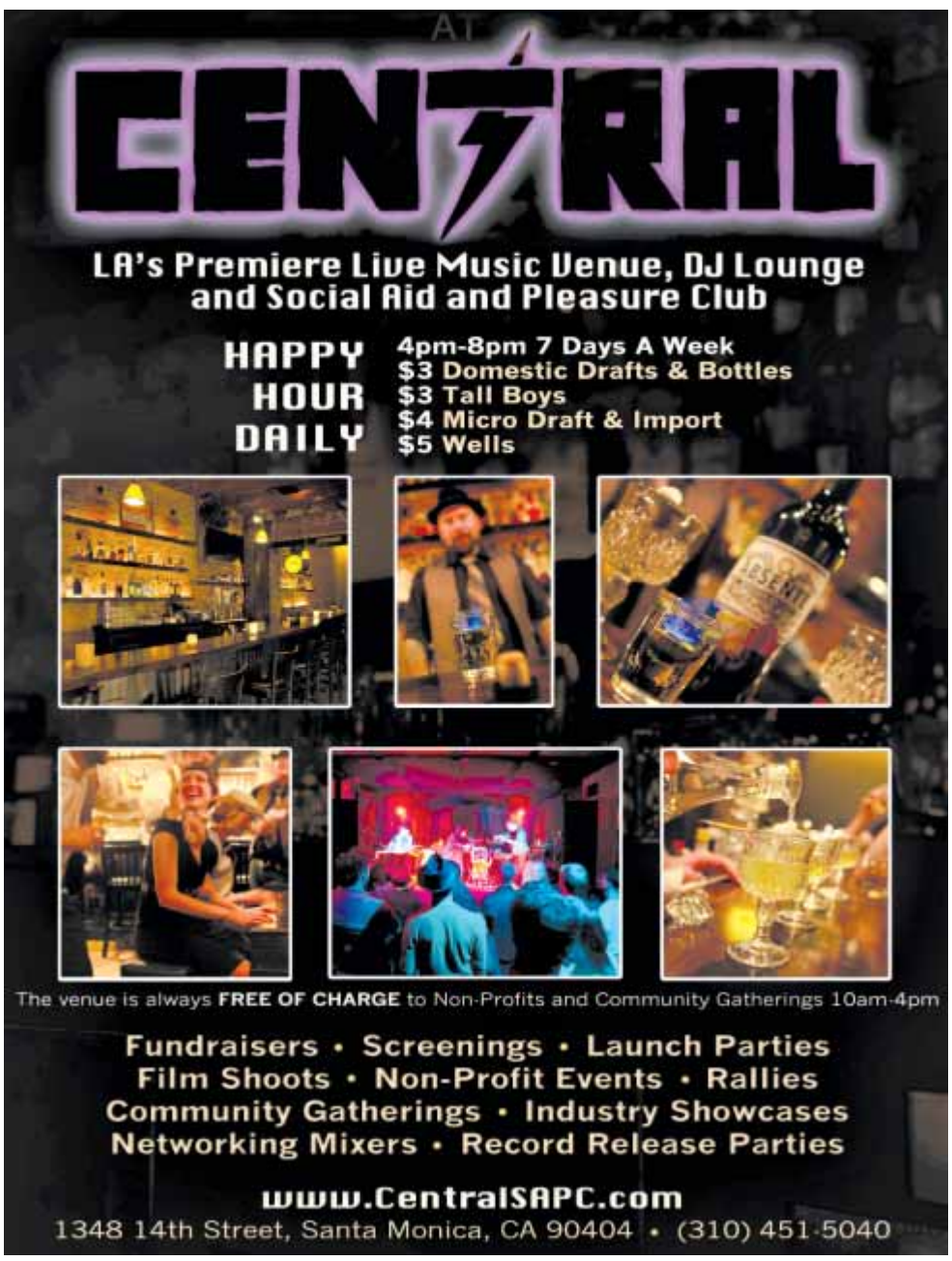
Marken's attorney, Richard Schwab, said his client is a well-respected teacher and that the charges against him were of the lowest level, calling them "trivial."

"I'm not here to try and stand in the place of an individual and guess how they might feel," Schwab said. "The most innocuous things can happen and a person may be affected by it because it is personal. I think people looking at this [case] objectively would find it to be non-substantive."

Schwab said the ruling could have a chilling effect on public employees, who may be afraid to cooperate in internal investigations if they knew their personnel records could be disclosed.

