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THE HAVE A SAFE HOLIDAY ISSUE



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MAKING SWEET MUSIC: **Matt Gerovac (left) and Joseph 'Panhead' Peck from the band Babylon Saints play their style of reggae on the Third Street Promenade Friday afternoon. A recent U.S. appellate court decision that a law regulating street performers in Seattle violates the First Amendment has prompted city officials in Santa Monica to evaluate the implications locally.**

Court ruling could impact promenade performers

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN A recent U.S. appellate court decision ruling that a law regulating street performers in Seattle violates the First Amendment has prompted city officials in Santa Monica to evaluate the implications locally.

The Santa Monica City Attorney's Office has been in close contact with Seattle city officials since the ruling came down on June 24, waiting for their next steps, which could be in the form of an appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court. In the mean time, local officials are reviewing how the decision would impact an ordinance requiring a $37 renewable permit for performers on the Third Street Promenade, Santa Monica Pier and Transit Mall.

The U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals last week struck down a 2002 law that estab-

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HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

Samohi's Padilla tosses pair of no-hitters

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

DOWNTOWN Santa Monica High School's Adam Padilla is using his summer vacation wisely.

Padilla, the varsity baseball team's lone freshman last season, recently set the 16 and Under Junior Olympics on fire with a pair of no-hitters.

"It was the most in the zone I've ever been," he said of his performance late last month in Arizona. "I knew scouts were going to be watching."

Playing for the Irvine Blue Wave, a team that plays on the Connie Mack circuit, Padilla feels his strong performance during the tournament will springboard him to another strong season for the Vikings next year. After being called up to varsity mid-season, Padilla settled into the lead off spot in the order while playing outfield and pitcher.

Neither no-no was a complete game due to the mercy rule, but Padilla said he felt he could have pitched all day. The tournament featured 90 teams with the Blue Wave finishing 33rd.

Padilla said that his performance caught the eyes of scouts on hand, a fact that gives the young hurler confidence going forward.

"It's really important to get noticed by scouts," Padilla said. "That's how you get them to start following you."

Padilla's summer work will continue as he prepares to play for the White Sox's scout team. A number of Samohi players play for the scout team.

Once summer is over, the Samohi baseball team will begin preparing for a new season led by new coach Sheldon Philip-Guide. Padilla has yet to meet the coach, but from what he hears Philip-Guide looks like a good choice to lead the team following the departure of former coach Rob Duron.

FORMER UCLA SAFETY HEADS TO SMC

Former Crespi High School star E.J. Woods has decided to leave UCLA's football team and is reportedly heading to Santa Monica College.

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From gas guzzlers to money savers

BY NATALIE JARVEY
Special to the Daily Press

CITYWIDE Sitting in bumper-to-bumper traffic it might feel as though all of Los Angeles is on the roads, but a recent report from the State Board of Equalization shows that gas consumption is down, and has been for the past three years.

According to the figures for January through March of 2009, Californians used 213 million gallons less than they did in the same three-month period in 2008, a decline of 5.6 percent, despite the fact that gas prices have also been down.

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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA AND SURROUNDS

Happy Fourth of July from the Daily Press!

Parade down Main
Main Street
9:30 a.m. — 11:30 a.m.
Join community groups, sports teams and more as they march in the third annual Fourth of July Parade. The stage will be located near the Santa Monica Civic Auditorium. Call (310) 452-5700 for more information.

Healthy Life planning meeting
Healthy Life Santa Monica
520 Broadway, Suite 350, no time listed
Healthy Life will address workshop coordination, volunteer opportunities and marketing, street team and Web site updates at this general meeting. Meetings are open to the public, but please register at healthylife.eventbrite.com as there is limited seating.

Sunday, July 5, 2009

Farm fresh
Main Street
9:30 a.m. — 1 p.m.
Get the freshest of produce at this weekly Farmers' Market. You can find everything from veggies to bread and everything in between. Perfect spot for foodies to spend a Sunday morning.

Antique and collectible market
Santa Monica Airport
3050 Airport Avenue, 8:00 a.m. — 3 p.m.
Talk with dealers and browse rugs, furniture, antiques, jewelry, decorative items, chandeliers, art, vintage clothes, linens and more. Entrance is $4. For more information, visit www.santamonicaairportantiquemarket.com.

