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THE LOST IN TRANSLATION ISSUE

Middle schoolers busted with pot

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

CALIFORNIA AVENUE Administrators at Lincoln Middle School have suspended five students following a series of incidents that have involved drug-related arrests, cyber-bullying and altercations reminiscent of the movie, "Fight Club."

Principal Suzanne Webb sent a letter home to parents on Wednesday letting them know of an increase in "three disturbing behaviors" recently taking place among the middle school students, informing that administrators and teachers plan to revisit the Student Code of Conduct regarding actions that could result in suspension.

The letter was sent just days after four students were arrested during school hours on March 13 for alleged possession of marijuana.

Acting on an anonymous tip, Santa Monica Police pulled the students from class around 11:45 a.m., ultimately arresting them and booking a 14-year-old male with possession for sale of marijuana, said SMPD Sgt. Renaldi Thruston. Three students between the ages of 12-13 were booked with possession of marijuana, found to have just under 1 ounce.

The students were booked at the station and later released to their parents.

SMPD officers assigned to Lincoln plan to meet with school parents later this month.

"The big issue is that we (might) have students that were selling drugs and we're very concerned about any drugs on our

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WORK IN PROGRESS: **People walk past the Nu Wilshire Theater on Wilshire Boulevard on Thursday afternoon.**

Rehab begins for Nu Wilshire Theater

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

WILSHIRE BLVD. Construction has begun toward the rehabilitation of a Great Depression-era movie theater that for decades stood as a cultural and architectural icon on one of the busiest streets in Santa Monica.

Crews commenced the restoration and renovation of the Nu Wilshire Theater at 1314-1316 Wilshire Blvd. earlier this month, beginning an approximately $5 million adaptive reuse project that will involve sprucing up the facade of the old movie house and creating commercial spaces inside, which could include everything from retail shops to restaurants and offices.

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STIMULUS

Getting a piece of the big pie

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

DOWNTOWN While it may not be the kind of "shovel ready" project that most people have in mind when they think of the $787 billion in stimulus funding meant to create much-needed jobs, the contract Big Blue Bus has to purchase 15 new hybrid buses is putting people to work all the same.

BBB is expected to receive $12.8 million in stimulus funding from the federal government and use a large portion of that to purchase 15 hybrids from ElDorado National in Riverside. BBB original plan was to purchase only five buses to be used on MiniBlue routes throughout Santa Monica, but when the stimulus check came in, the bus company increased its order.

That means more work for employees at ElDorado, as well as Goodyear, which supplies the tires, and other local companies that are responsible for building the fueling system to power the buses, paint them and deliver them to Santa Monica.

"It's like tossing a rock into a pond," said Dan Dawson, marketing director for BBB. "It creates a lot of ripples."

BBB also plans to use stimulus funding to purchase three articulated buses and three, 40-foot alternative fuel buses to replace those that currently run on bio-diesel and were purchased in 1997. With the purchase,

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An ambivalent Cinderella? A blood-thirsty Little Red Ridinghood? A witch who raps? They're all among the cockeyed characters in James Lapine's and Stephen Sondheim's fractured fairy tale. Tickets to this spring musical are $5 for students and $10 for adults. Call (310) 393-9227 for more information.

Salsa the night away

Isabelle's Salsa/Tango/Pole Dance Academy
1334 Lincoln Blvd., 7 p.m. — 10 p.m.
Friday socials offer you a friendly, relaxed atmosphere to learn how to dance hot salsa. Two classes are offered for both beginners and intermediates. After class, enjoy music, mingle and practice your dance moves. $20 buys the 90-minute class and the social party practice. Free drinks included. Call (310) 392-3493 for more information.

Saturday, March 21, 2009

Antique book road show

Ocean Park Branch Library
2601 Main St., 2 p.m. — 5:30 p.m.
Spend an afternoon with old books at the library. Dr. Michael Cahn from UCLA Department of History will share his book expertise. He is a historian of rhetoric and of print. Bring your book treasures to share and compare, and perhaps solve a riddle or two. Cost is free. Call (310) 392-3804 for more information.

Sunday, March 22, 2009

'My Father's Dragon'

Morgan-Wixson Theatre
2627 Pico Blvd., 11 a.m. — 12:30 p.m.
Fantastical animal costumes and audience participation take you to Tangerina and Wild Island to rescue a baby dragon. This performance is based on Ruth Stiles Gannett's 1948 classic children's book and is best enjoyed by kids four to 10. Seats are $6 to reserve. Call (310) 828-7519 for more information.

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

Offering up different pier perspectives

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

SM PIER Sara Jane Boyers was on her way out the door when she was met with a thick cloud of fog.

Her first reaction was to grab a camera and make a dash toward the Santa Monica Pier, but withheld the urge and continued her plans to go out of town.

But the first thing she did the next day, bright and early, was to take a trip to the pier and shoot away, hoping to capture its natural beauty through the lens of a camera, her medium of choice.

"I didn't have anything specific in mind," the Santa Monica Canyon resident and fine art photographer said. "I started with the pilings underneath, gradually went up to see what it is I could find."

Starting today those shots will be part of a month-long exhibit by the Los Angeles League of Photographers (LALOP) about the historic pier, which is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year.

Held in conjunction with the Santa Monica Pier Restoration Corp's series of centennial events, the exhibit features pieces by 18 different photographers in the organization, ranging in specialties from fine arts to documentary to journalism.

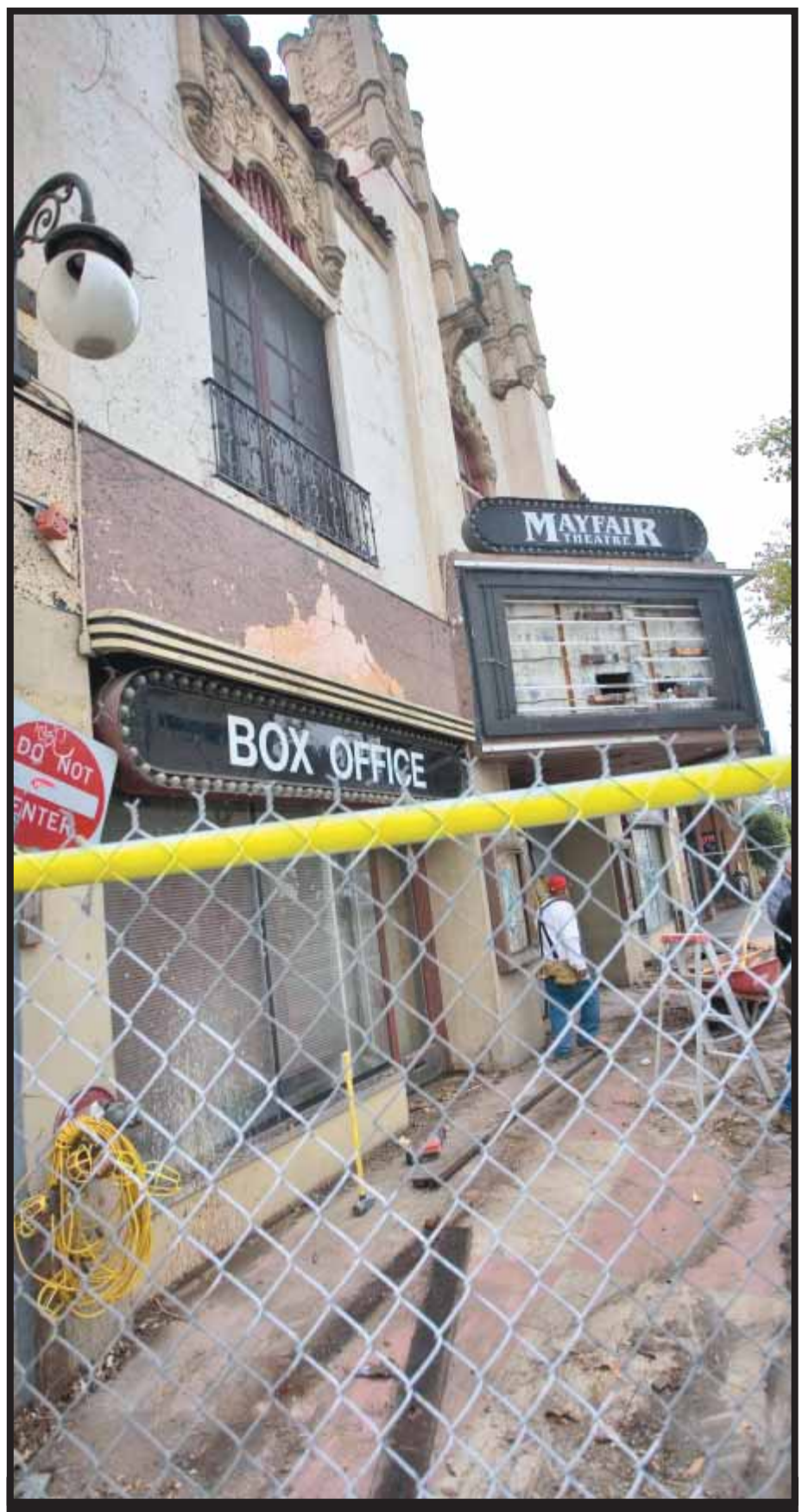
"LALOP at the Pier," which will run through April 18 in the historic Hippodrome, will kick-off tonight with an opening event from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., during which time free carousel rides will be available.

"It is great to reactivate the space not only as a place for youthful exuberance riding the carousel but also as an opportunity to enjoy creative expression," said Ben Franz-Knight, the executive director of the PRC.

Featured in the exhibit are several Santa Monica-based photographers, including Cindy Bendat, a 19-year resident who focuses primarily on documentary and fine art pieces.

She has four pieces hanging in the exhibit that were taken with another set of photos that were published in the book, "Santa Monica Pier: A Century on the Last Great Pleasure Pier," which was released earlier this

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FACE OFF

Brandon Wise *brandonw@smdp.com*

The front of the Mayfair Theatre on Santa Monica Boulevard is exposed as construction crews start the reconstruction process on Thursday. The theatre has sat empty for more than 20 years. The owner plans to build apartments while keeping the landmarked facade intact.

Samohi softball tunes up

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

LANCASTER Most teams use the preseason to tune up for league play, but that isn't the case for the Vikings.

Santa Monica High School's softball team plays in what is widely considered a weak Ocean League. Last season, Samohi not only went undefeated in league play, but also didn't allow a single run during the impressive run.