"I believe that the Court of Appeal would agree that the public's right to know will not be compromised in this particular case if the information is not disclosed," he said.

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# Iowa reps pass bill limiting unions' collective bargaining

**BY MIKE GLOVER**
Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa The Iowa House approved a bill Friday limiting public workers' collective bargaining rights and requiring them to pay more for their health insurance.

But while similar legislation reducing the power of unions has passed in states like Ohio and Wisconsin, it is unlikely to become law in Iowa. Democrats who control the Senate there have said they won't allow debate on the bill backed by Republican Gov. Terry Branstad.

Republicans who control the House insisted the measure was needed to help address a state budget shortfall estimated at between $500 million and $700 million.

"The state can no longer afford, and the taxpayers can no longer support, health care insurance which does not require the employee to at least contribute something to their own health care coverage," Rep. Ron Jorgensen, R-Sioux City, said in a statement after the vote.

But Democrats say the bill is a political attack on the public employee unions that traditionally support their party.

"Like Wisconsin, Republicans in Iowa will stop at nothing to take away rights from police officers, firefighters, state troopers, teachers, correction officers and other hard-working Iowans," said House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy, D-Des Moines.

Wisconsin's Republican Gov. Scott Walker signed a bill Friday eliminating most collective bargaining rights for public employees in that state. The measure passed the state's Assembly on Thursday following more than three weeks of protests that drew tens of thousands of people to the Capitol in opposition. The Senate cleared the way for passage with a surprise move Wednesday that allowed them to move the measure forward without 14 Democratic senators present. Republicans control both chambers of that state's legislature.

The Iowa bill would force state workers to pay at least $100 a month toward the cost of their health care and would not allow them to negotiate or vote on layoff procedures. The means that managers could decide who would be let go instead of layoffs being done according to seniority, which is typical.

Critics have said that would likely lead to senior workers being cut since they usually make the most money.

The bill also would give arbitrators new options when state and union negotiators can't agree. Currently, state law requires an arbitrator to choose between the final offer from the state and the final offer from the union. The bill would allow an arbitrator to craft a compromise from those two offers and consider private-sector agreements when making a decision. For example, if the state proposed having workers pay $100 a month toward their health insurance costs and a union proposed a $50 contribution, the arbitrator could consider what workers at private companies typically pay.

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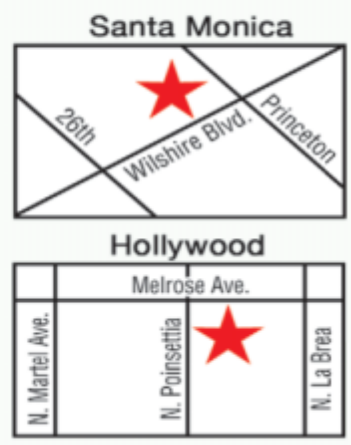


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# Rivers flood across East, forcing mass evacuations

BY SAMANTHA HENRY
Associated Press

WOODLAND PARK, N.J. Rivers rose from Maryland to Maine on Friday after days of rain, filling basements with water and forcing hundreds of people from their homes but so far not fulfilling fears of widespread catastrophe.

Some of the hardest-hit areas were just outside New York City, which is emerging from a snow-filled winter. Flood-prone parts of northern New Jersey were under water not expected to recede for a few days in spots.

By Friday afternoon, 1,500 homes in near the Pompton River in Pequannock had to be evacuated, as did about 100 in Fairfield, Gov. Chris Christie said. A handful of shelters opened by midday, and the American Red Cross was preparing more.

In Woodland Park, N.J., Mel Sivri spent the morning preparing for what havoc the Passaic River would wreak.

Sivri hung his daughters' pink bicycles and other items from ceiling hooks in the garage while an industrial pump cleared 4 inches of water the floor. He monitored weather websites to decide whether to send the family to a friend's house on higher ground.

"You cannot pump the river," he said. "You just have to wait for it to go down."

Major flooding was also expected along the Pequannock, Ramapo and Pompton rivers in northern New Jersey. Some of the same spots flooded this week after heavy rains Sunday.

Gov. Chris Christie toured Pompton Lakes on Friday and saw flooding minor enough that residents were able to stay ahead of it with pumps in their basements. The worst might still be ahead in northern New Jersey, where most rivers are not expected to crest until Saturday.

