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THE WELCOME TO SANTA MONICA ISSUE

Broad deal could receive council's OK

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL Following a two-month delay, the City Council is again set to approve a "deal in principle" to bring billionaire philanthropist Eli Broad's proposed art museum to Santa Monica's Civic Center.

The council had been scheduled to vote on the outline of a deal with the Broad Foundations in January before officials twice delayed a decision. In February, new City Manager Rod Gould told the council he wanted more time to review an agreement negotiated by his predecessor Lamont Ewell before asking the council to give its approval.

In an interview Friday, Gould said City Hall staff in the past month has analyzed the proposed deal and determined its terms compare favorably with other cities' arrangements with arts institutions. Gould also negotiated revisions to some deal points included in the earlier version.

"I think we've done a pretty good job of making the case that it would benefit Santa Monica for decades to come to be the home of the Broad museum," he said.

The museum would come with a $200 million endowment — one of the largest of any arts institution in the country — and would showcase Broad's highly regarded, 2,000-piece modern art collection.

If the council on Tuesday approves the proposed agreement, as expected, it doesn't necessarily mean the museum is a done deal. Broad is yet to announce where he intends to build the museum and continues to hold talks with Los Angeles and Beverly Hills.

But Santa Monica officials are the first to have hammered out the terms of a potential partnership.

The new deal calls for the Broad Foundations to spend between $50 and $70 million — more than the $40 to $60 million Broad had previously pledged — to design and build a 30,000-square-foot museum on a 2.5-acre site next to the Civic Center.

In another change to the proposal, the

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A TEAM IN TRAINING: **Elite runner Julia Mallon runs with her daughter, Ashlin Rose, in Palisades Park on Friday morning.**

Learning the territory

Elite runner uses L.A. Marathon for professional, personal gain

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

DOWNTOWN This year's L.A. Marathon represents something old and something new for runner Julia Mallon.

She is considered one of the 14 elite female runners in this year's race, but for her, the running part is old hat. A recent transplant to Santa Monica, Mallon said that she's using this race to accomplish two goals: qualifying for the U.S. Olympic marathon trials and learning her new town.

"This was a last-minute decision," Mallon said of joining the field. "It's in my backyard. I like to go out for races in the communities I reside in.

"There is something about running a marathon on streets you're familiar with."

In the short month that she's lived in Santa Monica, Mallon has found the city by the sea to be a place where she can put roots down and raise a young family that includes husband Jon and daughter Ashlin Rose.

In fact, this year's marathon will be a family affair.

Jon Mallon will be competing along side his wife, which makes for an interesting in-family rivalry, one that Julia Mallon isn't afraid to say is dominated by her.

"I always beat him by 10 minutes," she said. "We're keeping track and I'm winning."

Helping her maintain her dominance over her significant other is daughter Ashlin Rose, who is a common running companion. The two head out onto Santa Monica's city streets; mom in jogging shoes, 14-month-old Ashlin Rose comfortably nestled in her baby jogger.

"The baby jogger has been my friend," Julia

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The fourth annual airport artwalk is an invitation to meet the resident artists of the airport arts community — a cultural resource located in a unique, creative atmosphere. More than 60 local artists and performers will have their private studios and works on view. Painting, sculpture, ceramics, and mixed media will be represented. New in 2010 will be free activities for kids and special discounts at airport restaurants. Some resident artists will sell work from their studios at discounted rates and many will offer free refreshments. The event and parking are free. For more information, call (310) 458-8350.

Fresh and clean

Arizona Avenue and Third Street
8:30 a.m. — 1 p.m.
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Santa Monica Playhouse Main Stage
1211 4th St., 12:30 p.m. and 3:00 p.m.
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Sunday, March 21, 2010

Running things

Various Santa Monica locations
8 a.m. — 2 p.m.
For the first time in its history, the Los Angeles Marathon will be ending in Santa Monica. Starting at Dodger Stadium at 7 a.m., the race will wend its way past some of L.A.'s most famous landmarks before ending at the corner of Santa Monica Boulevard and Ocean Avenue. There will also be a Finish Line Beach Party at a parking lot adjacent to the Santa Monica Pier. It will feature live music, food and a number of exhibitors. For more information, visit www.lamarathon.com.

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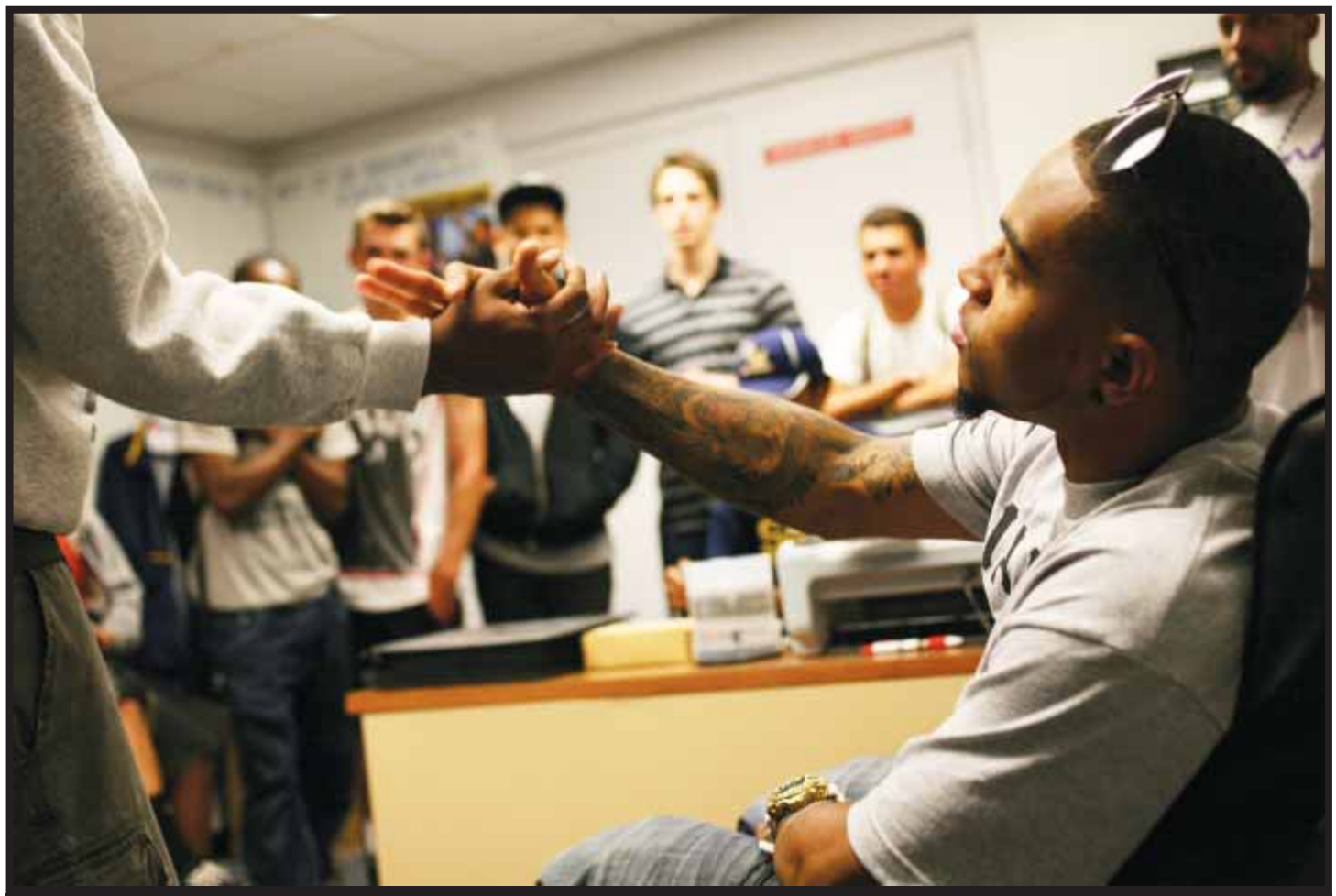
LOS ANGELES A pair of 11-story advertisements are being removed by the company that hung them on Hollywood buildings, the latest move in an ongoing battle against so-called supergraphics.