Problem is, as dominant as that team was during the regular season, it lost in the third round of the California Interscholastic Federation playoffs last season. While Head Coach Debbie Skaggs was careful when discussing the Ocean League's overall weakness, junior Kaile Nakao wasn't as diplomatic.

"Because our league is so weak, these pre-league games help us get ready," Nakao said. "Our league does not help us get ready for the playoffs."

The Vikings will get an opportunity to sharpen their collective skills today as the team prepares to play in the High Desert Classic in Lancaster. Samohi will take on Lancaster High School in that opening matchup at 3 p.m.

Interestingly, also in the same tournament is Crescenta Valley High School. The Vikings have a little history with that team. CV was the school that knocked off Samohi in last year's playoffs.

The tournament in Lancaster has an open format, so there is no guarantee that the two teams will face off, but there is an outside shot that the Vikings will get a chance at redemption.

"Yes for sure, I want to get to that game [against CV]," Skaggs said during a break between classes. "I think we can compete with them."

The Vikings, a team that has begun the season 4-2, have been off their game, Skaggs said. The team's primary hitters, including Nakao, have been cold since the start of the season. In fact, the players

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Rand Stand was blowing smoke

Editor:

I must disagree with the points made within Mr. Watkins' article ("Anti-smoking paternalism is a cancer on American liberty," page 5, March 12) on smoking and the implications of recent anti-smoking laws (which, in Santa Monica, are rarely enforced).

My main dispute with the statements is the minimizing of secondhand smoke. Mr. Watkins writes that the "social costs" on non-smokers is "an argument that perversely uses an injustice created by paternalism to support its expansion" is ridiculous. The Mayo Clinic acknowledges that secondhand smoke is directly related to cancer, heart disease, and lung cancer in adults. For children, the additional risks include stunted growth and development, asthma and other respiratory problems, and middle ear conditions.

In fact, www.rand.org/news/press.02/homesmoking.html specifically states that, "Secondhand tobacco smoke threatens the health of 21 million America children – 35 percent of everyone age 17 and younger – who live in homes where residents or visitors smoke once a week or more."

I disagree with the argument that it is an unfair imposition on smokers. If you want to smoke, do so if you own your own home, if you are in a home of people that are comfortable with the presence of your secondhand smoke, or in your car; all of these examples without children present.

Your employers' philosophy is that "it stands for reason and self-interest." It is reasonable and my right as an individual for me to demand that you minimize your behavior's impact on my health.

There are limits to where you can drink alcohol, where you can have firearms, and against violence; this is to protect the well-being of its citizens.

My hope is that the trend to protect people from secondhand smoke will spread.

Heidi Marshall Booth
Santa Monica

Too much hair

Editor:

Why do some women on TV today
Make me think I'm having a fit?
I blink my eyes and look away.
My mind is seeing Cousin Itt.
Strands of hair hang over their faces.
And sometimes a big hunk covers one eye.
There aren't too many open spaces.
Could somebody please explain why?
Behind all that hair are some pretty faces.
Why are they hidden for us not to see?
There's too much hair in some wrong places.
Find a new style for viewers like me.

Helen Fiske
Santa Monica





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We can all help make the country healthier

OBESITY, HEART DISEASE, AND DIABETES are all health problems on the rise.

They are also conditions that can be minimized and controlled through proper nutrition.

With today's fast-paced lives, taking the time to determine the nutritional breakdown for everything we eat is easier said than done.

And nowhere is this more difficult that when we are eating out, as Americans do more and more each year.

Here in California we saw a step forward with the passage last year of state Sen. Alex Padilla's SB 1420 — requiring nutritional labeling of menu items in chain restaurants.

Now, with the introduction of the federal LEAN (Labeling Education and Nutrition) Act, we have a chance to achieve a uniform national standard, so consumers in all states and communities can benefit.

The LEAN Act would provide consumers dining out at chain restaurants with 20 or more outlets with the kind of nutritional labeling information they need in order to understand the choices they are making and then use that information in ways that are best for their unique health needs.

H.R. 1398 is based on the highly successful federal Nutrition Labeling and Education Act (NLEA), sponsored by our own Congressman Henry Waxman nearly two decades ago, which provided consumers who purchase packaged foods and beverages with comprehensive nutrition information about the food they were buying.

Although this information is now taken for granted, at the time it was a monumental step forward in helping all consumers make healthy choices. The LEAN Act will expand NLEA to include food sold by chain restaurants, giving consumers that same information when they dine out.

But exactly what information consumers are getting is critical.

While current California law requires calorie disclosure on menu boards, having access to only this information out of context can be counterproductive. Just because a jelly donut has fewer calories than a whole wheat bagel does not make it a healthier breakfast option.

Making truly healthy choices requires access to many factors besides calories, including the level of carbohydrates, protein, fiber, sugars, sodium, fat, and cholesterol.

The LEAN Act requires that this full spectrum of nutritional information be made available to anyone who requests it prior to the point of purchase.

Neither national law, nor state and local regulations — even here in California — would give consumers access to more nutritional information when dining out.

There are many reasons to act now on moving forward with a national nutritional labeling standard for restaurants.

In addition to California's alarmingly high obesity rate of 22.6 percent, a recent public opinion poll conducted by Peter D. Hart Research Associates confirms that, while consumers accept responsibility for making their own food choices when eating out, they want more nutrition information to help them to do so.

WHILE CURRENT CALIFORNIA LAW REQUIRES CALORIE DISCLOSURE ON MENU BOARDS, HAVING ACCESS TO ONLY THIS INFORMATION OUT OF CONTEXT CAN BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE. JUST BECAUSE A JELLY DONUT HAS FEWER CALORIES THAN A WHOLE WHEAT BAGEL DOES NOT MAKE IT A HEALTHIER BREAKFAST OPTION.

Moreover, establishing a national nutrition standard has never been more pertinent. With all the discussion of healthcare reform, this bill allows all Americans to proactively reduce the risks of many of our nation's most costly health conditions.

The NLEA has had a profound effect on the choices we make at the grocery store, by providing us with comprehensive nutrition information, and the LEAN Act can do the same in restaurants.

It provides consumers with a complete array of nutritional information, while also taking into account the needs of widely varying restaurants to assess their own situation and the desires of their customers in deciding how best to provide the information.

The LEAN Act provides us with the opportunity to effect a change in the lives of millions of American consumers.

It is more than just a change we can believe in — it is change we can all help implement, for ourselves and for our families.

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Laughing Matters

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A fuel good movie

I'LL BE HONEST, THIS HASN'T BEEN such a great week. Then again, it wasn't so great for Bernie Madoff, who's now about as popular as Hannibal Lecter. Nor for bombastic TV stock analyst Jim Cramer, who was "ripped a new one" on John Stewart's "Daily Show." Nor for Bristol Palin who broke up with Levi Johnston saying he's "too immature." Levi's 19, an unwed father, has no job, but goes to the gym every day.

Levi quit his oil rig job because he didn't have the required high school diploma and last December his mother was indicted on six felony drug charges. So maybe this is a blessing for poor Bristol, who got $300k from People magazine for photos of baby Tripp. (Whose unusual name rivals his uncles' — Track, age 19, and Trig, age 1.)

My week began rather inauspiciously when I dropped my phone in the toilet (apparently that's not good for it). Chatting while cleaning, as I reached for the can of Comet, bingo! I've occasionally said my "career's in the toilet," but never my phone.

Amazingly, the phone still works, except for the "locate" button. Before, when I misplaced it, I'd just follow the beeps. Now "locate" is turning my apartment upside down.

After last Friday's column "Defatso leader of GOP," some readers felt I was ridiculing fat people. No, just Rush Limbaugh. In my previous column, "Maybe Shakespeare was right," I offended some lawyers. The logical progression is that I will offend fat lawyers, for which I'm apologizing in advance.

Actually, I'm very compassionate about weight because it was a huge (no pun intended) issue in my family. As a toddler, my first spoken word might have been "dietetic."

Last Thursday I came home to find Don Waitkins' anti-smoking ban Daily Press column scotch-taped to my door (assuming by a smoker with excess scotch-tape). Watkins, a devotee of the late Ayn Rand, the pro-capitalism icon, unfortunately ignored the reason for smoking bans — the dangers of second-hand smoke. Whoops.

In Canada this past week George Bush spoke in front of 2,000 people at $3,100 a table. Bush promised he would write an "authoritarian book" on his presidency. (Did he he mean authoritative?) I hope in rewriting history he remembers that by eliminating Saddam, we made Iran the region's super power and that the final cost of the Iraq war will be greater than all the bailouts.

Ending the week, Pulitzer Prize winning journalist, Sy Hersh, reported that the U.S. had secret Special Ops death squads, answerable only to Dick Cheney. These squads executed people all over the world without notifying the host country or CIA station chiefs. I can just imagine Cheney's response, "So?"

My malaise was thankfully snapped by watching "Fuel," a documentary playing at the Santa Monica AMC. Even though our environment is eroding faster than anyone predicted (plus eight years of Bush inaction) director/activist Josh Tickell is contagiously optimistic about what each of us can do to help save the planet (unless you're too busy).

Tickell, who has an office on Main Street, was an activist before becoming a filmmaker, but is remarkably adept at the latter. "Fuel" is filled with enthusiasm, humor, and compelling commentary from, among others: Richard Branson, Larry Hagman, Woody Harrelson, Sheryl Crow and Willie Nelson (who tours in a bio-diesel bus which purportedly smells like Kentucky Fried Chicken out the back and Maui-Wowie out the front).

After writing two books on alternative energy, Tickell wanted to reach a larger audience. Following "An Inconvenient Truth," he decided to make a movie. Impressively, in 2008, "Fuel," won Sundance's "Best Documentary Audience Award Winner."

"Fuel" is a very personal story for Tickell, who grew up in the oil-polluted region of Louisiana. In making the documentary he spent two years in a Veggie Van, a Winebago converted to bio-diesel. To get interviews for "Fuel," he drove 2,500 miles cross-country on only used cooking oil.

"Change your fuel, change the world" is Tickell's rallying cry. In the film we encounter many intelligent, dedicated people who are working tirelessly to develop alternative energy, including converting algae and waste into clean power. (Other than bombs, we don't manufacture much in America anymore, but we're number one in waste.)

If Al Gore is the scholarly professor, Tickell is Johnny Appleseed, joyfully spreading green energy. Go to: www.thefuelfilm.com, or, better yet, "Fuel" is at the AMC Santa Monica for at least one more week. Before it's too late (literally and metaphorically) to go see, what many called, the "most hopeful movie of 2008." Be forewarned. It might just make an activist out of you.