'Cinderella: The Musical'
Santa Monica Playhouse
1211 Fourth St., 12:30 p.m.
Experience the 25th anniversary of this romantic classic during the Year of the Glass Slipper, a celebration of all things Cinderella. Admission for kids under 12 is $10.50 and for adults $12.50. For more information, visit www.santamonicaplayhouse.com.

Healing aloud
Miles Memorial Playhouse
1130 Lincoln Blvd., 2 p.m.
Come out for this festival, which aims to give voice to the health needs of Los Angeles. Performance, speech and dance acts reveal tales of struggle across L.A. and the nation. Tickets cost between $10 and $20. For more information, visit www.teada.org.

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.



THOUGHTFUL AND GROOVY

Brandon Wise *brandonw@smdp.com*

Clarence Bekker (center) from Amsterdam sings with the Playing for Change worldwide music group at the opening night of the Santa Monica Pier's 25th annual Twilight Dance Concert Series on Thursday. The group's members have gathered from all across the globe.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Parade hits Main

Saturday is America's birthday and to celebrate the Ocean Park Association is presenting the third annual Santa Monica Fourth of July Parade.

The parade will begin at 9:30 a.m. at the Civic Center. Pre-registration is required.

PARKING

Those planning to attend, there is parking for $3 in the Civic Center garage and surface lot. Enter on Fourth Street, opens at 6:30 a.m. Santa Monica Place still offers free parking for three hours on Colorado Avenue and Broadway. Structures open at 6:30 a.m. There are parking meters west of Main Street.

A free bicycle valet is also an option. It is at Ashland, west of Main Street, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

STREET CLOSURES

Main from Colorado to Pico: 6 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Main from Pico to Marine: 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Neilson at Marine: 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Pico, Bay, Bicknell, Pacific, Strand, Hollister, Ocean Park, Hill, Ashland, Pier and Marine between Fourth Street and Neilson Way: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Expect bus delays and detours.

DAILY PRESS

Neverland to stay closed until after memorial

JOHN ROGERS
Associated Press Writer

LOS OLIVOS Like an old Western boomtown, the funky little makeshift village that sprang up around the gates of Michael Jackson's Neverland Ranch was vanishing Friday, its residents and vendors packing up tents, tarps and piles of Jackson posters and CDs.

The number of TV trucks partially blocking the narrow country road leading to Jackson's estate dwindled, and there were no more tents. Many Jackson fans were gone, replaced by curious tourists spending the holiday weekend in nearby scenic towns.

Rumors of a daylong celebration of Jackson's life, supposedly scheduled to take place just down the road at Ted Chamberlin's Los Portreros Ranch, turned out to be just that — rumors.

"The first I heard about it was when the sheriff called up complaining," an obviously annoyed Chamberlin said Friday.

The veteran rancher said he had volunteered at one point to provide shuttle buses and parking on his ranch, which abuts Neverland, if there had been a huge public memorial for Jackson in the area. That, he said, resulted in someone printing and distributing handbills announcing a huge, daylong celebration.

"They didn't tell me a ... thing about it," he said.

A steady stream of Fourth of July weekenders drove up to the estate and stopped to take pictures. Some added their names to memorial poster boards. A Jackson impersonator with a white glove and shiny jacket danced for onlookers.

A public relations firm for Colony Capital LLC, investors who took control of Neverland in a venture with Jackson after he nearly lost the estate to foreclosure, issued a statement saying that in deference to the pop star and his family no events would occur at Neverland until after a public memorial service next week in Los Angeles.

"This will enable all of us, including his fans and family, to focus on the Tuesday celebration of Michael's life at the Staples Center in Los Angeles," the statement said.

With the party over, several of those peddling T-shirts, bottled water and flowers said they would be off to Los Angeles by the end of the day.

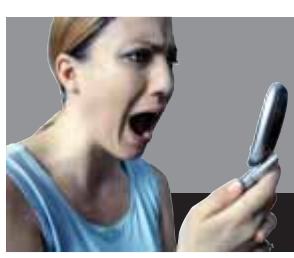
"We'll be there all week," said Christopher A. Vincent, as he set up shop down the road from Neverland one last time on Friday. "We want to help people remember Michael Jackson."