CBS Outdoor was taking down the ads from a Highland Avenue building Friday in response to a cease-and-desist letter sent last week from City Atty. Carmen Trutanich.

The ads have been called safety hazards by prosecutors and neighbors.

CBS Outdoor attorney Laura Brill said in a letter to the city Wednesday that her client did not agree with the premise of the attorney's letter and is trying to negotiate an agreement with the city.

City law bans the huge vinyl images, and Trutanich has been going to great lengths to have them taken down, including the jailing of a local businessman last month.



STAR POWER

Brandon Wise *brandonw@smdp.com*

NFL star DeSean Jackson talks with Santa Monica High School football players inside Head Coach Travis Clark's office on Friday. Jackson was on campus to give student athletes advice on becoming successful adults. A film crew followed Jackson during his visit to campus.

Shareholder Icahn launches hostile bid for all of Lions Gate

ANDREW VANACORE
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK Activist shareholder Carl Icahn raised the stakes in his yearlong dispute with Lions Gate Entertainment Corp. on Friday, launching an all-out bid to take over the movie studio following disagreements over its spending.

The hostile bid comes a week after Lions Gate rejected Icahn's offer to buy a larger minority stake and rewrote its bylaws to make such a takeover attempt more difficult in the future.

The new offer for all outstanding shares also raised the specter of Canadian government involvement because Icahn, an American, could own the Vancouver-based company and cause friction with the country's cultural policies.

Icahn owns almost 19 percent of Lions Gate, and his new offer for the remainder was unchanged from the $6 per share he offered last month when he sought to increase his stake to just under 30 percent. That bid represented a 15 percent premium over the stock's latest closing price at the time.

Shares rose 6 cents, or 1 percent, to close at $6.03 on Friday, but fell 8 cents to $5.95 in after-hours trading.

Lions Gate was behind the Oscar-winning movie "Precious: Based on the Novel 'Push' By Sapphire." It also owns the TV Guide network and made the "Saw" horror movies and such television shows as "Weeds" and "Nurse Jackie." It will launch its mock superhero movie, "Kick-Ass," next month after it premiered last week at the SXSW Film Festival.

Lions Gate management said it would review Icahn's new bid, worth about $575 million. It noted the bid price had not changed.

Earlier, Lions Gate spokesman Peter Wilkes told The Associated Press that the bid was still below analysts' average price target of $8.67.

"The Icahn Group's amended tender offer does not increase the price of the original offer, which the board previously determined to be financially inadequate and not in the best interest of Lions Gate or its shareholders," he said.

The company has also warned that a change in control could trigger a default on outstanding debt totaling $516 million.

To allay such fears, the 74-year-old billionaire on Friday proposed a bridge loan to cover any debt issues while new financing is raised. Icahn also said he would sell off Lions Gate's Canadian distributor, Maple Pictures Corp., so it could continue to be Canadian-controlled in line with the country's Investment Canada Act.

Icahn is conditioning his offer on winning at least 50.1 percent of the stock in the company, which is based in Vancouver but operates out of Santa Monica. And it would only be valid if shareholders, the courts or Canadian regulators strike down the so-called poison pill that the company's board has approved.

That provision, which took effect last week, triggers whenever any hostile acquirer gets a stake in the company exceeding 20 percent. Under a shareholders rights plan adopted by the company's board, such investors would suddenly find the value of their shares diluted, while the value of shares held by others would not change.

Shareholders are to vote on the measure at a May 4 meeting. But Icahn is hoping to settle the issue before then, with his new offer expiring April 30. Icahn is hoping that the measure is struck down before then, or enough shareholders come to his side to vote it down.

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Enough with the permits

Editor:

Thank you, LAUSD for doing what our school board has failed to do for 12 years. This absurd idea of SMMUSD printing out-of-district permits is akin to Madoff's pyramid scheme. Now we have 500 L.A. students. With the leadership of the LAUSD, we can now return to our beloved "Community Schools" and not overcrowded "Commuter Schools." I want my taxes (upcoming Measure A) to go to my local public schools and not to underwrite LAUSD students. Thank you, Mr. Cortines.

Dr. Lisette Gold
Santa Monica

Save the Sears sign

Editor:

I'm a long-time Santa Monica resident, and our family has shopped at the Sears store for decades, and regularly bought parts and had our cars serviced across the street at the Sears auto shop on Fourth and Colorado until the city of Santa Monica bought that property and closed the auto shop down.

I'm wondering if the city, now that it plans to turn the old Sears auto shop into the Downtown station for the new train system, will landmark and preserve the Sears sign, much like other signs and facades of old buildings that have been given landmark status and preserved in the city. It only makes sense because of its significance for the community and its history. And the city should be subject to the same requirements it imposes on other property owners.

W.T. Dorr
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On the Beat

Adam Gwartz — **Send comments to editor@smdp.com**

Leaf blower use hard to enforce

Q: AS I UNDERSTAND IT LEAF BLOWERS ARE ILLEGAL IN SANTA MONICA? THEY KICK UP DUST AND MAKE A HORRIBLE NOISE. I ALWAYS SEE THE POLICE DRIVE RIGHT BY THEM, WHY AREN'T THEY STOPPING THOSE THINGS? ARE THE ELECTRIC BLOWERS LEGAL? ARE THERE ANY LEGAL ALTERNATIVES?

A: You are absolutely right. Leaf blowers are illegal in Santa Monica. Section 4.08.270 (a) of the Santa Monica municipal code bars "motorized" leaf blowers within the city. This prohibits their use at all times and includes gas and electric blowers. When we receive calls from citizens of leaf blower violations, the typical response time from an officer is usually greater than the average time the device is being used (Presently the average response time is about 24 minutes to leaf blower calls). Combine that with the fact the last thing gardeners do before they finish a job is use the leaf blower, many times the violator is gone before we arrive on scene. If the gardener is still on scene we cite the person who we observe using the blower. If the leaf blower is not actively being used then we typically advise the gardening crew. Simple possession of the device is not a violation, so if it is not actively being used or operated then there is no violation of the law.

When officers are out on patrol and see violations they make every effort to stop and enforce or warn gardeners regarding the law. We have to take into account gardeners are otherwise engaged in lawful — community beautifying activity. Gardeners frequently tell me using a leaf blower saves time, effort, water and money. They get more done in less time so they can keep their fees as low as possible. Violations of the leaf blower ordinance are important, but they are not an immediate life or property emergency. If an officer is responding to a potential life or property call for service they typically will not stop to cite or warn the violator.

The City Council has recently looked into holding the employer responsible (property owner, home owner association, or property management company) as well as the operator for violations of the ordinance. Any potential change in the law has not been codified and is not enforceable at this time. There is no exception for electric blowers, they are illegal as well. Legal alternatives are rakes and brooms, and leaf vacuums.

If you want to report an active leaf blower call SMPD dispatch at (310) 458-8491. Provide the exact address, a description of the violator, and the license plate of the violator's vehicle, if applicable. You can also e-mail me at adam.gwartz@smgov.net or leave me a message at (310) 458-2201 x4135. I will need the exact address where the violation is occurring, the day of the week, the time of day, and the license plate of the violator's vehicle, if any. Gardeners usually go to the same location on the same day at roughly the same time. I will make every effort to intercept the violator the following week. I also periodically coordinate operations specifically focused on leaf blower violations. I post all leaf blower operations on my blog at santamonicapd.org/nro

Q: DO I NEED AN ALARM PERMIT FOR MY HOME ALARM SYSTEM? ARE THERE FEES FOR FALSE ALARMS?