Meanwhile, I've misplaced my phone, once again. As I look under the couch I ask myself, "If I were a phone where would I be?" My answer is, "Just so long as it's not in the toilet."

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The Q Line

Backing Bobby

City Councilman Bobby Shriver has recently said he is mulling a run for state attorney general next year.

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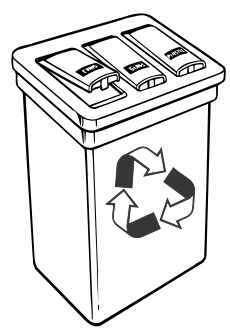
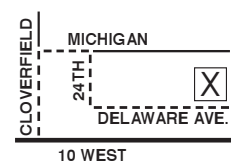
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SUNDAY, MARCH 8, AT 1:42 P.M.,
Santa Monica police officers responded to the 1400 block of Lincoln Boulevard – CVS – regarding a robbery that just occurred. When officers arrived, they made contact with the pharmacist who said two men walked up, with one providing a note demanding prescription drugs. The pharmacist believed the man was armed and gave him some Valium, Xanax, and Norco, a pain reliever. Officers reviewed video footage from the pharmacy and the next day they located one of the suspects. He was placed under arrest after being positively identified by the pharmacist, police said. Officers arrested another man a short time later who was believed responsible for the robbery. Both were booked for robbery. The first suspect was identified as Phillipe Quinones, 40, of Santa Monica. He was also arrested for providing a false name to police, possession of a hypodermic needle, and outstanding warrant and violation of probation. His bail was set at $86,000. The second suspect was identified as Kai Sinclair Teeguarden, 24, a transient. He was also booked for possession of drug paraphernalia and violation of probation. His bail was set at $50,000. Some of the drugs were recovered, police said.

MONDAY, MARCH 9, AT 1:30 P.M.,
Officers responded to the 600 block of Wilshire Boulevard – 7-Eleven – regarding a report of a man interfering with business. When officers arrived, they made contact with a convenience store employee who said a man was digging in the trash can out front and was aggressively panhandling. The clerk asked the man to leave, but he refused. Officers were notified and made contact with the man, who allegedly gave them a fake name. Officers placed the man under arrest, but he resisted and refused to get into the police car. At one point the man kicked the car, causing visible damage, police said. He was eventually subdued and booked for felony vandalism, removing items from a trash can, resisting arrest, providing a false name to police, an outstanding warrant and violation of probation. The suspect was identified as Sherome Purcell, 27, a transient. No bail was set.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, AT 4:40 P.M.,
Officers on patrol in the 1200 block of Seventh Street observed a man urinating in the alley. Officers contacted the man and determined he was too drunk to care for himself and placed the man under arrest for public intoxication and urinating in public. The suspect was identified as Mark Lawrence Johnson, 46, a transient. His bail was set at $250.

FRIDAY, MARCH 13, AT 4:10 P.M.,
Investigators from the SMPD Vice Unit conducted a prostitution sting at Oriental Shiatsu Massage, located in the 1900 block of Santa Monica Boulevard. Detectives said they received several tips that the massage parlor was operating as a brothel. Officers arrested a woman for prostitution and disobeying several requirements of the Santa Monica Municipal Code. The suspect was identified as Sung Ja Anderson, 38, from Los Angeles. Her bail was set at $2,000.

FRIDAY, MARCH 13, AT 1:55 P.M.,
Officers responded to a report of a robbery in the 1500 block of Fifth Street. The victim told officers that an acquaintance grabbed her wallet out of her hand and took off running. A responding officer saw the suspect running from the victim and gave chase. The officer caught up with the suspect and placed him under arrest for robbery, resisting arrest, two outstanding warrants and violation of probation. He was identified as Joshua Slavash Basseri, 22, a transient. His bail was set at $67,500.

SUNDAY, MARCH 15, AT 9:09 P.M.,
Officers responded to the 1500 block of Lincoln Boulevard – Denny's – regarding a report of a man who refused to pay his bill. When officers arrived, they made contact with the store manager who said the suspect ordered $28.19 worth of food, ate it and then continued to sit in the restaurant for roughly four hours. When the waitress asked the man to pay his bill, the man allegedly laughed at her. Officers later learned that the man had no money and placed him under arrest for defrauding an inn keeper and violation of probation. The suspect was identified as Nicholas Ray Velasquez, 26, a transient. His bail was set at $500.

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Obama visit juices up electric vehicle plant

BY JOHN ROGERS
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POMONA Whether President Barack Obama's California visit rallied sufficient support for his economic stimulus package remains to be seen, but his arrival Thursday definitely juiced the spirits of those who have toiled for years here building, testing and maintaining the kind of electric-powered cars Obama says are the nation's future.

In the 16 years since it opened, Southern California Edison's Electric Vehicle Technical Center has quietly logged a number of firsts. Among them, first consumer field test of General Motors' pioneering EV1 electric vehicle and first conversion of a heavy-duty, gasoline-powered boom truck to gas-electric hybrid.

Edison itself maintains a fleet of more than 300 electric and gas-electric hybrid vehicles that it says has logged more than 17 million miles.

But at a company whose name often lands in the news only after a power blackout, there was some concern over whether anybody was paying attention.

"We've been at times feeling maybe a little lonely out there with our support for electric transportation," Edison International Chairman Ted Craver Jr. said after showing Obama around the plant. "To have this recognition, this exposure of electric transportation and what we have been able to accomplish is just a real thrill for the company."

At the center, located in a gritty industrial neighborhood sandwiched by auto repair shops and rattled by passing freight trains, more than a dozen employees test, maintain and repair vehicles, including those in Edison's fleet.

"We're not just driving 'em around the track," Craver said. "We've got our own meter readers using electric vehicles, have been for years. We've got utility vehicles, the bucket trucks and that type of thing."

During his visit, Obama made the case for government investment of billions of dollars to develop fuel-efficient cars and provide an electric grid to support them. He called for putting 1 million plug-in hybrid vehicles on America's roads by 2015.

"It's certainly doable," Craver said of that figure.

"Whether you capture everybody's enthusiasm and get the adoption, of course, is part of what all of this is about," he said of Obama's visit. "To get people to understand what the benefits are and how it could really be good for the system and good for the individual."

Mexican girl can stay in U.S. during custody battle

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

HUNTINGTON BEACH A Mexican girl living in California will be allowed to stay while her parents wage a cross-border custody battle, a federal appeals court ruled.

The decision Wednesday by a panel of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals overturned a U.S. District Court decision that would have sent the 11-year-old girl to Mexico, where her father has lived.

The girl, who was identified in court documents only as Brianna, will be allowed to remain in the United States during the custody dispute because she is "settled." The court said the decision would prevent further "distress" to the child and appears to establish that stability be considered for children caught in similar international custody disputes.

The father, Ivan Nemecio Salmeron, filed the action under the Hague Convention, which was enacted "to protect children internationally from the harmful effects of their wrongful removal or retention." Salmeron accused the girl's mother, Geremias Brito, of wrongfully keeping their daughter in the U.S. for years beyond a 2002 visit.

Brito lives in Huntington Beach in Orange County.

Neither parent has legal U.S. residency even though they have spent years in the country.

Salmeron spent eight years in the United States and was deported for three criminal infractions, while Brito spent most of her life in the U.S. from 1988 and 1996. The parents, who are unmarried, returned to Mexico together and Brianna was born in Mexico in 1996.

Brito eventually left Salmeron in 2001 and took her daughter back to Orange County, where she encountered some financial hardship and had to send her daughter back to Mexico for school.

Brianna returned returned to the U.S. in 2002 for what her father thought was going to be a visit.

Instead, the girl stayed for five years and when Salmeron could no longer reach or see her, he petitioned U.S. and Mexican authorities to intervene.

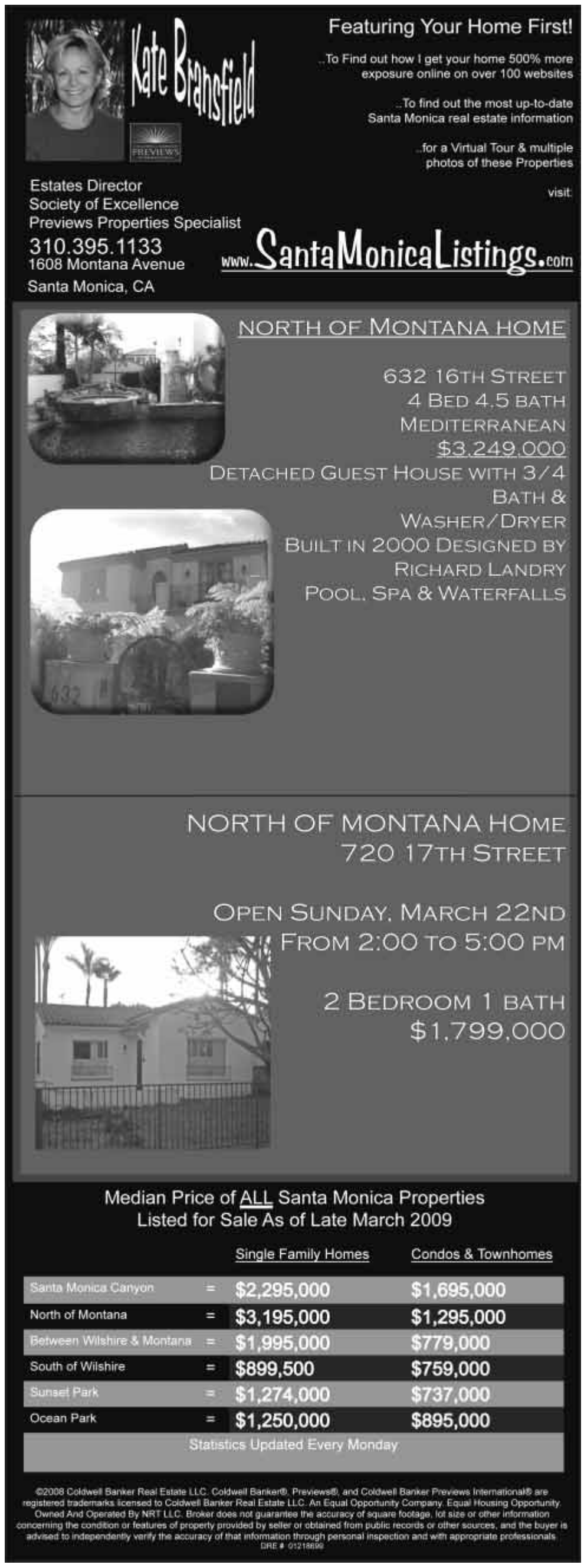
In 2007 a federal court in Santa Ana ruled to repatriate the child, and Brito appealed to the 9th Circuit.