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Showing support for teachers

Editor:

On Tuesday, Melody Hanatani's recent front page article, "Teachers want cuts far from the classroom," caught my attention. What I don't understand is why the school board is looking to place the burden of district budget cuts on the teachers. As the article points out, there are many other revenue-generating options and less onerous cost-cutting options that have not been explored. The Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District is highly regarded. The district's teachers make a big contribution to that reputation. Let's keep it that way by continuing to support our teachers.

Brad Pollack
Santa Monica

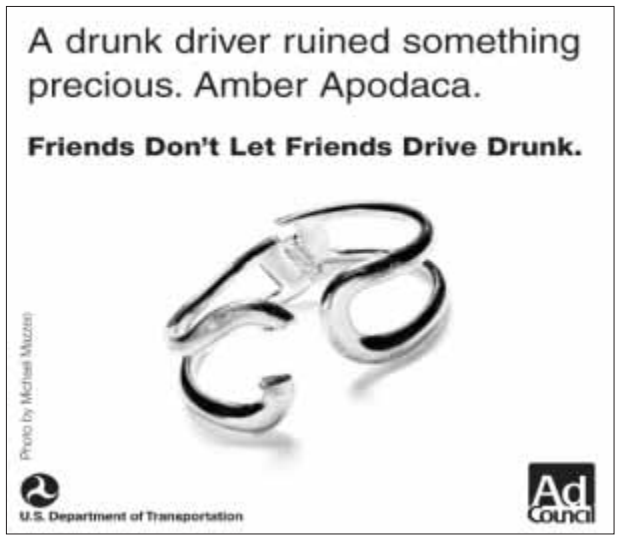
What a shame

Editor:

I believe the government of Israel is now publicly violating the most basic human virtues: they are actively starving the people of Gaza. They derive their confidence to commit criminal acts publicly due to the unending flow of U.S. taxpayer monies. The most pungent fact remains that Americans actually sent the Israelis the aviation fuel used to slaughter whole families in the densely packed city.

With the impounding of the vessel "Spirit of Humanity," a cargo including such dangerous elements as crayons for Gaza children, the war crimes of the Israeli government proceeds. They continue to imprison peaceful humanitarian activists, including former U.S. Representative Cynthia McKinney. Shame on us and them.

Stuart M. Chandler
Mar Vista





Modern Times

Lloyd Garver — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

This pastor is a straight shooter

WHENEVER I WRITE A COLUMN ABOUT guns, I get at least a few responses from people who don't call me names, who use proper grammar, and present their arguments in a reasonable manner. So when I heard that a pastor in Louisville, Ky. had a "Bring Your Gun To Church Day" the other Saturday, I wanted to give him the benefit of the doubt. It wasn't easy.

Before you start firing your angry e-mails at me, let me make a few things clear: I'm not saying this was illegal, and I'm not calling for the repeal of the Second Amendment. I'm trying to understand why a pastor would want guns in church, because well, it seems a tad inappropriate to me.

I spoke to Pastor Ken Pagano of the New Bethel Church, and he seemed like a nice, intelligent guy who just happens to think guns are a very important American tradition, an excellent means of self-defense, and are not out of place in a church.

He pointed out to me that you could see paintings of ancient, medieval, and revolutionary times in which people who were at church had weapons with them. I reminded him that there were many things that were done hundreds of years ago that aren't done today — like sacrificing goats, having slaves and avoiding baths.

I had read that people were supposed to bring unloaded guns to the church. He clarified this. If you didn't have a license to carry a concealed weapon, you could bring a "cold" (unloaded and holstered) gun. If you legally could carry a concealed weapon, of course, you could bring that gun.

Pastor Pagano said that since concealed weapons are concealed, he had no idea how many people in church were armed.

And all these guns make the pastor feel safer for his congregation. Obviously, it's an individual thing, but would you feel the calm and peace that you want in a house of worship, knowing that some of the people around you might be carrying hidden guns?

A house of worship is not just a building like any other, as Pagano implied before the gun gala. That's one of the reasons why when there is violence in a church, a synagogue, or a mosque that it may seem that much more disturbing to us than when it happens on the street or in a bar. A sanctuary is a special place. That's why they call it a sanctuary.

I'm no expert on Christianity, but I believe Jesus was known as the Prince of Peace, not the Prince of Carrying A Piece.