A: No, an alarm permit is not required. However, it should be noted that an audible alarm must automatically shut off after 15 minutes. If the audible part of the alarm does not reset after an hour it may be considered a public nuisance and prosecuted as a misdemeanor. Automated alarms that call the police department with prerecorded messages are not allowed.

Only a very small fraction of alarm responses called into the police turn out to be good alarms, most alarms are false. When the police respond and determine the alarm activation to be a "false alarm," the first two police responses in any fiscal year are free. The third response is $134.70 and the fourth and subsequent response in any fiscal year are $180.40. These amounts are adjusted annually. Alarm billing is generated monthly. Nonpayment may result in civil action and/or the police department may be instructed not to respond to alarm calls.

TIPS FOR REDUCING FALSE ALARMS:

■ Always make sure all of your doors and windows are locked, even if you are only leaving for a short time. That includes second story windows. Unlocked windows and doors can be blown open by the wind and cause false alarms.

■ Ensure interior motion detectors are adjusted so they don't activate when pets or other natural movement occurs within the house. (Air conditioners/fans blowing drapes, etc.)

■ Routinely have your alarm provider service your system, If an issue with your system develops, address it immediately.

■ Consider adding the security response to your alarm plan; you may opt to have the security staff respond before the police to determine if an activation is a false alarm.

■ Constantly update your contact and password information with your provider; in case there is an emergency the alarm service or the police can immediately contact you.

■ If an accidental activation occurs when you are arming or disarming the system, immediately notify your provider.

■ Make sure guests, employees, or others using your system have the password and know how to use the system.

If you have police related questions or concerns, we'd like to hear them. Send your questions or comments to **NRO@SMGOV.NET** and you may see your question in our weekly column accompanied by valuable feedback for the rest of the community. While not all questions will appear in the column, all questions submitted will be answered by a department representative. Also, please note that we will supply as much information as possible without jeopardizing any legal proceedings or investigations. Remember, if you have a question, chances are, another reader may be wondering the same thing. So don't hesitate to ask!

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The Q Line

THE BIG RACE

This past week, Q-line asked:

For the first time in its history, the Honda LA Marathon presented by K-Swiss will end in Santa Monica. The race takes place Sunday, March 21. Will you be out cheering on the masses of runners or will you be upset by the road closures the event creates?

Here are your responses:

"I'M GLAD THE L.A. MARATHON IS coming to Santa Monica. I want it to be renamed the Santa Monica Marathon because it's ending in our city. So, once again, we'll take it from L.A., and it's now going to be called the Santa Monica Marathon."

"THIS L.A. MARATHON IS YET ANOTHER colossal nightmare insisted on Santa Monica by the self-serving idiots on the City Council. It guarantees to be one big mess and very disruptive to the citizens of Santa Monica and the environs. Somebody's making some big bucks. I'll be hiding out at home for the day, and trying not to think about it."

"WHOEVER DECIDED TO ALLOW THIS RUN to go through San Vicente Boulevard and Ocean Avenue never considered that they would be disrupting the lives of the many people living on these streets. Because Ocean Avenue will be closed between 6 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. I will not be able to drive out of my building but will have to park overnight on a side street if I want to go anywhere Sunday morning. Anyone needing to go to the airport for a Sunday flight or to work or to drive anywhere on Sunday morning will be unable to drive out of their buildings. Also I hope that no one on Ocean Avenue has a heart attack or stroke and dies waiting for an ambulance to wind its way through the 25,000 runners. Aside from the traffic problems from the hoards of runners and the deployment of loudspeakers with music along the route will be an unwelcome disturbance of our peace and quiet. There is no good reason to run the marathon through residential streets other than the city to profit from a monumental event at the expense of the people living there."

"WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? OF course I'm going to be out cheering for the city of San Malicious? We're a world-famous city. So of course I'm going to. Wow, the people that are running."

"WHY DON'T YOU PRINT A MAP OF THE marathon routes and the hours in which these streets will be closed in the Westside for those of us who are being inconvenienced by the closure of streets. For example, by the Beverly Western Hotel, they said the side streets will be closed March 21, or perhaps they meant Wilshire – it wasn't clear. And that was the only sign I saw and it didn't say anything. I think there needs to be a great deal more in print. Not all of us have e-mail, and many of us older people are out in those places and we have a schedule. Maybe we like to go to Westwood to eat or maybe go to stores or whatever."

"ANY ACTIVITY THAT PROMOTES GOOD health and improves the human physical condition I am 100 percent in agreement with. If folks would give up consuming alcohol and smoking cigarettes and then those who are capable start exercising by walking briskly, running, bike riding and swimming the health of our nation would improve dramatically overnight. Thus enabling medical doctors to spend more time on the golf course and medical insurance companies pondering to derive where their next customers will come from. Trust me folks, if you do not use it, you will lose it. Then illness sets in due to a weakened immune system. So with that thought in mind, and considering that there are no losers in a marathon race, let's cheer and applaud those who accomplished this great energy-expending feat of finishing the marathon and admire those who entered and tried to finish the marathon."

"WE LIVE ON A SMALL STREET ON THE north side of San Vicente Boulevard and according to the sign that the city put out, we will not be able to leave our street from 2 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday. I don't know what genius at the city decided that this would be a good idea, but we feel like we're being held hostage here. I assume they must have some contingency plan for emergency vehicles. We have a lot of elderly people on our street. If someone had a heart attack, what a mess. So no, we're not happy about this."

"ANOTHER ONE OF YOUR DUMB questions – you treat us all like we're silly, stupid children. Of course I'll be cheering for the masses. You know, if I'm going to get upset about road closures, and all that, I'm a pretty bad person, you know, and I'm not. So of course I'll be cheering for the people that are doing something good. You should try it."

"JUST WHEN YOU THOUGHT IT WAS again safe to trust the political hacks in this town, they stick us with 'Rumpathon.' That's the dirty end the good citizens of Santa Monica get hosting yet another costly and meaningless activity. Only Frank McCourt who owns the marathon will benefit from this massive tax write-off, plus the retirement package he dispenses to those city officials who support his kiss-rump fest. What do we get? I remember the '84 Olympics which produced total gridlock, exactly what the City Council cretins want. They love the idea of making it harder to drive your car. Runners and bicyclists are some of the biggest a-holes on our streets. Now you can add the City Council for another useless event that takes away what little enjoyment left to middle-class car owners."