The panel cited the girl's good grades, bilingual skills and activities including being captain of her soccer team as evidence that she had settled in the U.S.

"What's so important about this ruling being built into the Hague Convention is that it's looking after the best interests of the child in these situations and that was vindicated here," said Brito's pro bono attorney Mark T. Cramer.

The 9th Circuit panel noted that its decision was limited to the purpose of establishing where Brianna will live during custody proceedings and was not intended to determine where she will live in the future or in whose custody.

"In California, as in most states, that determination will be made by giving the foremost consideration to Brianna's best interests," it said.



Lincoln MS tackles cyberbullying, fights and marijuana

FROM **STUDENTS** PAGE 1

campus and we'll deal with it as per our board policy," Superintendent Tim Cuneo said.

If found guilty of selling drugs, the student will be automatically expelled, Cuneo said.

Another student involved in a fight on campus this week has also been suspended.

Thruston said he has not received any reports about a Fight Club-like altercation on campus. The letter sent by Webb states that such activities are occurring among students.

Calling it "fight promoting," the incident involves a student organizer who targets two possible opponents. The fight usually involves other students who watch and bet money on the outcome.

"If the target refuses to engage in the fight, he/she is expected to repay the bystanders the amount of their initial bets," Webb states in the letter. "Sometimes the student organizer posts the fight on the Internet."

Cyberbullying, which involves using technology to bully, has been an increasingly growing problem in schools across the country as more students communicate through text messages and social networking sites like Facebook and MySpace. The issue prompted the SMPD to produce a film starring Santa Monica High School students called "Send or Delete," which premiered last year.

The district has banned social networking sites from its computers. The cyberbullying incident took place several weeks ago, Cuneo said.

"We've been proactive in dealing with these issues," he said. "These are kids and my concern is we want to protect the safety and welfare of all children there and do not want drugs on our campus because there are drugs in the community."

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A tug boat can be seen despite the thick fog that blanketed Santa Monica Bay Thursday morning.

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Be prepared

Following a recent case of accidental poisonings of children at a daycare in Arkansas, who were mistakenly served blue windshield-wiper fluid as Kool-Aid, Los Angeles County health officials are reminding residents to assess and ensure the safety of their homes.

The warning comes during National Poison Prevention Week.

Officials want residents to check their kitchens, bathrooms and garages for hazards, such as improperly stored or labeled chemicals.

"More than 90 percent of poisonings occur in the home, and the majority of these occur in children younger than six years old," said Jonathan E. Fielding, director of public health. "These tragic incidents can be avoided with simple, preventive steps such as keeping all medication, cleaning products and other household chemicals locked away in a secure cabinet."

Other tips for keeping homes safe include:

• Be careful of look-alikes: many household cleaners, such as

window cleaner or antifreeze, can be bright colors, and may be easily mistaken for fruit or sports drinks. Make sure cleaning products are kept out of the kitchen and away from children.

• Keep cleaning or other products in their original containers to make it easier to identify.

• Double-check medications before giving them to children or taking them yourself.

• Use child-resistant packaging properly by closing the container securely after each use.

• Keep a well-stocked first aid kit with emergency instructions inside. Keep in mind that the American Academy of Pediatrics no longer recommends keeping a bottle of ipecac syrup at home to induce vomiting. Instead, always keep the phone number for your doctor, and the phone number for the California Poison Control System Action Line (1-800-222-1222) near your home phone.

For more information or questions about all poisonings, contact the California Poison Control System's Action Line at: (800) 222-1222 or at www.calpoison.org/. The toll-free number is available 24 hours per day, 7 days per week, and 365 days per year from any telephone. Language translators are available by request to assist any caller. DAILY PRESS





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ROLLING: **A Big Blue Bus leaves the parking yard on Colorado Boulevard Thursday afternoon. BBB will receive more than $12 million under the federal stimulus, which will be spent on new, hybrid buses, creating jobs for a Riverside-based bus manufacturer and Goodyear, which supplies the tires.**

BBB and City Hall taking advantage of stimulus bill

FROM **BBB** PAGE 1

BBB will have a fleet entirely comprised of LNG and hybrid buses.

While the stimulus funding will not offset changes to bus schedules enacted because of cuts from the state level, Dawson said the money allows BBB to lay the ground work for the future by upgrading its infrastructure. Many of the new buses will help connect residents and visitors to the Exposition Light Rail Line. The buses are cleaner and quieter than those currently operating on some MiniBlue routes, which often travel down residential streets, creating a concern for neighbors. The new buses are expected to bring some relief, Dawson said.

Tony Wayne, president of ElDorado National California, refused to comment on the BBB contract.

Dawson said BBB was fortunate because it had a contract in place with ElDorado before the stimulus was approved, putting it in a great position to lobby for funds because it was shovel ready.

City Hall has a few projects that meet that criteria. During a visit to Washington, D.C. last week, city officials and local business leaders met with lawmakers from Southern California, including Sen. Dianne Feinstein and Congressman Henry Waxman, made their pitch for funding, demonstrating how City Hall is ready and waiting.

A major project discussed involves creating a storage tank under Memorial Park that could hold one million gallons of recycled water to be used for irrigation, helping Santa Monica reduce its water usage, which is key given the current drought California is experiencing, said John Bohn, past president of the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce, who was in D.C. working with the Santa Monica coalition's water team.

"What was a great surprise to me was when we were shown pictures of various reservoirs in the state and how they normally appear and where we are now," Bohn said. "We are facing a real water problem."

The trip not only gave officials a chance to talk about particular projects locally, but to also network with representatives from Northern California, where work needs to be done updating the water system.

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger issued a statement Tuesday in which he identified the water system as a priority when it comes to spending stimulus dollars. The state's Department of Transportation will begin replacing two bridges in Merced County, the first stimulus-funded project in California. It could mean more than 840 jobs there alone. California leaders have already approved plans to use $625 million on 57 transportation projects statewide, according to MSNBC.

By building the storage tank at Memorial Park, City Hall could increase storage capacity to 1.5 million gallons, 500,000 of which already comes from the Santa Monica Urban Runoff Recycling Facility, or SMURRF.

Kate Vernez, the assistant to the city manager in charge of intergovernmental relations, said City Hall received authorization for the project and now is awaiting funding.

Conserving water in Santa Monica is crucial given that City Hall imports 80 percent of its drinking water from the Metropolitan Water District because wells in the city are contaminated with MtBE, a dangerous fuel additive that leaked into the groundwater. City Hall is in the process of cleaning the wells thanks to a multi-million dollar settlement with three major oil companies.

During the D.C. trip, city officials also asked for money to help repair and maintain streets, in particular Santa Monica Boulevard. There was also a request for new traffic signal upgrades, all of which are shovel-ready projects, Vernez said.

"The money is out there and they want to spend it quickly," she said. "We want to make sure we are standing in line."

Other projects include a sewer main replacement, upgrades to the drinking water system and purchasing more computers for libraries. City Hall also asked for money to help with upgrades to the Santa Monica Pier infrastructure.

"It was a very productive meeting," Vernez said. "Very much on point."

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Exhibit features several local photographers

FROM **EXHIBIT** PAGE 3

year for the centennial. The photos in the exhibit were not published in the book, which was written by James Harris.

Bendat, who is co-curating the show with Boyers, said she shot the pier from different angles, including one from a Harbor Patrol boat, a Cessna plane, roller coaster and atop the Ferris wheel.

"I think (the pier) is Santa Monica's most important symbol and it's obviously a place that has gone through major changes in 100 years of existence," Bendat said. "But it remains as originally intended, a place for people to enjoy the ocean and enjoy the views and have fun."

She is joined by Santa Monica photographer Barbara Gluck, who was one of two women who covered the Vietnam War.

Gluck's one piece in the exhibit is a shot of the pier at sunset, taken from Palisades Park.

Along with the other photographers, Gluck said she has fond memories of the pier, seeing it for the first time during a visit to Santa Monica in the 1980s when she went to see a meditation teacher who had a tent nearby. She moved to the city about 12 years ago.

"I would go on the pier all the time," she said. "The pier was always a symbol of Santa Monica for me so I really love it."

The exhibit aims to show its audience the photographers' own perspective of the pier. The photos hang on the wall of the Hippodrome, showing recognizable elements of the pier, including the Arlington West memorial, the Ferris Wheel, and the wooden planks.

"We would like them to get a different view of the pier," Boyers said.

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Vikings hit the road — again

FROM **SOFTBALL** PAGE 3

doing the most damage at the plate weren't the usual suspects.

Sophomore Danielle Hearn has proven to be one of the least expected, yet most appreciated, contributors to the team thus far. Hearn's contributions during the MaxPreps tournament in Arizona last week helped make the visit a successful one. The team notched three victories during the road trip.

"She came up big during the [Anaheim] Canyon game," Skaggs said. "She really hit with a lot of power."

If the Vikings are to make the High Desert Classic a successful trip, it may have consequences down the road as the team hopes to make a deep run into the playoffs.

"We have a strong team this year," Nakao said. "Once we come around with hitting, we'll be very strong."

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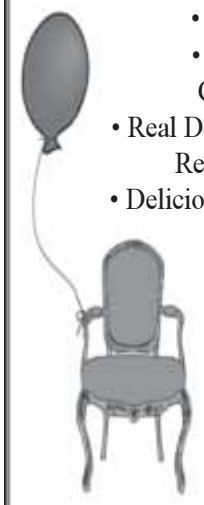


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DIGGING IN THE DIRT: **The Nu Wilshire Theater is currently being redeveloped.**

Theater begins second life

FROM **THEATER** PAGE 1

Work is expected to conclude by the beginning of September, said Max Netty, the owner of Soundview Investment Partners in Century City, which acquired the property in 2001.

Designed by the late architect John Montgomery Cooper in the art deco style, the building enjoyed a long run as a movie theater over the past seven decades, specializing in foreign and independent films in its later years before closing in late 2007.

In addition to a theater, the building also housed a jewelry shop and shoe repair store.

While Netty said he purchased the theater with the intent of rehabilitating through adaptive reuse, he faced some challenges last year when the Landmarks Commission voted to historically preserve the building with some extra strings attached, including requiring that the marquis — which is not original — and patterned terrazzo-style floor remain.