One of the purposes of the event was to celebrate the Second Amendment and the right to bear arms. The pastor feels the church was an appropriate place to do that. I pointed out that since he loved the Constitution and American traditions so much, what about the "separation of church and state?" Is a church really an appropriate place for making a political statement about weapons?

Here's another thought: How would people have reacted if an Imam at an American mosque asked people to bring guns to a service? In fact, how would those same people who went to Pagano's church have reacted? Would they have said, "Good for those Second Amendment-loving Muslims. America needs more Muslims to be carrying guns?" Uh, probably not all of them would have said that. Some would have condemned the act: "You see what a violent people they are? Muslims even bring guns into their house of worship!"

But if it takes place in the New Bethel Church in Louisville, Ky., it's OK?

I had my bar mitzvah in a temple in Chicago which, coincidentally, was also called Beth El. Perhaps it's a geographic or a cultural thing, but I can't imagine anyone bringing guns to a service at the Beth El I went to. Maybe some people might sneak in half a sandwich, maybe someone would carry in a picture of that good-looking guy their daughter's engaged to, but a gun? No way.

So I guess for me it comes back to inappropriateness. In Hebrew, "Beth El" means, "House of God." It doesn't mean, "House of Guns" in any language.

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The Q Line

SPECIAL DELIVERY

This past week, Q-line asked:
The U.S. Postal Service is considering reducing mail deliveries to just five days a week, a departure from the traditional six. Would the reduction be harmless or would it negatively impact your life or business?
Here are your responses:

"I DO NOT THINK WE NEED TO GO five-days-a-week mail because a lot of people will be affected by it. I do think we need to get more efficient mailmen. A lot of these mailmen don't know what they're doing. I work in a children's shoe store and a lot of times we get mail back that we've mailed to customers, address unknown or whatever, and we ask the customers about that and no, it's been the same address for 25 or 30 years."

"I DO NOT KNOW IF THE REDUCTION of mail delivery days would be harmless or not. But it would not affect me personally, since I am retired. However, I do recall that when I was growing up, many years ago, there were penny postcards, letters were three cents to mail, and mail delivery took place morning and afternoon. Also, for two weeks during the Christmas season, mail was also delivered on Sundays. My, how times have changed."

"YES, I KNOW THAT PEOPLE HAVE TO cut down, well I guess the post office has to cut down, I suppose that's fine. We've got to make some cuts, it's unfortunate but that's the way it is. And particularly here in Sanmalicious [sic]. I remember when the postman refused to deliver because I had a Rhodesian ridgeback that jumped over the fence or the hedge, so I had to go and pick up my mail in person."

"THE MAILMEN HAD A PROBLEM delivering the mail in six days. In five days it would have more mail, so they'd have more mail to put in the wrong boxes. Anyway, I also think that if they close it on Saturday it would be very difficult for people who work during the week."

"WHEN I WAS A KID, WE GOT MAIL delivery twice a day, six days a week. How did they manage that back in those dark ages compared to the enlightened times of today? Well, what happened is that over the decades, stupid voters have elected politicians that have turned this country into a third-world country and you don't get first-world amenities in a third-world country. But it won't really affect me all that much, it's just the gradual decline of everything ... not just Obama but a decline in medical care, infrastructure, you name it."

"IF THEY'RE GOING TO CUT ONE DAY OF delivery it should be Saturday because that's the day you always seem to get those letters that you have to call up somebody to complain and they're never in the office because it's the weekend."

"I'VE GOT A SUGGESTION — WHY DON'T they fire some of the tokens over there that control the salaries and maybe end the marijuana prohibition and also tax the churches to maybe raise some more money for all of this."

"E-MAILS, FAXING AND TEXT-messaging and various other forms of electronic communications is creating what used to be a negative cash flow within the U.S. Postal Service. U.S. postal mail delivery service will eventually render down to three days a week — Monday, Wednesday and Friday. This will reduce the mail carrier delivery service costs by 50 percent. This reduction will be implemented by not replacing those letter-carriers who will be retiring and a freeze on hiring. Businesses will rely on various forms of FedExes. Yes, we all will be impacted, especially those of us waiting for our Social Security checks to arrive and various other forms of income checks to arrive in the mail. Still, I will not mind waiting for those various bills and invoices we all receive on a monthly basis in the mail."