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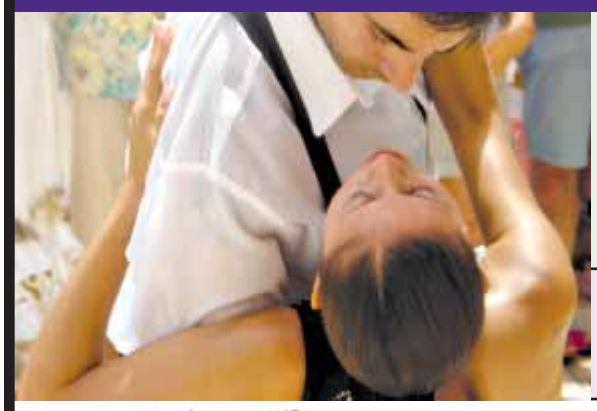
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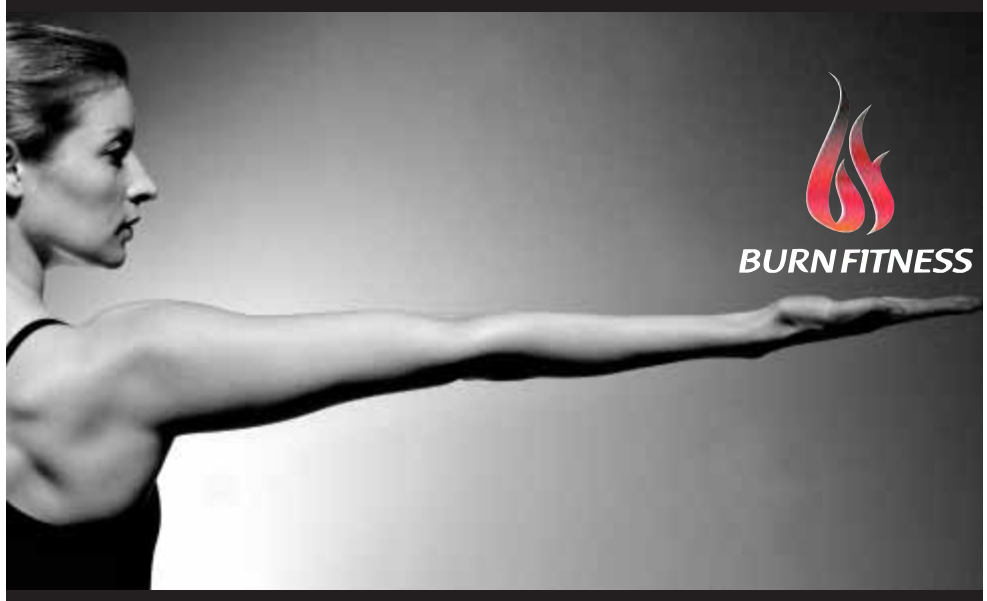


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Kitchen Vixen

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Happy belated Steak & Beer Day

LAST SUNDAY, MARCH 14, WAS THE official male version of Valentine's Day. Because apparently the one we celebrate on Feb. 14 is strictly for the ladies. Hmm, who knew?

I was reminded of this past holiday by Steven Breen, my former mailman and fellow contributing writer to SMDP. Steven writes under the heading, "Going Postal." He is also the man responsible for getting me this writing gig. Thank you, Steven, you will be missed. Steven is leaving to travel abroad with his wife. We wish them well.

Although Steven has no problem discussing, and laughing about the "male" Valentine's Day, I simply can't go into detail except to say, there is steak involved.

So to commemorate Steak and "blank" day and also for you beer swillers who partied on St Patty's day, I thought I would discuss a little about the health benefits of steak and beer. Kevin Herrera, our editor, was so excited when I told him I would write about steak. I could sense his salivary glands kicking in as he enthusiastically replied, "You writing about steaks? WOW! I don't think I've ever seen that!" And indeed he was correct; except for that one time I wrote about grass-fed beef but then included a vegetarian burger recipe. I have got to lighten up!

For Kevin, Steven and all the manly men out there, here is a toast to your holiday. So, this weekend, eat steak, drink some beer and then perhaps go for a little run on Monday. I just can't stand the thought of that saturated fat circulating in your blood stream.

I was recently writing an article for Oxygen magazine which will appear in the July issue so please pick up a copy. The article is about the best cooking oils. While researching, I learned that extra virgin olive oil, because of its polyphenol (antioxidant) content, may help reduce the presence of heterocyclic amines (HAs) in cooked red meat. HAs are formed when we brown meat which tastes good but can be cancer causing. The researchers also found that when the olive oil was stored with a sprig of rosemary in it, the olive oil retained more of its disease fighting polyphenols over time. So add some rosemary to your olive oil and coat your meat before your cook it.

Marinades have been shown to exhibit the same protective effects while tenderizing the meat, plus you can add the herbs right to the marinade. Sage, oregano and thyme are also effective but rosemary showed the most benefits.

As for the beer, well, one study read, "Beer consumption increases human attractiveness to malaria carrying mosquitoes." No kidding, they really did a study on this. And the impetus for the study was that "alcohol consumption and mosquitoes both represent major health problems." I thought beer consumption increased the attractiveness of people to each other, aka "beer goggles," and that the potential spread of STD's is a major health problem? But what do I know? Except that the researchers found that beer consumption does actually increase your attractiveness to mosquitoes and therefore, beer consumption is a risk factor for malaria. How interesting.

As for the other health benefits of beer, there is a phenolic compound (antioxidant) known as xanthohumol that comes from the hops in beer and may offer some protective benefits. But, you knew there would be a "but," research has "reliably demonstrated" that any "cardioprotective benefits from regular alcohol use are negated by heavy episodic drinking (or what the researchers termed HED)." However, and here's the good news, "light to moderate amounts of polyphenol-rich alcoholic beverages, such as wine or beer, could have health benefits."

One study from the Journal of Physiology and Biochemistry showed that moderate beer consumption had a positive effect on first-line immunity after 30 days of regular beer intake. The women in the study drank 330 ml or about 11 ounces while the men drank double that. Although both sexes saw improvement in biomarkers for immunity, the response was more enhanced in women. OK, OK, perhaps I will have a beer this weekend.

To really seal the deal on convincing you, and me, about the health benefits of beer, there are several animal studies that have shown that beer may prevent cancer and osteoporosis and may even improve Type 2 Diabetes, lower cholesterol and reduce the incidence of hardening of the arteries. All I want to know is who took those little underage mice to a bar and got them hammered? Animal research can be so unscrupulous!

So now I've done my part. The rest is up to you, to drink moderately and marinade your meat before you grill it. To grill safely, always use protection, like the protection you'll find in my protective marinade recipe. Happy Steak & Beer Day, which is really just any weekend or week day!

Protective Marinade

1 large onion, sliced to use in marinade and then grill with steak
2 cloves garlic, minced
1/2 cup extra virgin olive oil
1 cup of beer
Juice of one lemon or 2 Tablespoons apple cider vinegar
2 Tablespoons maple syrup
1 Tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
2 Tablespoons fresh rosemary
1/2 teaspoon sea salt
1/2 teaspoon black pepper or just liberally crank your pepper mill
8 ounces steak of your choice

Combine all ingredients in a shallow dish, big enough to hold the steak. Place the steak in the marinade. Make sure to spoon some on top to cover the steak completely. Cover the dish with plastic wrap. Refrigerate for at least one hour or up to one day. Cook however you please, but please limit exposure to high heat for extended periods of time.

Elizabeth is a Registered Dietitian and Certified Holistic Chef who despite growing up in a household of beer drinkers, only uses beer in cooking. To learn more, please visit her website: www.TheKitchenVixen.com

Community Participation Needed
for *Memorial Day Ceremony*
at **Santa Monica's Woodlawn Cemetery**

This marks the 72nd year the City of Santa Monica has sponsored in conjunction with local service-oriented organizations a Memorial Day observance on the grounds of Woodlawn Cemetery. This is an important event that honors and celebrates the memory our nation's fallen military heroes.

The event will be held at Woodlawn Cemetery located at 1847 14th Street in Santa Monica on Memorial Day, Monday May 31, at 11:00 a.m.

This year the Cemetery staff would like to reach out to the Santa Monica Community and surrounding areas in an effort to achieve a wider degree of participation from local organizations and residents.

If you or your organization would like to participate in the planning of the upcoming event, or participate as a part of the event program, **please contact Virgil County, Cemetery Administrator** at **(310) 458-8717** by **March 25th**. Musical groups (bands, choirs, etc.) are highly encouraged to participate.

Remember for this event to be a continued success and to truly mirror the Community, your participation is essential.