"I was disappointed that it would landmark the building at the time and I just thought that maybe some of the restrictions that they were putting on the project were not feasible," Netty said. "But I feel the commission was open-minded and they were fair … hopefully it will turnout to be a beautiful building that will benefit everyone."

The owner did file an appeal to the landmarks designation, subsequently withdrawing the challenge, according to the commission's meeting minutes from July 2008.

Netty said that he is focusing on the facade of the building, which, according to the landmarks designation, should remain relatively the same aesthetically. The marquis, which replaced the original art deco one sometime after 1938, will serve as the sign for the new businesses.

There were approximately half a dozen theaters that opened from 1920-1940 and the Nu Wilshire is just one of two that remain in the city. The Aero Theater, which was designed by Donald Douglas, remains in operation on Montana Avenue nearly 70 years after it opened.

"This was a great example of art deco and the style is not prevalent in the city," said Barbara Kaplan, the chairwoman of the Landmarks Commission.

Kaplan said the commission felt the preservation of the marquis and terrazzo floor were important, viewing them as key contributing elements that made the theater architecturally significant, remaining in case the owner decides to revert the building back to a movie house someday.

"You always hope for that," she said. "It's sad when the use of the theater disappeared but it's not in (the commission's) purview to control use."

Though the property was purchased about eight years ago, Netty cited the long entitlement process and navigation through city permitting and landmarking as the reasons why the project took so long to begin.

"We've been working diligently with the city of Santa Monica and the Landmarks Commission to do what is best for the building and to refrain from doing anything that would take away from the integrity of the building and in fact enhancing the building to its utmost integrity."

He added that the commission's staff, including planner Roxanne Tanemori, has been helpful.

The renovated building was at one time rumored to bring in Anchor Blue and Lucky Dungarees as tenants, which Netty dispelled.

The type of tenants that will move in has yet to be determined, thought the owner said he is leaning toward retail.

"My vision is to have a jewel of a building on Wilshire Boulevard that we can all be proud of," Netty said.

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Richardson death revives debate on ski helmets

BY MEGAN K. SCOTT
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NEW YORK News that actress Natasha Richardson died of head injuries after falling on a ski slope has renewed debate over whether helmets should be mandatory for snowboarders and downhill skiers.

The 45-year-old actress was not wearing a helmet when she fell Monday at Mont Tremblant ski resort in Quebec. She died Wednesday in a New York hospital.

It's unclear whether a helmet could have saved Richardson. But research shows wearing a helmet decreases the likelihood of having a head injury by 40 to 60 percent, said Dr. Robert Williams, associate professor of anesthesia and pediatrics at Fletcher Allen Health Care in Burlington, Vt.

"There's no downside at all to wearing a helmet," he said.

The National Ski Areas Association is not aware of any states that mandate helmets, but the association and its member resorts promote their use, and a growing number of skiers and snowboarders choose to wear them.

According to the group, nearly half of U.S. skiers and snowboarders wore helmets in the past two years, up from about 25 percent five years earlier. Sales of helmets have grown at a rate of about 9 percent each year since 2005-2006, according to SnowSports Industries America.

Quebec officials said Thursday that they are considering making helmets mandatory on ski slopes following Richardson's accident. Emergency room doctors had been lobbying for the requirement, and Richardson's death added impetus to the plans, said Jean-Pascal Bernier, a spokesman for the sports minister.

"By no means will a helmet save you 100 percent but it's definitely a step in the right direction to try to prevent brain damage or something like that," said Valerie Powell of the Canada Safety Council.

But the National Ski Areas Association, based in Lakewood, Colo., stops short of calling for legislation.

The increase in helmet usage has not reduced the overall number of ski fatalities; more than half of the people involved in fatal accidents last season were wearing helmets at the time of the incident, according to information gathered by the group.

And ski and snowboarding-related deaths are relatively rare. During the 2004-2005 season, 45 fatalities occurred out of the 56.9 million skier/snowboarder days reported for the season, according to NSAA.

Helmets may be effective at preventing minor injuries, but they have not been shown to reduce fatalities, said Jasper Shealy, a professor emeritus at the Rochester Institute of Technology who has been studying skiing and snowboarding since 1970.

He encourages people to wear helmets, although he suspects they may give people a false sense of security to engage in risky stunts. Helmets work better at slow speeds, he said, when they can protect against injuries caused by collisions with solid objects.

Ski operators are among the most vocal opponents to mandated helmet use.

Alexis Boyer of the Quebec Ski Areas Association said 90 percent of youngsters under 12 already use helmets, but making that law would put operators in the position of having to police their guests, many of whom come from outside the province and country and may not be aware of the requirements.

Still, people tend to change their behavior as a result of high-profile deaths.

Andrea Fereshteh, 29, a writer at Duke University, said she started wearing a helmet after the ski-related deaths of Sonny Bono and Michael Kennedy. Both crashed into trees.

"It just became much more publicized about the need for helmets," she said.

Richardson's death is likely to hit home for skiers because she was on a beginner slope when she fell. Resort officials say she seemed fine immediately afterward and even refused to see a doctor but that she began complaining of a headache about an hour later and was rushed to hospital.

Scott Kerschbaumer, a former ski instructor who has never worn a helmet, considered Bono's and Kennedy's skiing deaths to be the result of high-speed, somewhat reckless behavior.

Parents aren't sure what to do about peanut allergies

BY HOLLY RAMER
Associated Press Writer

CONCORD, N.H. One mom says she'd be first in line for a promising treatment that exposes children with peanut allergies to tiny amounts of peanut flour. Another remains fearful, with the painful image of her son's face blown up beyond recognition still fresh in her mind.

While some parents of children with life-threatening peanut allergies see a glimmer of hope in a recent study suggesting a possible cure, others remain dubious that it will ever change their children's lives.

"It's like when we were growing up 20 years ago and we saw the flip phones on Star Trek that was going to be the wave of the future, but we thought that would never happen," said Eva Stilkey of Raymond, N.H. "It's great, but those of us who live with the disappointment and the reality of it, you kind of protect yourself. We really do hope it happens someday, but we don't want to have false hope."

Earlier this week, scientists announced the findings of a small study that involved giving a handful of highly allergic children tiny amounts of peanut flour daily for more than two years. Gradually, the children became less sensitive, and so far, five show no remaining sign of the allergy.

Larger studies are beginning to see if the treatment works for more people and how long it lasts. But it was big news for the nearly 2 million Americans who are allergic to peanuts.

Stilkey's son, Nicholas, who turns 5 on Friday, was 2Ω when a single bite of peanut butter pie sparked a severe reaction.

"We had him spit it out, and when he did, when he lifted his head back up. I couldn't even recognize him. His face was blown up to a point where there was no separation between his nose or his lips. He was stuffing his hands frantically down his throat trying to breathe," she said.

Stilkey considers the study participants heroes, but she's in no hurry to follow in their footsteps.

"I am full of complete admiration for the parents and those children who put themselves through that because I know as a mother, I would be absolutely fearful to try to put Nick through that, just because I've seen what happened to him," she said.

Tamara Leibowitz, who runs a support group for parents of children with food allergies in Portsmouth, N.H., said it would be a leap of faith to subject her son to small doses of what essentially has been considered poison, but "I think we'd jump at the chance."

"My son would be terrified at the beginning, but he's been paying attention, too, even at 9 years old, and he's really encouraged by what he sees," she said, describing her own reaction as "cautiously optimistic."

In Orange County, Calif., Louise Larsen said she, too, would seek out the treatment if it becomes available.

"Would I put my child through that? Sure, if I sat right next to her, and we went very slowly and it was in a very controlled setting," said Larsen, whose 12-year-old daughter is allergic to peanuts. But she said she would never be completely convinced that the allergy was gone.

"Even if they did conclude she no longer had any allergy, as her mom, I'm going to send an EpiPen with her until she goes to college," she said, describing the portable injections used to treat anaphylaxis, a severe allergic reaction marked by swelling of the throat or tongue, hives, and breathing trouble.

Another California mom, Lori Fletcher, would be just as eager to try the treatment on her 6-year-old son, though she and other parents worry that publicity over the breakthrough would create more misconceptions about food allergies. She doesn't want people who have heard the news to assume that it means her son now can have "just a little bit" of food containing peanuts. "We still need to be avoiding it," she said.

But she also found the news inspiring, and plans to use it to promote an upcoming fundraising walk.

"I hope people take from it that if we do raise money, we can get a treatment fairly soon," said Fletcher, of Danville, Calif.