"YES, THIS REDUCTION IN MAIL SERVICE will definitely negatively impact my life. Especially people who can only get the mail on Saturdays due to work."

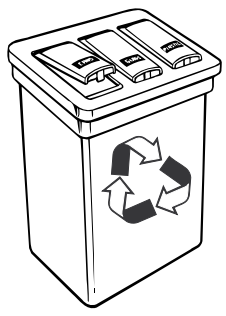
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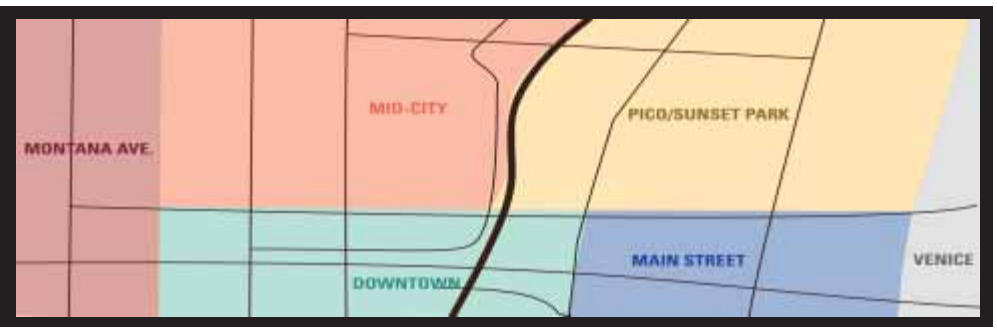
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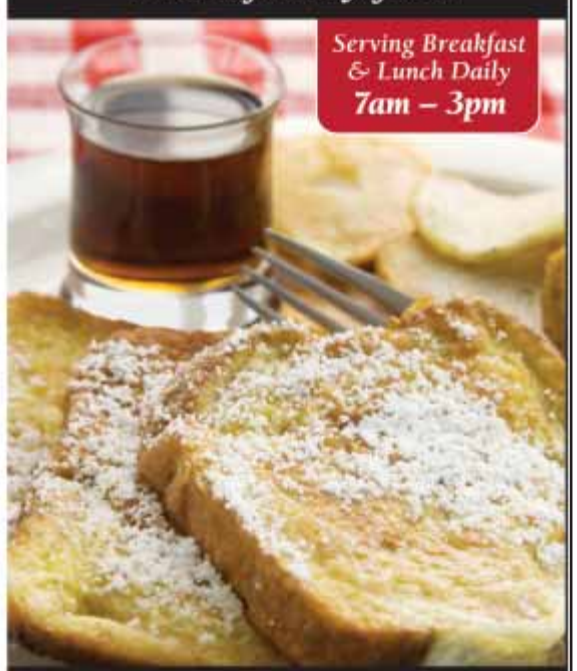
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Freedom from clogged arteries

WE CELEBRATE INDEPENDENCE DAY TO commemorate the signing of the Declaration of Independence in 1776, which sought to give the American colonies freedom from Great Britain. I love the U.S. and Great Britain, and I love the freedoms we have to live our lives as we see fit.

The Declaration of Independence proclaims that we are all endowed by our creator with unalienable rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. I interpret these rights to mean that we are all born with the ability to make the best choices, including choices that improve our overall health and well-being. But with obesity and associated healthcare costs on the rise, it seems that our free will is not so "free" after all.

This weekend you will probably celebrate with loved ones while indulging on burgers, hot dogs, maybe a little macaroni and potato salad all washed down with some beer or a margarita. That doesn't seem so bad. Or does it?

Just one serving of this Independence Day diet contains more calories than most people should eat in a day: 2,155 calories with half of the calories coming from fat — 115 grams of fat, 30 grams of saturated fat and less than 10 grams of fiber. You should have at least 14 grams of fiber for every 1,000 calories. Fiber helps push food through and out of the digestive tract. This heavy holiday meal might be hanging around for a few days, long after the celebrations have ended, potentially hindering your pursuit of anything.