Christie was criticized when he was out of state during a late December blizzard. This time, with forecasters expecting floods days in advance, he declared a state of emergency even before the rain began falling.

The National Weather Service said no major rains were expected for several days, giving the area a chance to dry out.

In Westchester County, N.Y., ducks swam across the Hutchinson River Parkway.

In Elmsford, just north of New York City, pedestrians waded through knee-deep water from the Saw Mill River, which expanded from 15 feet wide to 200 feet in some places Friday.

With her bus not running, Elizabeth Ritter decided to walk the couple of miles to her job as a nurse's aide in White Plains. She forded the Saw Mill in bare feet and tried to hold her black shoes above water while hiking up a pant leg.

"It's cold, very cold. I was worried about stepping on glass. But it's pretty smooth; just concrete," she said. "I had to get to work. They need me."

In nearby Greenburgh, Jessica Dontona was home with her 7-year-old daughter, Samantha, to check on the house. They had decamped in the middle of the night for a hotel as the basement filled with water.

The flood made her think about moving.

"You know, living high on a hill is starting to look really good," she said.

At least two people have died because of the recent flooding.

A 74-year-old Pennsylvania man's car was swept into Swatara Creek on Thursday in Pine Grove, about 75 miles northwest of Philadelphia. On Friday, officials in Ohio told The Blade newspaper that a woman drowned after getting out of her car in a ditch in Williams County.

The National Weather Service said the Susquehanna River in northeastern Pennsylvania could rise as much as 8 feet over flood stage by Saturday near Wilkes-Barre. The city has a levee system to protect it, but low-lying areas downriver had some minor flooding.

Authorities said about 100 people were evacuated in Bethlehem, Pa., because they live on a flooded road along the Lehigh River.