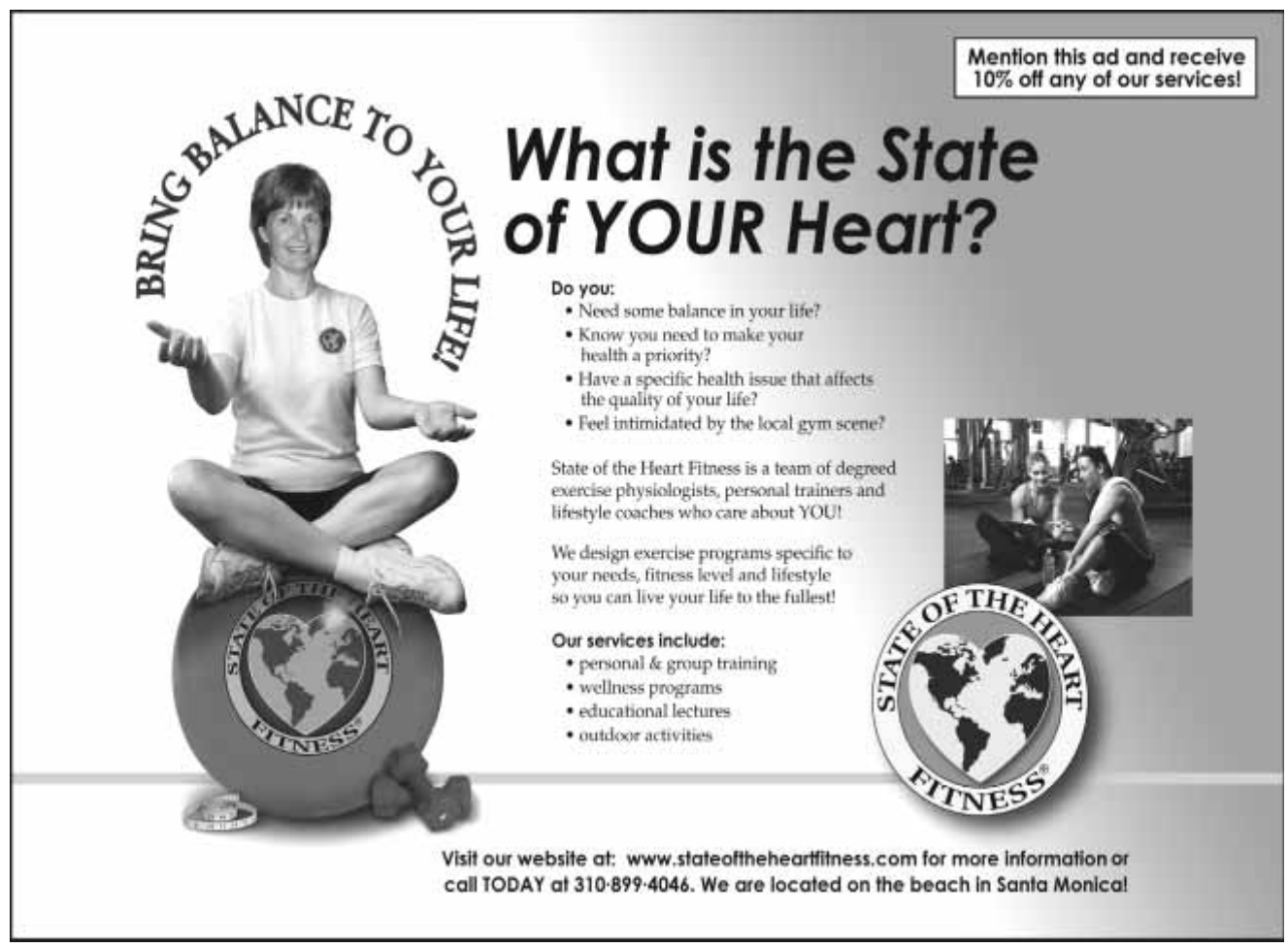
In the meantime, parents said they will remain vigilant, obsessively checking each food label and ensuring their children's safety at home and school.

"Every time you think you finally have come to a point where you can sit back a little and trust the school has everything in place, you get the phone call that someone has brought this in by mistake," said Stilkey.

Lori Pelletier-Baker, of Concord, N.H., hasn't faced that situation yet because her 4-year-old daughter isn't in school, but kindergarten is just around the corner.

"It is a constant weight that I think everybody, including Kaleigh, carries on their shoulders," she said. This week's breakthrough doesn't lessen that weight, she said.

"There's that piece of me that thinks, 'Wow, that's so amazing!' But the reality is that it may take a long time to reach us," she said. "I'm not going to give up hope, but I know that things aren't going to change any time soon."



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Laid-off 20-somethings find new disappointment

BY MEGAN K. SCOTT
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK Molly Stach thought she was doing everything right until she got laid off from her public relations job in December. Since then, the 26-year-old has been struggling with self-doubt.

"Why don't they want to hire me?" she asked of the companies not responding to the resumes she sends out each week. "I went through four years of college, graduated. You get praised while you are working and then all the sudden you are not employable."

For 20-somethings who are losing their first or second jobs because of the recession, the economic downturn has been an especially bitter pill. Many of them have been raised to believe they can do anything and be anything, and are finding their high expectations dashed.

"Many were raised to believe that the world was their oyster," said Alexandra Robbins, author of "Conquering Your Quarterlife Crisis." "And in this kind of economy, that's just not the case."

The national unemployment rate for people ages 20 to 24 was 12.9 percent in February, up from 9 percent a year ago and higher than the overall unemployment rate of 8.1 percent, according to Bureau of Labor Statistics. For those ages 25 to 29, the rate — not seasonally adjusted — was 10.6 percent.

Getting laid-off is a humbling experience for Gen Yers, many of whom have never experienced real financial hardship or big disappointment, said Nancy Molitor, a clinical psychologist in Wilmette, Ill. She said many of her young adult patients feel depressed, devastated and uneasy about their future.

"A lot of these kids grew up thinking they were going to be able to have it all," she said. "They feel frozen just when they should feel excited and hopeful about the future."

While 20-somethings don't generally have the responsibilities of older workers, getting laid off is in other ways a harder blow because they are still trying to figure out what to do with their lives and are "ardent about doing something meaningful for a living," Robbins said.

Craig Hengel, 27, of St. Cloud, Minn., was surprised to be let go from his job at a printing company.

"Losing my job is something I never thought about because I am educated, very hard working ... and have never had to deal with something like this," he said. "I don't really know what to do next and I'm not finding much answers."

In previous recessions, companies tended to let go of more senior workers because of their high salaries, said Andrew Sum, director of the Center for Labor Market Studies at Northeastern University. But he said younger workers are faring worse this time around as employers hold on to the workers who have knowledge, experience and better work habits.

A growing number of workers over age 60 have also been returning to the work force and capturing jobs that would have gone to young adults, he added.

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Brianna D'Amico, 23, was the first to go at the high-end retail group where she landed a job in Washington, D.C. She had been there six months when the company restructured; everyone else had five or more years of experience.

"It really hurts to lose a job that you really like, that you were good at, that you were praised for being good at," said D'Amico, who is collecting unemployment. "For a while I felt so embarrassed I was laid off."

In some ways, growing up in a time of plenty has made it harder for 20-somethings to adjust because they have to learn new skills, such as budgeting, living frugally and staying out of debt, said Dr. Judith Orloff, author of "Emotional Freedom: Liberate Yourself From Negative Emotions and Transform Your Life."

Still, she added, many have a youthful outlook that there's plenty of time to fix things and get back on track.

Some are hitting up the bank of mom and dad, though mom and dad are experiencing their own financial struggles. Others are looking at the situation as an opportunity.

Hengel has taken an unpaid internship in music PR while he searches for another job. He is also moving closer to the Twin Cities, where there are more career opportunities. Darnell Holloway, 24, who was let go from an investment bank in San Franciso, is considering graduate school. He's already started studying for the GMAT.

Stach, of Wakefield, R.I., is using her free time to blog. And D'Amico, who has cut out shopping sprees, has rented four seasons of her favorite melodrama "The O.C." She also spends hours looking for jobs and hits the gym five times a week.

"I know something will come for me, something good is around the corner," she said. "Until then, I'm taking suggestions."

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MLB

Dodgers want players to give something back

BY BETH HARRIS
AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES Manny Ramirez's presence will be felt long after his time with the Los Angeles Dodgers ends. The slugger's recent signing has inspired the club to institute a so-called "Ramirez provision" in all of its future contracts.

Players signing with the team will be required to donate a portion of their salary to the Dodgers Dream Foundation, team owner Frank McCourt said Thursday.

"Every future Dodger will be asked to fill in a blank line," he said in remarks to Town Hall Los Angeles. "They're making a lot of money, these players. We won't tell them how much to contribute, that wouldn't be right."

Ramirez agreed to make a $1 million donation when he accepted a $45 million, two-year deal earlier this month to return to the NL West champions. He can void the second season of the deal and again become a free agent.

"He reacted extremely positively to a Manny clause," McCourt said. "He really liked it."

McCourt said he went into a 6 a.m. meeting with Ramirez and the player's agent Scott Boras at the owner's Malibu home on March 4 ready to call it quits.

"It was a crucial meeting," McCourt said. "We were fully prepared not to sign him if that meeting didn't go well, if he didn't embrace the way we do business, the Dodger culture."

The face-to-face meeting came after weeks of protracted negotiations that led to offers and subsequent rejections.

"His agent is a challenge. It's not a secret," McCourt told an audience of about 150 business leaders and high school students at the Millennium Biltmore hotel.

"The economy made it a challenge. Manny had an expectation of a much longer and much bigger contract, and that just wasn't going to happen in this economy."

Re-signing Ramirez wasn't a typical negotiation for McCourt, a businessman used to wheeling and dealing.

"What made this different was the public interest," he said. "We got great feedback. We were in sync with our fans from the get-go. We were doing what our fans wanted — bring him back with parameters.

"We clearly have the best team we've had since we came here (five years ago)."

Not all of McCourt's deals have panned out, most notably Andruw Jones, a $36.2 million bust who was released in mid-January.

Heralded as the answer to the Dodgers' power-hitting void when he agreed to a two-year contract in December 2007, Jones was injured part of last season and out of shape. He was mostly ineffective otherwise, hitting only .158 with three home runs and 14 RBIs in 75 games.

"I'm the same guy who said, 'Go sign Andruw Jones,'" McCourt said. "That's how smart I am."

McCourt is gambling that Ramirez's tenure will bring much better results.

"I think this is going to be the best phase of his career, better than Cleveland and Boston, but we'll see," he said.

The worldwide economic meltdown impacted Ramirez's hoped for price, and it's having an effect on the Dodgers, too.

"Our sponsorship sales are hanging in there very, very well," McCourt said. "What we'll see is a change in our ticket sales, increased individual game sales and a drop-off in full-season sales."

McCourt said it's too early to project the exact downturn in season ticket sales.

The team's $500 million plan to continue renovating Dodger Stadium by adding shopping and restaurants behind center field and escalators connecting all levels is in the approval process, which could take about eight months, he said.

Funding will come later, even if it causes the project to miss its completion date of 2012, he said.

"What is the economics of the game going to look like in a year?" McCourt said. "I'm an optimist and I believe there's tremendous opportunity out there for those who are willing to take a risk. Doing it right is far more important than when it's finished."

MLB

Prosecutor suggests probation for Tejada

BY NEDRA PICKLER
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON A federal prosecutor on Thursday recommended that All-Star shortstop Miguel Tejada get probation and no prison time for misleading Congress about the use of performance-enhancing drugs.

U.S. attorney Jeffrey Taylor said in a memo to Federal Magistrate Judge Alan Kay that Tejada deserves that reduced sentence because he has admitted wrongdoing, accepted responsibility and has no criminal record. Tejada is to be sentenced March 26.

Tejada is the 2002 American League MVP with the Oakland Athletics and a five-time All-Star now plays for the Houston Astros.

Taylor also cited Tejada's disadvantaged childhood in the Dominican Republic and his dedication to become a distinguished major league player who gives back to the community where he was raised.

Tejada pleaded guilty last month to one count of making misrepresentations to Congress, which carried a maximum sentence of a year imprisonment and a fine up to $100,000. Taylor says Tejada should be fined $250 to $5,000.