Why not try a lighter version of some favorite foods? Instead of the multi-pack, high-fat burger, try a four ounce turkey and beef burger with mushrooms, olive tapenade and homemade barbecue sauce. As an alternative to potato salad that is destined to languish in your belly, try some sweet and tangy slaw. After that, enjoy six ounces of non-alcoholic strawberry margarita. All this for a grand total of 500 calories with 15 grams of fat, 4 grams of saturated fat, 10 grams of fiber and 10-50 percent of the daily value for every vitamin and mineral. Eat like this and the next day you'll jump out of bed in pursuit of happiness once again.

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Turkey-Beef burgers with Olive Tapenade and Bar-B-Q sauce

1/2 pound ground turkey breast
1/2 pound grass fed beef
1/2 cup mushrooms, chopped
1/2 cup olive tapenade
2 tbs. barbecue sauce
1 tsp. cumin
1 tsp. curry
1/4 cup parsley

Combine ingredients into four patties. Broil four inches from heat, or grill four minutes per side. Serve on whole grain buns with lettuce, tomatoes and onions or as part of a big vegetable salad.

Top with additional olive tapenade and barbecue sauce. Per 4 ounce burger with whole grain bun and fixins: 365 calories, 28g protein, 15g fat, 4g saturated fat, 6g fiber, 10-50 percent DV for every vitamin and mineral.

Olive Tapenade

1 cup kalamata olives, pitted
1 clove garlic, minced
1/2 cup pine nuts
1 tbs. olive oil
Juice of one lemon
1/2 tsp. dried basil
1/4 tsp. ground pepper
2 cups parsley, chopped

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BBQ Sauce

4 Plum tomatoes, skins removed
1 tbs. olive oil
1 yellow onion, chopped
4 cloves garlic, finely chopped
1 mango, peach or nectarine, peeled, pitted & chopped
1 (15oz can) whole tomatoes
1 cup water
1 (6oz can) tomato paste
3/4 cup maple syrup
1/2 cup unsulfured organic molasses
1/4 cup apple cider vinegar
2 tbs. freshly squeezed lemon juice (1 lemon)
2 tbs. Worcestershire sauce
1 tsp. sea salt
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City Hall reviews performer rules in light of recent ruling in Washington

FROM **PERFORMERS** PAGE 1

lished new regulations for street performers in the Seattle Center, an 80-acre park and entertainment complex, requiring permits and restricting activity to designated spaces. The rules also allowed only passive solicitation, required performers to display a badge, and prohibited anyone other than Seattle Center employees from engaging in "speech activities" within 30 feet of where visitors were waiting in line.

A balloon artist and Seattle Center regular, Mike Berger, filed a lawsuit challenging the regulations on the grounds that they violated free speech protections. The U.S. District Court sided with Berger in 2005 and that decision was later appealed by the city of Seattle.

"The government bears the burden of justifying the regulation of expressive activity in a public forum such as the Seattle Center," the appellate court panel said in its ruling. "The city of Seattle has failed to meet this burden with respect to any of the rules challenged by Berger."

If Seattle officials decide to petition for Supreme Court review, Santa Monica City Hall could join in their efforts to urge judges to take the case and weigh in on the issue, Marsha Moutrie, the city attorney said.

Moutrie said the circumstances facing Seattle and Santa Monica are significantly different, especially considering that the former concerns a much larger open area. The case in Seattle also involves a public park, while in Santa Monica permits are not required for performances in those types of spaces.

"As it happens, performers choose not to perform in the park because there's not an adequate concentration of people to make a living," Moutrie said. "We don't really have in the city a space analogous to the Seattle space in sheer size."

The area where the court ruling could have an impact is whether City Hall can require a permit for performers, which the panel considered a prior restraint on free speech, Moutrie said

Performers seeking permits must fill out an application with their name, address, proof of identity, and detail of their act and instrument. The permits must be renewed every year and displayed during the performances. More than 500 permits have been granted this year.

The street artists also have to comply with other regulations concerning noise and spacing requirements, keeping a distance from other performers and maintaining safe circulation in case of an emergency. Moutrie said she doesn't expect the court decision to have an impact on these regulations.

Ben Franz-Knight, the executive director of the Santa Monica Pier Restoration Corp., said issues concerning street performers are always "delicate" because it concerns one's basic right to express themselves.

"The management of that is something we always take great care in doing and have developed over a number of years what many people would say is a complicated process," Franz-Knight said. "But the essence of it is to ensure that everyone who wants to come out and express themselves in our public space has the most fair opportunity to do so."