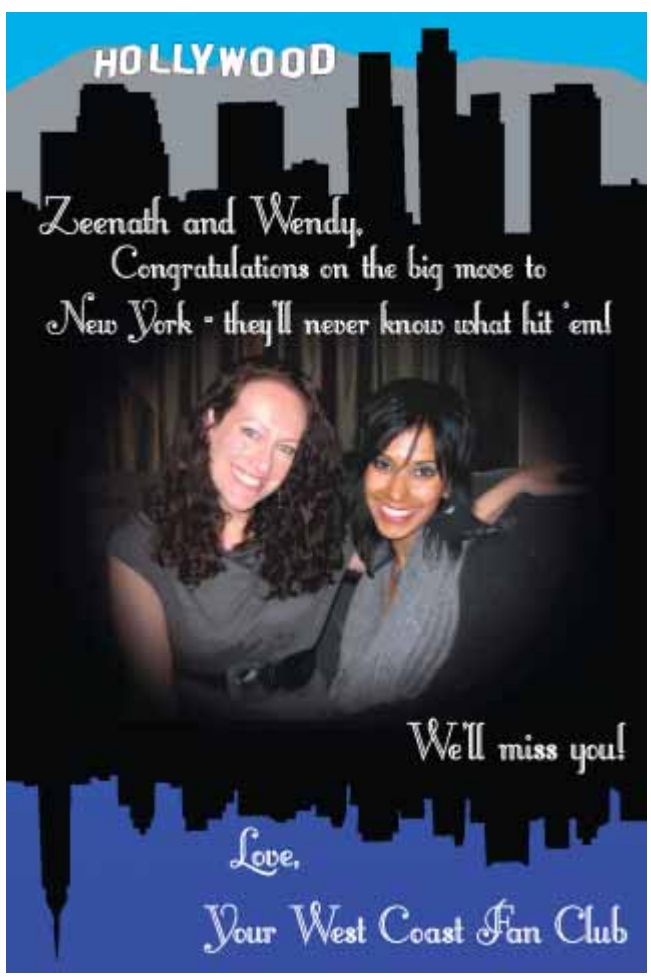



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# SURF REPORT

**Surf Conditions** **Water Temp:** 59°

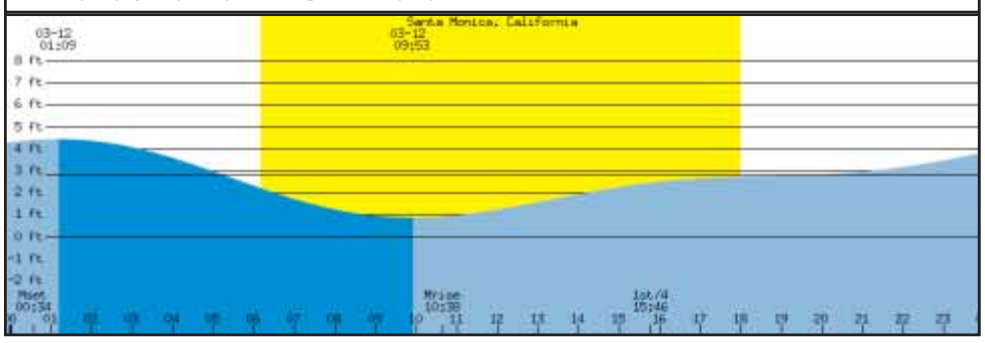
## Swell Forecast

**NW ground swell is due. Well-exposed west facing breaks should see head high surf, with pluses at standouts.**

## Long Range Synopsis

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## Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica




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**QUICK STATS** (for the last 30 days)

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- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 37 / 32
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 5 / 13

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| LOCATION | DRY | WET |
|---|---|---|
| Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth. | F | F |
| Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth. | A+ | A+ |
| El Pescador State Beach, between Lechasa and Las Alina creeks. | A+ | A+ |
| Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach. | A | A+ |
| Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth. | A+ | D |
| Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth. | A+ | F |
| Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private). | A+ | A+ |
| Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth. | B | B |
| Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach. | F | D |
| Latigo Canyon Creek mouth. | A+ | A+ |
| Solstice Canyon at Dan Blocker County Beach. | A | C |
| Puerco State Beach at creek mouth. | B | A |
| Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.. | A | A+ |
| Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fences. | A+ | A+ |
| Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily. | F | F |
| Malibu Pier - 50 yards east. | A+ | F |
| Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon. | A+ | A |
| Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero). | A | A+ |
| Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs. | A+ | D |
| Pena Creek at Los Tunos County Beach. | A+ | A+ |
| Topanga Canyon. | A+ | ns |
| Topanga State Beach at creek mouth. | F | F |
| Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach. | A+ | A+ |
| Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach. | B | A+ |
| 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. | A+ | A+ |
| Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua). | A | F |
| Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain. | A+ | A+ |
| Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain. | B | A |
| Santa Monica Municipal Pier. | F | C |
| Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain. | B | C |
| Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms). | A+ | A+ |
| Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain. | B | A |
| Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain. | A+ | A+ |
| Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain. | A+ | A+ |
| Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain. | A+ | B |
| Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south. | A+ | A+ |
| Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St.. | A+ | A+ |
| Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower. | A | A |
| Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth. | A | F |
| Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain. | A+ | A+ |
| North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach. | A+ | A+ |
| Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty). | A+ | 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+ | A+ |

**LEGEND**

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

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NFL

# Players' union decertifies as talks break down

**BY HOWARD FENDRICH**
AP Pro Football Writer

WASHINGTON The NFL players' union decertified on Friday, making the league's first work stoppage since 1987 a near certainty.

After 16 days of mediated talks with the NFL, the sides could not reach agreement on a new deal. The current one expires at the end of Friday, and the league could lock out its players.

By decertifying, the union clears the way for individual players to file antitrust lawsuits against the NFL, which opted out of the CBA in 2008. It renounced its right to represent the players in contract bargaining.

The CBA was due to expire a week ago and was extended twice.

The union's latest move sets the stage for a lengthy court fight that could potentially threaten the 2011 season. The last work stoppage came when the players struck 24 years ago, leading to games with replacement players.

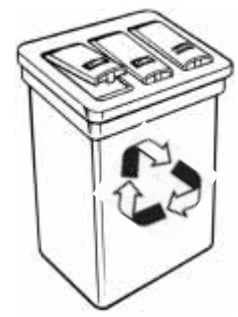
In 1989, the NFLPA also decertified. Antitrust lawsuits by players forced a new CBA in 1993 that included free agency, and the union formed again that year.

"We met with the owners until about 4 o'clock today," union head DeMaurice Smith said outside the mediator's office. "We discussed a proposal they had presented. At this time, significant differences continue to remain. We informed the owners that ... if there was going to be a request for an extension, that we asked for 10 years of audited financial information to accompany that extension."

About 15 minutes later, the union decertified.

"The parties have not achieved an overall agreement," federal mediator George Cohen said, "nor have they been able to resolve the strongly held competing positions that separated them on core issues.