"Mr. Tejada poses a minimal risk of recidivism and, based on his public statements, appears to have learned a difficult and important life lesson from his experience in this case. He is entitled to an appropriate amount of credit for this," Taylor said in his sentencing memo.

Tejada admitted he withheld information about an ex-teammate's use of steroids and human growth hormone when questioned by a House committee's investigators in August 2005. He also acknowledged he bought HGH while playing for the A's, but said he threw the drugs away without using them. Prosecutors said they have no evidence to contradict that.



SURF REPORT

Surf Conditions **Water Temp:** 58°

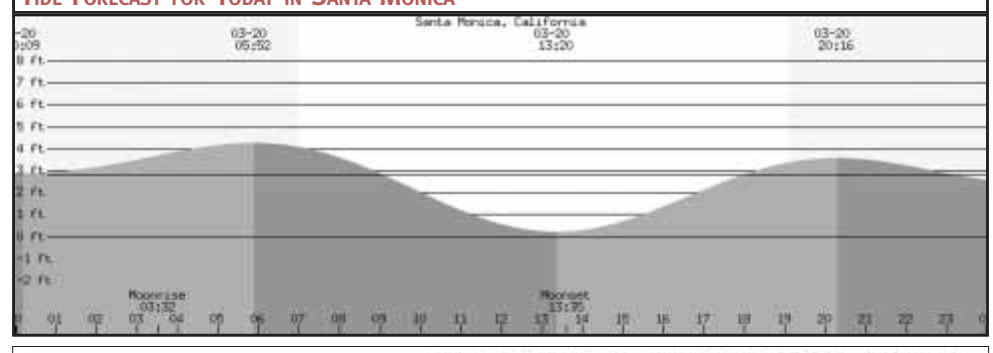
Swell Forecast (3-4 FT)

Friday the 20th looks smaller as both swells fade. Most all breaks are looking at knee to waist high surf. Winds should be light and variable in the AM, and onshore in the afternoon to 15 mph.

Long Range Synopsis

Saturday the 21st looks weaker yet, perhaps knee+ most everywhere. There may though be an ever-so-slight increase in NW wind swell, but any increase would likely be accompanied by winds.

Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica



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QUICK STATS (for the last 28 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 1
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 13
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 35 / 5
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 11 / 40

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

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

LEGEND

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

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MOVIE TIMES

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

Kagemusha (NR) 3hrs 00min
7:30

AMC Loews Broadway 4
1441 Third Street Promenade

Confessions of a Shopaholic (PG) 1hr 52min
4:55, 10:20

Fuel (NR) 1hr 55min
1:40, 4:25, 7:15, 10:15

The Reader (R) 2hrs 02min
1:45, 7:00

Gran Torino (R) 1hr 56min
2:10, 7:30

Miss March (R) 1hr 30min
4:35, 9:50

Super Capers (PG) 1hr 30min
12:35, 3:00, 5:20, 7:45, 10:10

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

Coraline 3d (PG) 1hr 40min
11:20am, 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30

Duplicity (PG-13)
10:40am, 1:30, 4:20, 7:20, 10:20

Sunshine Cleaning (R) 1hr 42min
11:10am, 12:30, 1:40, 3:00, 4:15, 5:30, 6:50, 8:00, 9:20, 10:30

The Last House on the Left (R) 1hr 49min
10:50am, 1:50, 4:40, 7:30, 10:00

Race to Witch Mountain
11:00am, 12:15, 1:20, 2:45, 4:00, 5:15, 6:30, 7:45, 9:00, 10:15

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

Slumdog Millionare (R) 2hr 1min
1:30, 4:20, 7:10, 10:00

Moscow, Belgium (Aanrijding in Moscou) (NR) 1hr 42min
1:50, 4:30, 7:20, 9:55

Gomorrah (Gomorra) (NR) 2hrs 17min
1:40, 4:50, 8:00

Sin Nombre (R) 1hr 36min
1:45, 4:10, 7:00, 9:30

Cherry Blossoms (NR) 2hr 4 min
11a.m.

Man on Wire (PG-13) 1hr 34min
11 a.m.

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

Taken (PG-13) 1hr 33min
12:20, 2:40, 5:10, 7:40, 9:50

He's Just Not That Into You (PG-13) 2hrs 09min
1:00, 6:30

I Love You, Man (R) 1hr 50min
12:30, 1:30, 3:30, 4:30, 7:30, 9:30, 10:20, 12:00am

Knowing (PG-13)
11:30am, 2:20, 4:10, 5:10, 7:00, 8:00, 9:50, 10:45, 12:30am

Watchmen (R) 2hrs 43min
12:10, 3:40, 7:10, 10:30

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ The spring equinox energizes you. You have a skip in your step. A strong sense of duty guides you. You cannot avoid following your inner desires. An insight about the boss heads in your direction. Tonight: A must appearance.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Investigate a situation and get to its root. You might need to curtail your ingenuity if you are to complete certain key tasks. You are distracted by this issue. Remember that it is Friday and time for even the Bull to relax. Tonight: Read between the lines.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Appreciate what appears to be a totally different point of view and new way of engaging. What starts out as a sound discussion easily could tumble into a debate or quarrel! Tonight: Reach for the stars.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ Wonder why it seems that everyone drops his or her work and responsibilities on you? Could you be too nurturing or too supportive? Revamp, step back and make yourself number one. Tonight: Could be late.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Celebrate spring fever, flowers and anything else that reminds you of spring. Some of you might want to plan a little getaway to refresh the mind, spirit and body. Others might want to consider a new exercise plan or diet — summer isn't that far away! Tonight: Read between the lines.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ You have an unusually creative and dynamic bent. Don't sell out, and remain true to your values. Sometimes you cannot get out of your own way when solving problems. Understanding grows with a key friendship or relationship. Tonight: An important chat over dinner.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ If you aren't good at juggling, you'll wish you were by the end of the day. Your hands are full with associates and friends wanting to do their thing, whereas your major focuses are investments, domestic concerns and property. Tonight: Head home.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Express yourself and brainstorm, and out of left field comes a brilliant idea. You discover just how easy it is when you flow with a situation rather than fight it. A friend could be serious or withdrawn. Tonight: Join a pal for TGIF.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ In some sense, you are too aware of the costs of a situation and what you need to do. Listen to an elder who has another perspective on work and life. You might feel encouraged to head in a new direction. Tonight: Your treat.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ Your smile makes a big difference to others. Somehow you are able to bypass problems and find solutions. Pressure builds in your personal or domestic life. Get ready to funnel your attention in this area. Tonight: Go for what you want.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ You might want to exit a situation, meeting or group. Do honor your feelings and don't get caught up in the shoulds. As you relax, you will visualize and tap into your dreams, fears and wishes. Use this resourceful period well. Tonight: Vanish while you can.

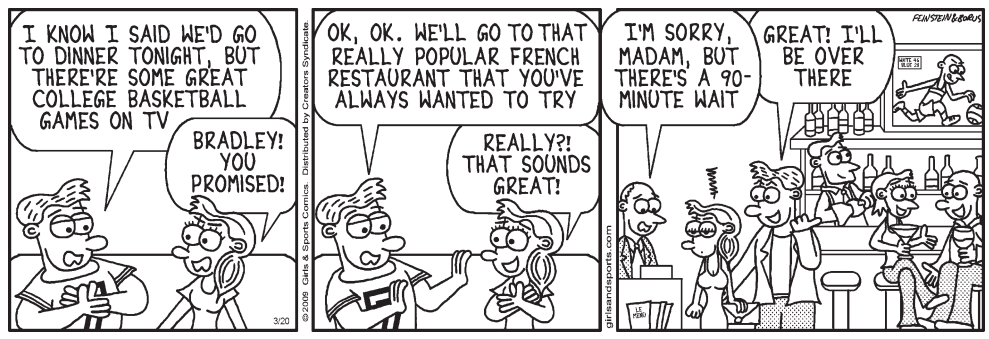
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ Focus on people, not one person who could be negative! Honor a need for greater happiness. You could act in a surprising manner with others, but not to those who understand you and what you recently experienced. Tonight: Beat a path to where the action is.

Happy birthday

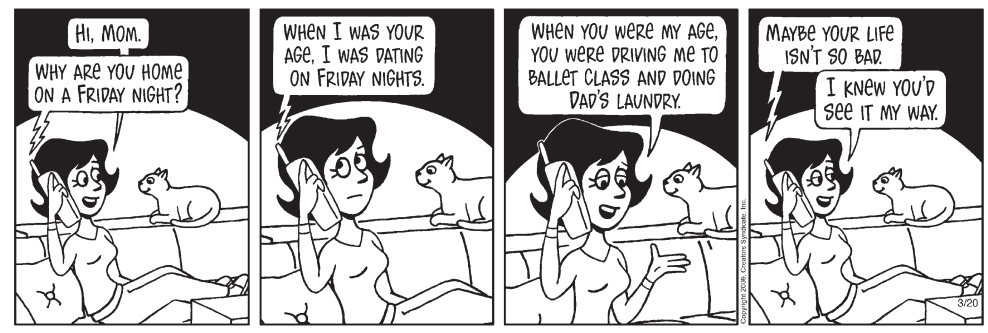
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The stars show the kind of day you'll have:
★★★★★ Dynamic ★★ So-So
★★★★ Positive ★ Difficult
★★★ Average

Pursue the practical this year, but not at the expense of letting go of creativity. Experiment and merge these two assets. Focus on your long-term desires, and you'll beat a path in a new direction. Meetings, friends and groups prove to be beneficial. Networking helps in many facets of your life. If you are single, listen to your inner voice, which points you in the right direction. A romance this year will be based on friendship. If you are attached, you might find a common goal or community commitment important to your health as a couple. CAPRICORN demands and demands again.