Courtesy LA Marathon

2010 L.A. Marathon info

For the first time, the L.A. Marathon is coming to Santa Monica on Sunday, March 21. Taking off from Doger Stadium, racers will be following a new route dubbed "Stadium to the Sea" through Beverly Hills and West Hollywood before heading down San VIcente Boulevard in Santa Monica and reaching the finish line on scenic Ocean Avenue and Santa Monica Boulevard, near the Santa Monica Pier.

Top runners should arrive shortly after 9 a.m., with the bulk of marathoners finishing the race between noon and 3 p.m. There are 25,000 participants registered to take part in the race, so Downtown Santa Monica is bracing for a flood of athletes and their fans. Here's what you need to know:

Street closures

■ The eastbound lanes of San Vicente Boulevard will be closed. The westbound lanes of San Vicente Boulevard will be open.

■ Ocean Avenue will be closed to all vehicles between San Vicente Boulevard and Colorado Avenue.

■ Main Street will be closed between Pico Boulevard and Colorado Avenue during the morning pre-event loading period and until Santa Monica Police authorize a re-opening. After that, the west side of Main Street between City Hall and the RAND building is a designated runner pick-up area – no parking or standing at any time will be allowed.

■ The California Incline will be closed.

■ Street reopening begins at approximately 1 p.m. at the east end of Santa Monica.

Parking

■ Midnight – 6 a.m.: Reserved parking for race participants in the Civic Center, Downtown Structures 3, 5 and 7 (west side of Fourth Street between Colorado and Arizona Ave.); and South Beach Lots 4 & 5 (2030 Ocean Ave.; 2600 Barnard Way). All other city-owned lots and structures are closed. Parking at on-street meters will be subject to normal regulations.

■ 6 a.m. – 12 p.m.: All lots and structures will be open, vehicles entering before noon will pay a $10 flat rate.

■ After 12 p.m.: All city-owned parking facilities return to normal Sunday rates.

■ No free Main Street Farmer's Market parking in the beach lots on March 21.

In addition to city-owned facilities, private parking operators have committed over 2,000 spaces and the L.A. Marathon continues to work with additional private parking facility owners.

Finish Line Beach Party, Santa Monica Pier

A Finish Line Beach Party will be held at the Santa Monica Pier for runners and spectators following this year's L.A. Marathon. It will include music from the Alex Band, led by the former lead singer of The Calling. Food vendors and exhibitors will also be on hand. There will also be a giant video screen available for viewing the race's television coverage.

■ Where: 1550 Pacific Coast Hwy. (adjacent to pier)
■ When: Sunday, March 21, 2010
■ Time: 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.
■ Parking: On-site and city-owned lots in Downtown
■ Highlight: Post-race awards ceremony at 9:50 a.m.

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Public Meeting Notice

The City of Santa Monica will be holding a Public Meeting to update the community on planned improvements for the Resource Recovery Center.

City staff and the consultant team, along with representatives from Southern California Disposal and Allan Company, will provide the community with an update on the public/private partnership and improvements to the transfer station and recycling facility.

Meeting Date & Time:
Monday, March 29, 2010, 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Meeting Location:
Virginia Avenue Park – Thelma Terry Building
2200 Virginia Avenue
Santa Monica, California 90404

For further information on this project, please contact Michael Collins at (310) 434-2611 or michael.collins@smgov.net.

The Thelma Terry Building is wheelchair accessible. For special accommodations, including translation services, please contact Phil Tong at (310) 458-2205 or phil.tong@smgov.net three working days prior to the meeting. TTY/TDD (310) 917-6626.

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Santa Monica transplant runs first L.A. Marathon

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Mallon said with a giggle. "I taker her along with me. I have somebody who helps me out."

If all goes well, Julia Mallon hopes to finish in 2 hours, 45 minutes, which would qualify her for the Olympic trials later this year. Her personal best is 2:46:17, which she accomplished at the 2004 U.S. Olympic trials.

While this will be her first L.A. Marathon, it isn't the first she's run since the birth of her daughter in early 2009. Just three months after giving birth she was back competing in marathons. She raced in another three months later, clocking a time near 3 hours.

"I did OK," she said of those races. "It wasn't great, but I jumped into those to have a good time, not win."

Aside from the serious business of trying to set a personal best and qualify for the Olympic trials, Julia Mallon said she's excited by this year's revamped route.

Dubbed, "Stadium to the Sea," the route wends its way from the starting line at Dodger Stadium through Downtown L.A., Hollywood, West Hollywood, Beverly Hills, and the VA Greater Los Angeles before ending on Ocean Avenue in Santa Monica.

Marathon organizers created the new route to show off some of the region's landmarks.

"We've elevated the experience for the runner and elevated the look and feel of the marathon," L.A. Marathon Partnerships Director Dave Klewan said during a press conference this week.

From Julia Mallon's perspective, organizers have been successful.

"[The route] looks great to me," she said. "It is going to be a gorgeous course. I hope the crowds will get out there to enjoy it, too."

And, being a runner first, Julia Mallon said she likes the elevation profile of the race. She likes that it is basically down hill with little variation. She said that's "her kind of race."



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MALLON

She hopes the route helps her set a personal best, but would be happy with just having a good time and qualifying for the trials.

"One thing that I've learned about marathons is you have to go in knowing what you want to achieve," she said. "It isn't about going out there and being top five or 10.

"You better run your race. [Other runners] know what they are doing, you better know what you're doing."

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Museum deal would expire in six months

FROM **MUSEUM** PAGE 1

agreement would expire after six months if Broad fails to begin developing the site.

"We don't want to get too far down the road without Mr. Broad making a decision to focus on Santa Monica," Gould said.

Under the deal, City Hall would contribute $2.7 million toward the museum by way of a $1 million payment for the museum's design, $750,000 for site preparation, $900,000 for permitting and fees and $50,000 for off-site environmental mitigation.

City Hall would also lease the site to the Broad Foundations for 99 years for $1 per year. A City Hall report notes that the site would be worth more than $43 million if the land was zoned for commercial use, but "its value in the open market is negligible" because the general plan allows only open space and cultural uses on the lot.

"I hope Mr. Broad remains enthusiastic and I'm sure he recognizes our strengths," said Councilman Richard Bloom.

The fact that the proposed deal is similar to the earlier version "means that our underlying assumptions were very sound and remain sound," he said.

Bobby Shriver was the only council member to raise questions about the earlier proposal, and Gould said Shriver's concerns were part of the reason he asked staff to carry out additional due diligence on the agreement.

On Friday, Shriver could not be reached for comment on the new proposal by presstime.

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Health care battle comes down to vote

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WASHINGTON One by one, Democratic fence-sitters began choosing sides Friday, and the long, turbulent struggle over landmark health care legislation tilted unmistakably in President Barack Obama's direction.

In full campaign mode, his voice rising, the president all but claimed victory, declaring to a cheering audience in Virginia, "We are going to fix health care in America."

With the showdown vote set for Sunday in the House, Obama decided to make one final, personal appeal to rank-and-file Democrats, arranging a Saturday visit to the Capitol. Republicans, unanimous in opposition to the bill, complained anew about its cost and reach.

Under a complex — and controversial — procedure the Democrats have devised, a single vote probably will be held to send one bill to Obama for his signature and to ship a second, fix-it measure to the Senate for final passage in the next several days.

Democratic leaders and Obama focused last-minute lobbying efforts on two separate groups of Democrats, 37 who voted against an earlier bill in the House and 40 who voted for it only after first making sure it would include strict abortion limits that now have been modified.

Reps. John Boccieri of Ohio, and Allen Boyd and Suzanne Kosmas of Florida became the latest Democrats to announce support for the bill after voting against an earlier version that passed, bringing the number of switches to six.