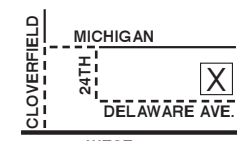
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**Saturday, March 12**
**Los Angeles Plays Itself (NR) 2hr 49min**
7:30pm
Discussion following with director Thom Andersen.

**Sunday, March 13**
**Double Feature**
**I'll Never Forget What's'isname (NR) 1hr 37min**
**The Jokers (NR) 1hr 34min**
7:30pm
Discussion with director Michael Winner between films.

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AMC Loews Broadway 4
**1441 Third Street Promenade**
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**Just Go With It (PG-13) 1hr 50min**
11:00am, 1:45pm, 4:30pm, 7:15pm, 10:00pm

**Adjustment Bureau (PG-13) 1hr 39min**
11:00am, 1:35pm, 4:10pm, 6:45pm, 9:20pm

**Red Riding Hood (PG-13) 2hrs 00min**
12:00pm, 2:30pm, 5:10pm, 7:45pm, 10:20pm

**Kill the Irishman (R) 1hr 46min**
11:20am, 2:00pm, 4:40pm, 7:25pm, 10:10pm

AMC Santa Monica 7
**1310 Third St.**
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**Gnomeo & Juliet 3D (PG) 1hr 24min**
12:05pm, 2:25pm, 4:45pm, 7:10pm, 9:30pm

**Rango (PG) 1hr 47min**
10:00am, 12:45pm, 3:30pm, 6:15pm, 9:00pm

**Battle: Los Angeles (PG-13) 1hr 56min**
11:00am, 2:00pm, 5:00pm, 8:00pm, 11:00pm

**Red Riding Hood (PG-13) 2hrs 00min**
10:55am, 1:30pm, 4:10pm, 6:45pm, 9:20pm

**Adjustment Bureau (PG-13) 1hr 39min**
12:00pm, 2:35pm, 5:10pm, 7:45pm, 10:20pm

**Hall Pass (R) 1hr 38min**
11:10am, 1:55pm, 4:40pm, 7:25pm, 10:10pm

**Mars Needs Moms in Disney Digital 3D (PG) 1hr 28min**
10:05am, 12:35pm, 3:00pm, 5:25pm, 7:50pm, 10:15pm

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**King's Speech (R) 1 hour 58 min**
1:40pm, 4:30pm, 7:20pm, 10:10pm

**Cedar Rapids (R) 1hr 26min**
1:10pm, 3:20pm, 5:30pm, 7:50pm, 10:10pm

**Phil Ochs: There But for Fortune (NR) 1hr 36min**
2:20pm, 7:10pm

**Saint Misbehavin': The Wavy Gravy Movie (NR)**
1:00pm, 3:10pm, 5:20pm, 7:40pm, 10:10pm

**Over the Hill Band (Meisjes) (NR) 1hr 33min**
4:45pm, 9:30pm

**Strange Case of Angelica (O Estranho Caso de Angelica) (NR) 1hr 34min**
11:00am

**Queen of the Lot (R) 1hr 54min**
11:00am

**Bolshoi Ballet: Don Quixote (NR)**
10:30am

**Even the Rain (Tambien la lluvia) (NR) 1hr 43min**
11:00am

AMC Criterion 6
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**Take Me Home Tonight (R) 1hr 54min**
10:05am, 12:35pm, 3:05pm, 5:35pm, 8:10pm, 10:40pm

**Rango (PG) 1hr 47min**
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# It's all right here, Pisces

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)**
★★★★ Don't be too serious. Your point can be made without a stern attitude. A conflict exists between what is being said and what people do. Return calls before setting up appointments. Easily, news could tumble into your lap. Tonight: Catch up on a friend's news.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**
★★ A difficulty can become a drama if you don't stay anchored. You might wonder what is happening behind the scenes. You might feel unappreciated on some level. Look to a mixed message, and you'll understand that it isn't you. Tonight: Browse at a favorite store.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**
★★★★★ You might feel anchored by a situation far more than you realize. Open up to new possibilities. You see someone in a different light than in the past. You might hear promises from a boss or someone you look up to. Remember, action counts. Tonight: Say "yes."