Girls and Sports
By Justin Borus and Andrew Feinstein



The Meaning of Lila
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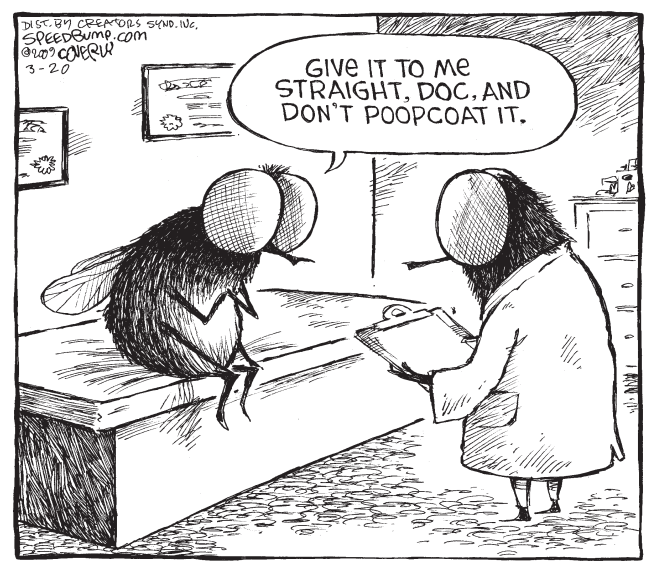
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Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★★★

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GETTING STARTED

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

7	1	4	3	5	2	9	6	8
9	6	8	4	1	7	5	2	3
3	5	2	9	8	6	7	1	4
6	9	1	7	3	8	2	4	5
8	4	3	5	2	9	6	7	1
5	2	7	1	6	4	3	8	9
1	3	6	8	7	5	4	9	2
2	8	9	6	4	3	1	5	7
4	7	5	2	9	1	8	3	6

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Rachel Dardashti *news@smdp.com*

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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1 Tablet units
6 Go back to base
11 Actor Tom
12 Game setting
13 Fielder's aid
14 R2-D2, for one
15 Take the bus
17 Newspaper section
18 Outfits
20 Big ringer
22 Homer's pop
23 1988 World Series champs
26 Honkers
28 Friday's creator
29 Basic needs
31 Flamenco call
32 Svelte
33 Difficult trip
34 Pay to play
36 Ticked off
38 Telescope sight
40 Packs down
43 Laughable
44 Moscow setting
45 Thick
46 Posts

DOWN

1 Cribbage need
2 Cobbler's tool
3 Kodak founder
4 "Hound Dog" singer
5 Coaster
6 Wee bit
7 Put in order
8 "Rumble in the Jungle" loser
9 Mile or meter
10 Stationery buys
16 Big head
18 Tatters
19 "Yeah, right!"
21 Track figures
23 Sub spot
24 Portrayal
25 Look for
27 Abdominal organs
30 Print measures
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34 Litmus reddener
35 Less than any
37 Singer Redding
39 Ball holder
41 Doctorate deg.
42 Mayday call

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R	E	M	E	D	Y	■	U	S	S	R

Yesterday's answer

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13					■	14				
■	■	15			16	■	17			
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EVENING: 1 4 3

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ **Prodigies:** (1) The 2-Legged Dog: Pet rescuer Judy Walker of Oviedo, Fla., and Oklahoman Jude Stringfellow are battling over custody of Walker's two-legged puppy, which Walker believes has special needs but which Stringfellow is seeking to adopt, in part to portray Stringfellow's own famous, hind-legs-walking dog "Faith" as a puppy in a movie she is working on. Stringfellow said Walker had reneged on a firm Feb. 2 adoption date and implied that she had hired celebrity attorney Mark Geragos to get the puppy. (2) The 11-Year-Old Bullfighter: Michelito Peniche killed six young bulls in a single fight before 3,500 spectators in Merida, Mexico, in January, despite the mayor's ban on the event as a child-labor violation (but which was allowed to proceed after Michelito's father appealed to a state prosecutor). Michelito began his career in the ring at age 4.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1852 Harriet Beecher Stowe's influential novel about slavery, "Uncle Tom's Cabin," was first published in book form after being serialized.

1899 Martha M. Place of Brooklyn, N.Y., became the first woman to be executed in the electric chair as she was put to death at Sing Sing for the murder of her stepdaughter.

1956 union workers ended a 156-day strike at Westinghouse Electric Corp.

1969 John Lennon married Yoko Ono in Gibraltar.

1977 voters in Paris chose former French Prime Minister Jacques Chirac to be the French capital's first mayor in more than a century.

1985 Libby Riddles, of Teller, Alaska, became the first woman to win the Iditarod Trail Dog Sled Race.

1995 in Tokyo, 12 people were killed, more than 5,500 others sickened when packages containing the poisonous gas sarin were leaked on five separate subway trains by Aum Shinrikyo cult members.

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Obituaries

WENDY ZITO-HAYES,
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Her beautiful soul stepped into eternal life on Friday, March 13, 2009 at City of Hope Hospital, Los Angeles Calif. Formerly of Niagara Falls, NY, She was wife and companion to Jason Hayes, mother to Savannah, Juliet and Aubrey. Her amazingly joyful presence will be thought of often by her mother Iris Zito of California, father Peter Zito of Niagara Falls, and brothers Peter Jr., Zak, Adam, Jeremy and Jonny. Wendy was born and raised in Niagara Falls where she first began dancing, singing, acting and making the world around her smile. She graduated in 1985 from LaSalle Senior High School and Niagara University in 1989. She moved to Los Angeles where she pursued Charity work for the American Heart Association. With enduring faith through all the situations that would have shaken the rest of us, she made the decision to be happy in life, no matter what she encountered! Her life was all about providing love to her family, and embracing friends as family. Wendy's life of strength and compassion will continue to grow through all she touched.

A celebration of Wendy's life will be held on Saturday, March 21st, 2009 in Santa Monica, CA. A memorial service for Wendy will be held at a future date in her home town of Niagara Falls. In lieu of flowers, donations can be sent to assist Wendy's children, C/O Jason Hayes, 3129 Helms Ave. Los Angeles, CA 90034. Or to the City of Hope in Wendy's name, ATTN: Central Processing, City of Hope, 1500 East Duarte RD, Duarte, CA 91010
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2002	Mercedes	SLK32	Sport Pkg, Multi-CD, BOSE, Premium Wheels	2F243581	$17,991
2005	Mercedes	C230	Multi-CD, Moonroof, Leather	5F573938	$18,991
2007	Mercedes	C230 AMG	Sunroof, CD, Leather, 3.9% APR	7F875613	$21,991
2005	Mercedes	CLK320 Coupe	Power Seats, Leather, Moonroof, CD	5F150381	$22,991
2006	Mercedes	CLK350 Coupe	Premium Pkg, Nav, Multi-CD, Harmon Kardon	6F177883	$23,991
2006	Mercedes	CLK350	Premium Pkg, Light Pkg, Multi-CD, Dual Pwr Seats, V6	6F177631	$24,991
2006	Mercedes	E350 AMG	Sport/Premium Pkg, Nav, Heated Seats, 3.9% APR	6A849722	$26,991
2006	Mercedes	E350	Low Miles, Premium Pkg, Nav, Mint Condition, 3.9% APR	6A857150	$26,991
2006	Mercedes	E500	Premium Pkg, Nav, Keyless Go, Xenons, 3.9% APR	6A873345	$28,991
2006	Mercedes	CLK350 Convertible	Premium Pkg, Navi, Multi-CD, Heated Seats	6T065129	$29,991
2007	Mercedes	CLK350 Coupe	Only 4k miles, Premium Pkg, Nav, Satellite, Multi-CD	7F221389	$29,991
2007	Mercedes	R350	Panoramic Roof, Multi-CD, Power Seats, Satellite, 5.9% APR	7A038288	$29,991
2007	Mercedes	E350	Prem/Sport Pkg, Navi, Sirius, Multi-CD, Heated Seats, 3.9% APR	7B030296	$29,991
2008	Mercedes	C300	Sport Pkg, Moonroof, Leather, Prior Rental, 1 only	8F067081	$30,991
2007	Mercedes	E350	Prem/Sport Pkg, Navi, Sirius, Multi-CD, 3.9% APR	7B096105	$31,991
2007	Mercedes	E350	Sport Pkg, Multi-CD, 18" Wheels, Power Seats, 3.9% APR	7B082148	$31,991
2006	Mercedes	CLK350 Convertible	Premium Pkg, Nav, Multi-CD, Harmon Kardon	6T063493	$32,991
2006	Mercedes	SLK350	Premium/Comfort Pkg, Nav, Leather, Multi-CD	6F103685	$32,991
2007	Mercedes	E350 AMG	Sport/Premium Pkg, Multi-CD, Heated Seats, 3.9% APR	7B127490	$33,991
2006	Mercedes	ML500	Comfort/Ent Pkg, Navi, Moonroof, Multi-CD, 5.9% APR	6A064323	$33,991
2007	Mercedes	R350	Premium Pkg, Nav, Panoramic Roof, 5.9% APR	7A048659	$33,991
2007	Mercedes	ML350	Premium Pkg, Sirius Radio, Multi-CD, Dual Pwr Seats, 5.9% APR	7A173663	$34,991
2007	Mercedes	ML350	Premium Pkg, Navi, Rear View Camera, 5.9% APR	7A246749	$34,991
2007	Mercedes	E350	Sport Pkg, Nav, Panoramic Roof, Heated Seats, 3.9% APR	7B071914	$34,991
2007	Mercedes	E350	Sport Pkg, Panoramic Roof, Multi-CD, Harmon Kardon, 3.9% APR	7B091098	$34,991
2006	Mercedes	SL500	V8, Multi-CD, Comfort Pkg, Dual Pwr Seats	6F112223	$43,991
2007	Mercedes	GL450	Premium Pkg, Parktronic, DVD, Loaded!	7A188250	$45,991
2006	Mercedes	SL500 AMG	Sport/Comfort Pkg, Navi, Keyless Go	6F115757	$47,991
2006	Mercedes	SL500	Parktronic, Comfort Pkg, Multi-CD, BOSE	6F109121	$47,991
2007	Mercedes	E63 Sedan	Premium Pkg, Parktronic, Panoramic Roof, 3.9% APR	7B017479	$57,991
2007	Mercedes	S550	Premium Pkg, Navi, DVD, Multi-CD, 5.9% APR	7A049248	$57,991
2007	Mercedes	S550	Panoramic Roof, Multi-CD, Nav, Leather, 5.9% APR	7A037192	$59,991

OTHER MAKES

2001	Infiniti	QX4	Multi CD, Moonroof, BOSE, Leather, Alloys	1W101625	$10,991
2008	Smart		Only 3k miles, Auto, Leather, Alloys, 1 only!	8K143456	$14,991
2008	Honda	Accord EX-L	Only 3k miles, MP3, Premium Sound, Leather, Moonroof, 1 only!	8A052327	$23,991
2008	Honda	Accord EX-L	Only 5k miles, Premium Sound, Nav, Leather, Moonroof, Alloys, 1 only!	8A042921	$24,991
2008	Cadillac	DTS	Only 2k miles, Luxury Pkg, Premium Wheels, MP3, Park sensors, 1 only!	8U209763	$29,991

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