On the other side of the ledger, Rep. Michael Arcuri of New York became the first Democratic former supporter to announce his intention to oppose the bill. Rep. Anh Cao of Louisiana, the only Republican to support the earlier measure, has also announced his opposition.

The historic legislation, affecting virtually every American and more than a year in the making, would extend coverage to an estimated 32 million Americans who lack it, forbid insurers to deny coverage on the basis of pre-existing medical conditions and cut federal deficits by an estimated $138 billion over a decade. Congressional analysts estimate the cost of the two bills combined would be $940 billion over a decade.

For the first time, most Americans would be required to purchase insurance, and they would face penalties if they refused. Billions of dollars would be set aside for subsidies to help families at incomes of up to $88,000 a year afford the cost. And the legislation also provides for an expansion of Medicaid that would give government-paid health care to millions of the poor.

Several lawmakers who opposed the earlier version on abortion grounds announced they would vote in favor of the new bill, and there was talk among others of finding a largely symbolic way that would allow them to follow. Rep. Marcy Kaptur of Ohio, said in an interview she would support the bill if Democratic leaders would first allow a stand-alone vote on tougher abortion restrictions, even though that vote evidently would not affect the health care measure itself.

The political ramifications remained to be fought out in November.

Arcuri's announcement of opposition reaped a threat from his former allies at the Service Employees International Union, which vowed to try and unseat him in this fall's Democratic primary in favor of "someone who shares our progressive values."

Boccieri's decision to support the bill drew a tart response from the House Republican campaign committee, which issued a warning — "Ohio Dem Uses Press Conference to Announce End of Stint in Congress" — that predicted the first-term lawmaker's political demise.

Republicans and their allies unleashed a fresh barrage of criticism, warning the bill would eviscerate a private Medicare program that serves 10 million seniors and would impose new burdens on businesses in a time of recession. But they stopped well short of predicting they could stop the bill, and there were questions about the authenticity of a purported Democratic strategy memo they circulated in an effort to raise doubts about the legislation.

One day after Democrats released 153 pages of revisions to their bill, they were back at it, responding to fresh concerns from some of the rank and file about disparities in payment levels to Medicare providers in different areas of the country.

"I'm a 'no' unless they fix it," said Rep. Peter DeFazio, D-Ore. "We spent months working this out. If we don't get it in this bill, we will never get it." Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., said changes were in the works.

Republicans said, as they have from the outset, that Democrats were angling for a government takeover of health care. They also said the cost of the bill would be covered by $900 billion in higher taxes and cuts in future Medicare payments.The Republicans circulated a letter from Caterpillar Vice President Gregory S. Foley to House leaders, warning that passage of the legislation would raise the company's health care costs by "more than 320 percent (over $100 million) in the first year alone and put at risk the coverage out current employees and retirees receive."

The insurance industry said the latest Democratic legislation would decimate a private alternative to traditional Medicare that counts 10 million subscribers. It will "end Medicare Advantage as we know it," said Robert Zirkelbach, a spokesman for American Health Insurance Plans." He said Democrats were cutting $200 billion over a decade in projected federal subsidies, and he predicted premiums for seniors would rise as a result.

The government subsidizes private plans at a higher rate than traditional Medicare, and the cuts are aimed at reducing the difference.

Four cities staving off recession

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WASHINGTON Call them the Final Four: The four large cities that have made it through the Great Recession with the smallest increases in unemployment.

Minneapolis, Buffalo, Oklahoma City and Rochester, N.Y., don't have much else in common. But a government report shows they've had the smallest increases in joblessness over the past two years among cities with at least 1 million people.

None of the four relies on heavy manufacturing industries, such as autos or steel, which have been hit hard by the downturn. And all have avoided the extremes of the housing boom and bust that devastated much of California, Florida and Nevada.

Minneapolis was the city with the smallest rise in unemployment among the nation's 49 largest metro areas, according to Labor Department data released Friday. Its jobless rate rose by only 2.8 percentage points from January 2008, a month after the recession began, through January 2010. Its rate reached 7.7 percent that month.

Nationwide, the rate rose by nearly 5 points during those two years, to 9.7 percent in January, up from 5 percent. Employers cut 8.4 million jobs, the most in any downturn since the 1930s.

Minneapolis benefited from a medical equipment industry that's fared better than other manufacturers during the downturn, according to Jeet Dutta, a senior economist at Moody's Economy.com. The city's major employers include Medtronic Inc. and Boston Scientific Corp. Health care is one of the few sectors of the economy that have added jobs during the downturn.

Oklahoma City's January unemployment rate of 6.7 percent, meanwhile, is the lowest among large metro areas, the Labor Department said. It's risen only 2.9 percentage points in the past two years. About a fifth of the city's workers are employed by state or local government, said Russell Evans, a regional economist at Oklahoma State University. That includes the employees of 29 Native American tribal governments in the region, most of which have offices in Oklahoma City, the state's capital.

Those workers benefited from federal stimulus money that helped plug holes in the state government's budget and avoid layoffs, he said.

In addition, booming oil and gas prices leading up to the recession and a growing aerospace maintenance industry led to strong income gains for the region's workers even as the recession took hold in other parts of the country, Evans said.

"Consumers in Oklahoma were a little slower than in the rest of the nation to tighten their wallets," he said.

Will the U.S. lose triple-A ranking?

BERNARD CONDON
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK It's the financial equivalent of a high medal count at the Olympics or a seat on the U.N. Security Council — a triple-A credit rating, the seal of approval that lets investors know a country's bonds are safe.

The U.S. is one of a small number of nations with the coveted rating — for now. Moody's Investors Service warned this week that the government's massive debt burden could cost the country its triple-A.

Yet the reaction from investors and the public has mostly been a shrug.

The stock market was briefly rattled, then resumed its gradual climb. And ordinary folks didn't seem to notice a report raising the possibility that their children and grandchildren face a lower standard of living thanks to mounting government debt.

A triple-A rating says a country is very unlikely to default on its debt. Like a homeowner with a good credit rating, countries with this exalted status get better interest rates when borrowing with notes and bonds.

A downgrade often means they have to offer higher rates to get investors to bite, a move that ripples through the credit markets and in turn hikes rates on mortgages, credit cards and car and business loans.

"It's a little scary," says Benn Steil, a senior fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations. The U.S. debt situation "is serious, and it needs to be addressed now."

Countries and territories in the world deemed safe enough to merit triple-A by another credit agency, Standard & Poor's, now number a mere 18 out of 123 rated. France, Germany and Britain earn top marks, as do some curiosities like the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg and the Bailiwick of Guernsey. Moody's technically calls the rating Aaa, while S&P calls it AAA.

Japan dropped out of this elite group in 2001. In March, Ireland was downgraded. Spain lost bragging rights in January.

The next step down at Moody's is Aa1. At S&P, it's called AA+. Either one would be far ahead of most other countries but still something of an embarrassment for the United States.

It's an unlikely step, money managers say. A big reason is that it's easy for the U.S. to borrow, even with high debt, because there's natural demand for Treasurys.

It's the asset of choice for central banks' reserves, a sort of rainy day fund for countries. People also like to hold dollars because it's the currency of international trade. If you want to buy oil, for instance, you need to do it in dollars.