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)**
★★★ Stay content, and follow your intuition, as long as you can sort fear from feelings. If not, hold off and understand that you could be negative. Do for yourself -- take a walk, or whatever works to clear tension. Tonight: A true vanishing act.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**
★★★★ If you would like to approach a situation differently, now is the time. No one will push or force you in any way, shape or form. Pick and choose your words. Be aware of an incongruity between what one person says and his or her actions. Tonight: Where the action is.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**
★★★ Responsibilities call. A parent or older friend might need your feedback or help. Don't hesitate to pitch in. Try walking in his or her shoes. Your finances could limit you in some manner. Others seek you out. Sort through what you want. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**
★★★★★ Please be aware of how seriousness could color a situation. You might not be comfortable with what is happening and the available choices. Deal directly with someone at a distance. This person really cares more than you realize. Tonight: Try a new spot.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**
★★★★★ Your natural preference is to be with one person at a time. You could be taken aback by everything that is occurring between you and a key person. Let go of judgments as soon as possible. Relax and understand what is motivating him or her. Tonight: Add some spice to the moment.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**
★★★★★ Others seem to be spinning around you -- all with their own set of plans. You might wonder where, who and when. Go for the most intriguing set of plans. Crowds could energize you. Tonight: Fun and games.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**
★★★ You might be in the mood to relax yet also do something. Some of you might opt for the movies, while others might enjoy hanging out with a friend or two. Decide what you want to do, then make plans. Let the world revolve around you. Tonight: Keep it easy.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**
★★★★★ Your playful sense of humor comes out with someone who might be very serious. Listen and help this person work through his or her issue. Though you might feel like taking an emotional or financial risk, ask yourself, at what cost? Tonight: Let your hair down.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)**
★★★★ Sometimes the best of intentions can go haywire. Know what is happening within your household or family. A partner could be overly stern and not helpful. Look at how you express yourself, if perhaps you are sending a different message than you intend. Tonight: You don't have to go far.

## Happy birthday

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

This year, tension could build. Many of you will know the reason for this stress. Observe how you might say one thing but do another. Some people might act strangely, not knowing which voice to respond to. This behavior could be a problem. If you are single, you could meet someone through your family, roommates and/or around your home. If you are attached, the two of you might start to love nestling in at home. GEMINI can create a lot of tension.



# MYSTERY PHOTO

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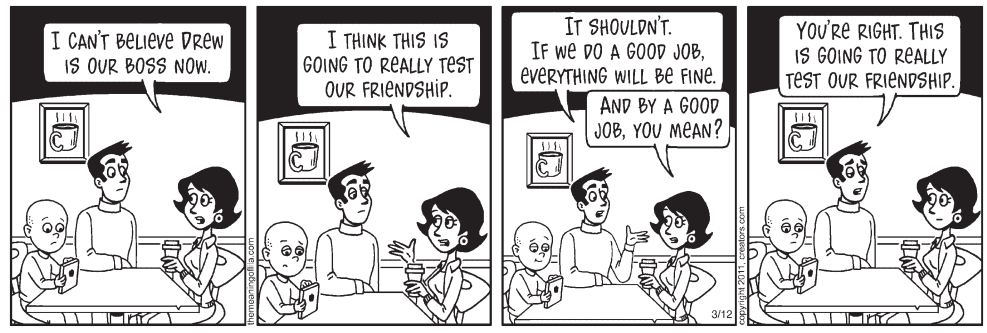
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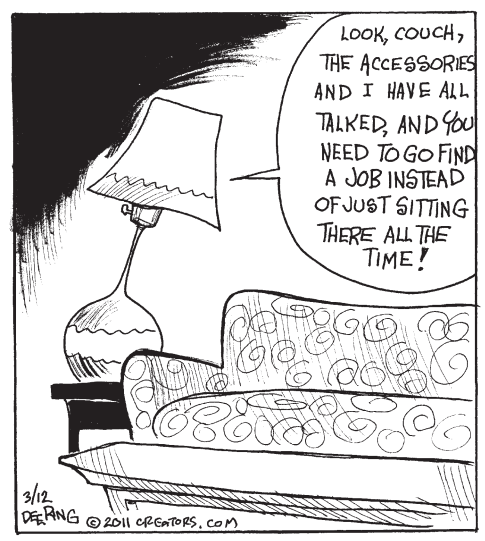

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By Justin Borus and Andrew Feinstein




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By John Deering




## Speed Bump

By Dave Coverly



# Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★★★

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## GETTING STARTED

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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**By THOMAS JOSEPH**

**ACROSS**

**1** Some embroidery
**7** Young ones
**11** Experience anew
**12** In — (sulking)
**13** Lowered
**14** Berth place
**15** Remote buttons
**16** Recital sight
**17** Bud holder
**18** Sequential card game
**19** Role for Peck
**21** Easter symbol
**22** Whatever the outcome
**25** Hightail it
**26** Writer Uris
**27** Some marbles
**29** Ticket
**33** Cohost with Kelly
**34** Cook's herb
**35** The Emerald Isle
**36** Lying flat
**37** Body-shop challenge
**38** Nervous
**39** Jonson works
**40** Map line

**DOWN**

**1** Studies all night
**2** Explain away
**3** Cheer up
**4** Sage
**5** Times for preparation
**6** Was ahead
**7** Short putt
**8** Narcotics
**9** Adolescent
**10** Powerful
**16** Poet Neruda
**18** Cab costs
**20** Jarlsberg feature
**22** Used a bookie
**23** Lennon song
**24** In theory
**25** Texas town
**28** Colors
**30** Tangential comment
**31** Burn a bit
**32** Freezing rain
**34** Short hit
**36** Mayday call

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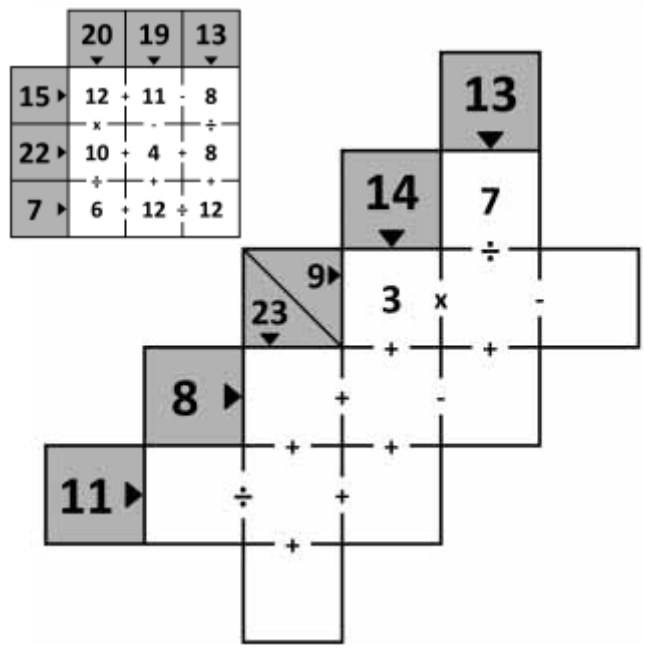
- Fill the grid with the set of given numbers (1 to 12) to satisfy the Equa demands (7 to 24) in the shaded boxes. The Equa demands represent the sum of the digits that you will insert into the empty squares.
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- You must follow the given math operations for each square and you must make sure all the numbers satisfy the demands in the shaded boxes when connected in adjacent threes and calculated together from left to right, and top to bottom.
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Solution for Task 1234




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## NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ (1) During an early-January freeze, an 8-year-old boy, standing across the street from Woodward (Okla.) Middle School, apparently fell for the traditional dare from his brother and licked a metal pole. He had to wait on his tiptoes for emergency responders to come unstick him. (2) In January, John Finch, 44, of Wilmington, Del., became the latest alleged burglar to break in (through a window) and be unable either to climb back out or figure out the automatic locks on the doors (and thus be forced to call 911 on himself to be rescued).

■ The Wall Street Journal reported in March (1996) that New York City photographer (and former Electrolux vacuum cleaner salesman) Eugene Calamari Jr. is a part-time artist who lies on the floor and lets people vacuum him with an upright cleaner, after which he asks the vacuumers to please write down their feelings. According to Calamari, "A lot of people use each other and step on each other's rights." The theme he intends to convey, he said, is "I won't let anyone do this to me."

## TODAY IN HISTORY

**1992** Mauritius becomes a republic while remaining a member of the Commonwealth of Nations.

**1993** Several bombs explode in Bombay (Mumbai), India, killing about 300 and injuring hundreds more.

**1993** North Korea nuclear weapons program: North Korea says that it plans to withdraw from the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty and refuses to allow inspectors access to its nuclear sites.

**1993** The Blizzard of 1993 – Snow begins to fall across the eastern portion of the US with tornadoes, thunder snow storms, high winds and record low temperatures. The storm lasts for 30 hours.

**1994** The Church of England ordains its first female priests.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 20110232604 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 02/11/2011 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as SLEEPING ANGELS CO.. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: LISSETTE

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