SURF REPORT

Surf Conditions **Water Temp:** 58°

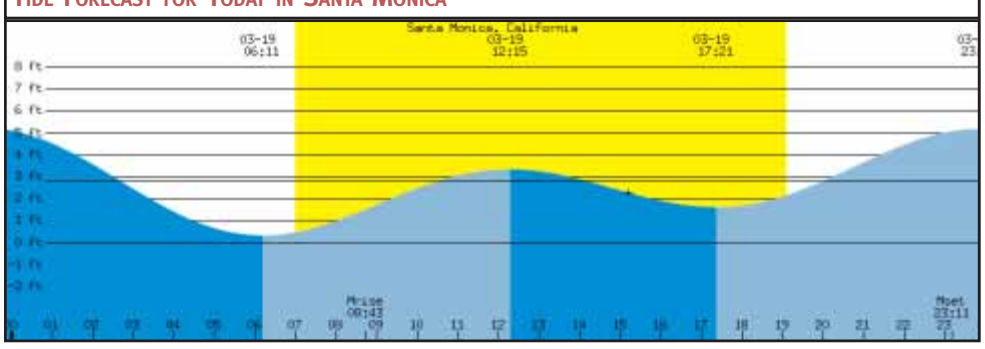
Swell Forecast

The NW backs off even further to around waist high. Light southern hemi should remain at waist+ or so as well.

Long Range Synopsis

Monday should see some NW wind/ground swell come into the mix as light southern hemi remains. West facing breaks are looking at waist to chest high waves. South facing breaks are looking at waist high sets.

Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica



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Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous 30 days up to the ending date of **March 16, 2010**

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QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)

- Number of sewage spills - 1
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 12
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather - 40 / 32
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 6 / 11

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

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	A
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lachusa and Los 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+	A+
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	F
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	B
Solstice Canyon at Dan Blocker County Beach.	A+	C
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	A+
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	F	D
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	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+	A+
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	A	A+
Tuna Canyon.	A+	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	D	F
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	A+
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	C	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).	F	F
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	A+
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A+	A+
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	B	C
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	A	F
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A+	A
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A+	B
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+	A+
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+	B

LEGEND

DRY -- each location is graded on an A – F scale based on bacterial pollution levels present in the surf zone
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LOS ANGELES MARATHON

Wesley Korir seeks to defend L.A. title

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES Wesley Korir certainly isn't the first person to come to Los Angeles for his honeymoon.

He is likely one of the few, however, for whom a 26.2-mile race is the focal point of the trip.

"This is my honeymoon," said Korir, who will defend his Los Angeles Marathon title Sunday, a week after getting married, in the debut of the event's new "Stadium to the Sea" course. "This race means more to me now. I love L.A. There's nowhere else I would love to go for my honeymoon than L.A. So I'm excited."

Returning along with Korir, a native of Kenya who lives in Louisville, Ky., are Tariku Jufar of Ethiopia and Laban Kipkemboi of Kenya, who finished second and third a year ago. The men's field also features Richard Limo of Kenya, whose time of 2 hours, 6 minutes, 45 seconds at the 2007 Amsterdam marathon is the fastest in the field.

They'll compete along a new route that begins at Dodger Stadium, passes through West Hollywood and Beverly Hills, and concludes near the beach in Santa Monica.

"Hopefully I'll be able to see some Hollywood people, TV stars," Korir joked. "Hopefully they'll come out of their house and say hi."

The new course negates any advantages he might have had from knowing the one he ran last year in a course record 2:08.24.

"It feels like everything is new again," Korir said. "New people, but I still have two people I competed against last year. And I competed against Limo in Chicago twice. I beat him once; he beat me once."

The new course has an overall drop in elevation of 430 feet, with a hilly middle section and a mostly flat final 12 miles featuring just one significant climb in the 20th mile.

"Most of the races, you get the hardest part at the end, when you're tired," Limo said. "This one is the opposite. From the beginning, when you still have the energy, you have to tackle the hardest part. And then the rest, when you are a little bit tired, it's a little bit downhill. So it will help some of the runners to achieve a good time."

Korir's wife, Tarah, who like her husband ran at the University of Louisville, was on hand to unveil the time for this year's Men vs. Women Challenge. Based on the times of the top performers of each gender, the elite women runners will receive an 18:47 head-start over the elite men's field. The first runner of either gender to finish will receive a $100,000 bonus. In six previous challenges, the men have won three times and the women have won three.

Korir received that $100,000 bonus a year ago, along with a $40,000 time bonus, helping push his winnings for the day to $160,000.

Ashu Kasim of Ethiopia has the best time in the women's field, a 2:25.49 in the 2009 Paris marathon. She called the 18:47 advantage "a good challenge for the women.

"I'll try to push from the beginning," Kasim said through an interpreter, "so the men do not pass me at the last."

INTERNATIONAL SOCCER

Beckham writes letter of support to AC Milan

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MILAN David Beckham sent an open letter to his AC Milan teammates Friday, offering his support for the remainder of the season.

Beckham tore his Achilles' tendon in Milan's 1-0 win over Chievo Verona on Sunday, cutting short his second loan period with the Italian club from the Los Angeles Galaxy.

"I want to wish everyone good luck and to say I hope they can bring home the championship," the 34-year-old midfielder wrote on the club's Web site. "I would also like to thank you all for your support after the Chievo Verona match. I hope to play with you again and be part of this marvelous club."

Milan is second in the Italian league on 58 points, one behind league leader Inter Milan.

Beckham underwent surgery on the injury in Finland on Monday. He will miss the World Cup and is expected to be out for about six months.

National team manager Fabio Capello told a TV station in Spain that he invited Beckham to accompany the team in South Africa.

"We've asked Beckham to come with us to South Africa," he told Gol Television. "He can be there with us. It depends on him and other things, on how the injury is. It's clear he won't be able to play."



MOVIE TIMES

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Saint Jack (NR) 1hr 52min
Daisy Miller (NR) 1hr 31min
7:30

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

Our Family Wedding Digital Presentation (PG-13) 1hr 30min
12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 7:45, 10:05

The Crazies (R) 1hr 41min
2:15, 4:50, 7:20, 9:50

Shutter Island (R) 2hrs 18min
2:40, 6:00, 9:15

AMC 7 Santa Monica
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Diary of a Wimpy Kid (PG) 1hr 33min
10:15am, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:20, 10:45

The Bounty Hunter (PG-13) 1hr 46min
10:45am, 11:45am, 1:30, 2:30, 4:20, 5:20, 7:15, 8:10, 10:15, 11:00

Alice in Wonderland (in Disney Digital 3D) (PG) 1hr 49min
10:30am, 11:30am, 1:20, 2:20, 4:10, 5:10, 7:00, 8:00, 9:50, 10:50

Shutter Island (R) 2hrs 18min
1:00, 4:30, 7:45, 10:55

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11:00, 1:45, 4:40, 7:30, 10:20

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1:00, 6:45

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4:00

A Single Man (R) 1hr 55min
9:55

The Hurt Locker (R) 2hrs 26min
1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 10:10

Crazy Heart (R) 2hrs 07min
1:30, 4:20, 7:10, 9:55

The Ghost Writer (PG-13) 2hrs 23min
1:40, 4:30, 7:20, 10:10

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11:30am, 2:10, 4:50, 7:30, 10:10

Avatar 3D (PG-13) 2hrs 40min
1:00, 4:30, 8:15

Green Zone (R) 1hr 55min
11:40am, 12:30, 2:20, 3:30, 5:00, 6:30, 7:40, 9:30, 10:20

Remember Me (PG-13) 1hr 53min
11:20am, 2:00, 4:40, 7:20, 10:00

Brooklyn's Finest (R) 2hrs 13min
12:40, 6:40

The Blind Side (PG-13) 2hrs 6min
3:40, 9:40

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Toss in some imagination, Libra

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ Don't restrain yourself from saying what is important. Someone might challenge your ideas. Do you really care? Get the facts out, and have a necessary discussion. Others might be more in the mood to listen as the day becomes older. Tonight: In the line of duty.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ You bloom in a new way. Understanding evolves. How you deal with a loved one depends on what comes up. Think positively about a new addition to your household. A friend's quirkiness works in your favor. Tonight: Treat time.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ Play it low-key for just a little longer. You could discover surprising information if you relax with the situation. Your sense of humor will emerge with some detachment. You could be amazed by how differently you see a situation. Tonight: Where the action is.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You might want to detach, especially if you are feeling as if someone is squeezing you very hard. Though you might not have the right answers, you are willing to find them. Be sensitive to spending. You don't always have self-discipline. Tonight: Just for you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ A partner could prove to be disruptive. How you think about a personal matter could change radically. You have more get-up-and-go as the day gets older. Use care in your perceptions. Most certainly you are not seeing someone clearly. Tonight: Midweek break.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ Keep pushing to learn more. By understanding there is always someone who knows more or understands a situation differently, you will grow. You could be amazed by how a key associate or loved one changes your perspective. Tonight: Be a duo.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ Others want your attention, and not collectively. Making time for everyone you care about could be overwhelming. How you handle someone could change radically as you transform your opinions. Make key calls late in the day. Tonight: Toss in some imagination.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Others make it clear they are in charge. Are they? You might not want to burst their bubble, but no one controls you. Determine your options, and continue as an individual on your chosen path. The less said the better. Tonight: With a favorite partner.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ Focus on completing rather than initiating. How you handle someone and the answers you give could define a relationship. Stay centered, and when a talk occurs, be sure of your conviction. Stay mum until then. Tonight: Sort through your options.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You might want to revise your thinking about a domestic matter and an expenditure. Don't commit to any alterations or adjustments until you feel sure of yourself. Give yourself all the time and space needed. Tonight: Easy works.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ If you can, stay close to home. You are best off by yourself or within your intimate circle. Sometimes less is more, and that easily could refer to being the friendly Aquarian. Make sure you have an in-depth and authentic conversation with a key person. Tonight: Let your hair down.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ Keep communication flowing. Just because you see a situation in a certain manner doesn't mean it is the only way. Be open to feedback and perhaps actually changing a decision. Your instincts might not be on target. Tonight: Happy at home.

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

Happy birthday

This year, you work hard to accomplish what you desire. There are some surprises on the way. Your ability to adjust counts. Lady Luck is on your side, even if you doubt it occasionally. You also are christening a new luck/life cycle. If you are single, you are likely to meet someone very special. Relating on an even level might not be a possibility. This person might be unpredictable in some fashion. If you are attached, work on respecting your differences and using them for the bettering of the bond. GEMINI is fun to share with.

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	5						6	
2				4				5
	7						1	
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			6		9			
4		1		5				9

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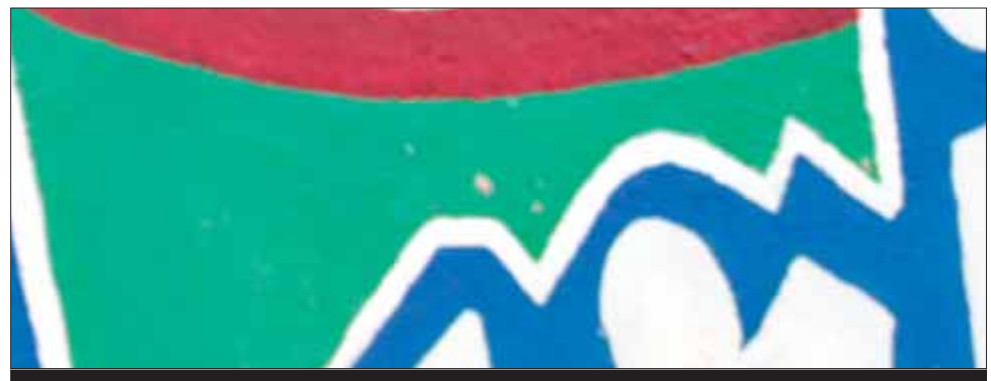
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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6 Bath bars
11 Venice sight
12 J.R.'s mother
13 Muscular dog
14 Sicilian spouter (Var.)
15 Makeup exam
17 Porch sight
18 Pigged out
19 Jazz fans
22 Physique, in slang
23 Yacht lot
24 Offered
25 Spheres
27 Smidgen
30 Mass producers?
31 Wallet bill
32 Physics particle
33 "300" city
35 Theater boxes
38 Luminous glows
39 Blatant
40 Feed the fire
41 Towel material
42 Planted
16 Serving collections
20 Reporter's ID
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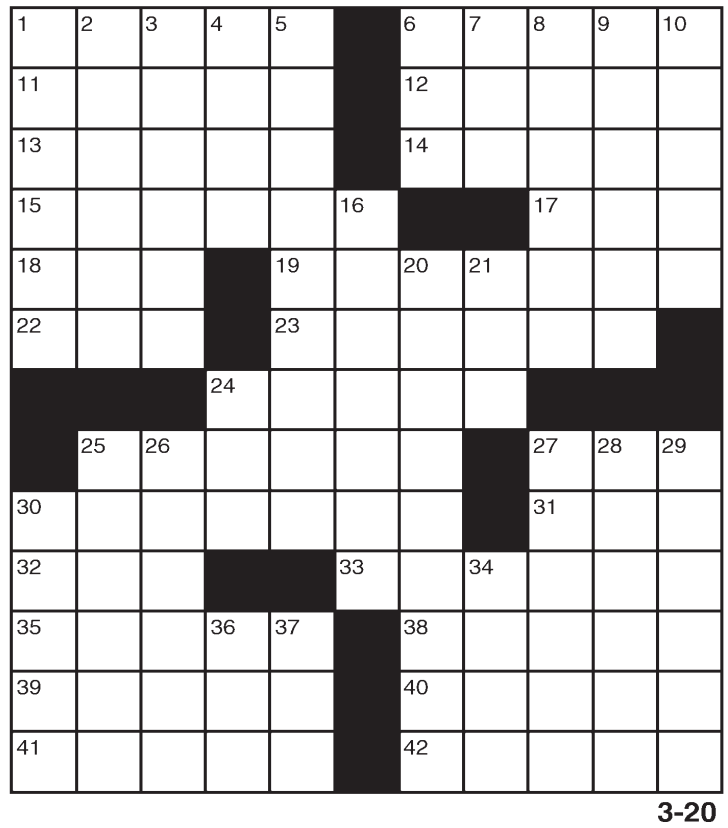
DOWN

1 Sacred beetle
2 Grow fond of
3 Cohesive
4 Lot
5 Quickly converging groups
6 Marlin's home
7 Flamenco cheer
8 "Nashville" director
9 Target at a party
10 Plane count

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Human Rights Law: Iraqi immigrant Laith Alani murdered two doctors in a British hospital in 1990 and has been confined to mental facilities ever since, taking clozapine to control his schizophrenia. Since Alani is not a citizen, the government has sought deportation, but in January the Asylum and Immigration Tribunal ruled that that would violate Alani's "human rights." Only the British hospitals, reasoned the judges, can guarantee that Alani will receive uninterrupted clozapine, without which he would become dangerous to himself and to others (that is, fellow Iraqis, after repatriation).

■ Orthodox Jewish Law: Israel Elias and his then-wife Susan Zirkin were divorced under British law in 1962, but Zirkin has been unable to remarry since then because Orthodox Jewish law does not recognize divorce unless the husband grants the wife a "get," and Elias has refused. Within the Orthodox community, Zirkin would have been shunned had she remarried, as would any children she had. A few rabbis try to work around the system, but their attempts are not widely accepted. Zirkin, now 73, was believed to be the world's longest-standing "chained" wife, but in February, after 37 years, she became a free woman. Elias passed away, and the "get" is no longer necessary.

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