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COOL KID: **Street performer Josh Remington plays while 2-year-old Helena Bache from Menlo Park dances to the music at the Third Street Promenade Friday afternoon.**

Some performers believe the local regulations for the most part are fair.

"Our process is pretty cool," a dancer who goes by the name Brood J said. "Nine times out of 10, you get a permit."

The street performer, who dances with the New Styles Krew, said he had a problem with a rule prohibiting flips.

"If we practice and train and rehearse all the time, why can't we flip over each other?" he said.

David Smith, a musician who has been playing for nine years in Santa Monica, said that while he doesn't have a problem with the permit requirement, he believes the promenade can get crowded with performances at times.

He said some artists monopolize the most desirable spots. There's also the problem of neighboring performers drowning each others' music out. Smith added that the noise regulations, keeping decibel levels below 97 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. on weekdays and 107 decibels between 7 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. on those evenings, are "ridiculous."

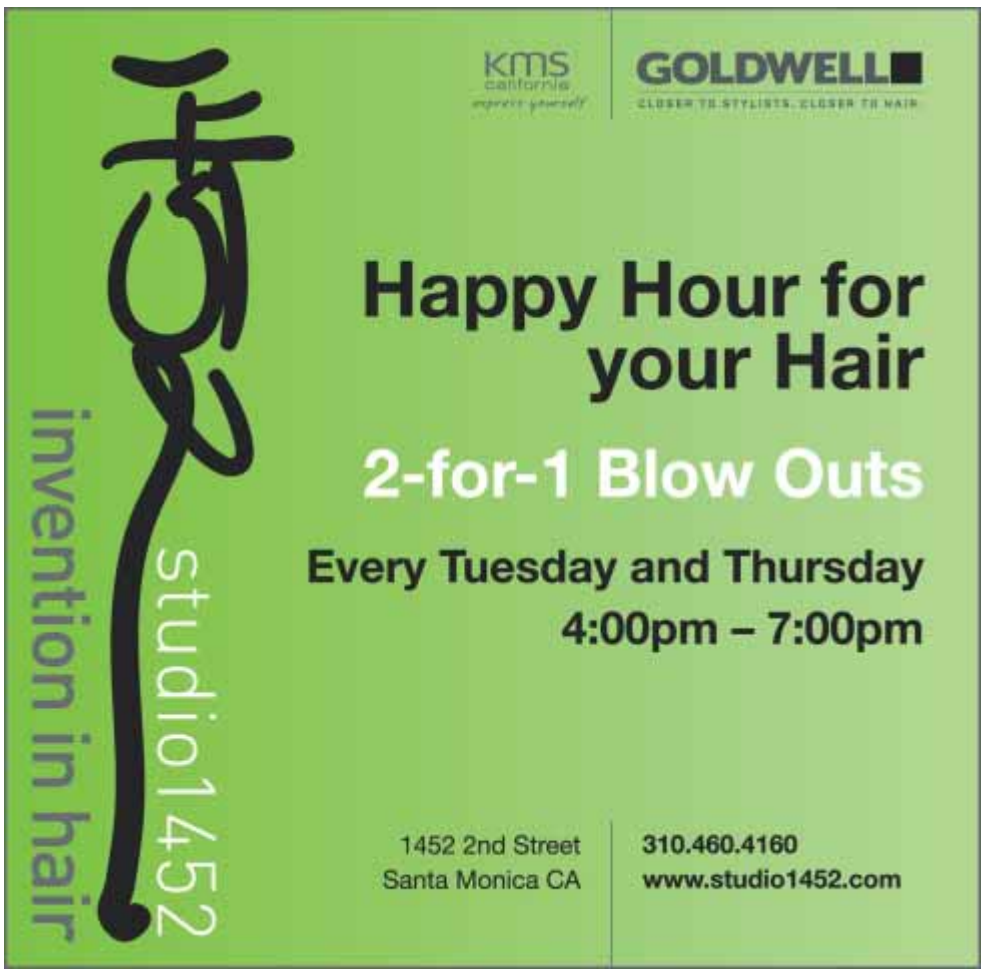
But Smith said he's had few problems with police officers who are out enforcing on the promenade.

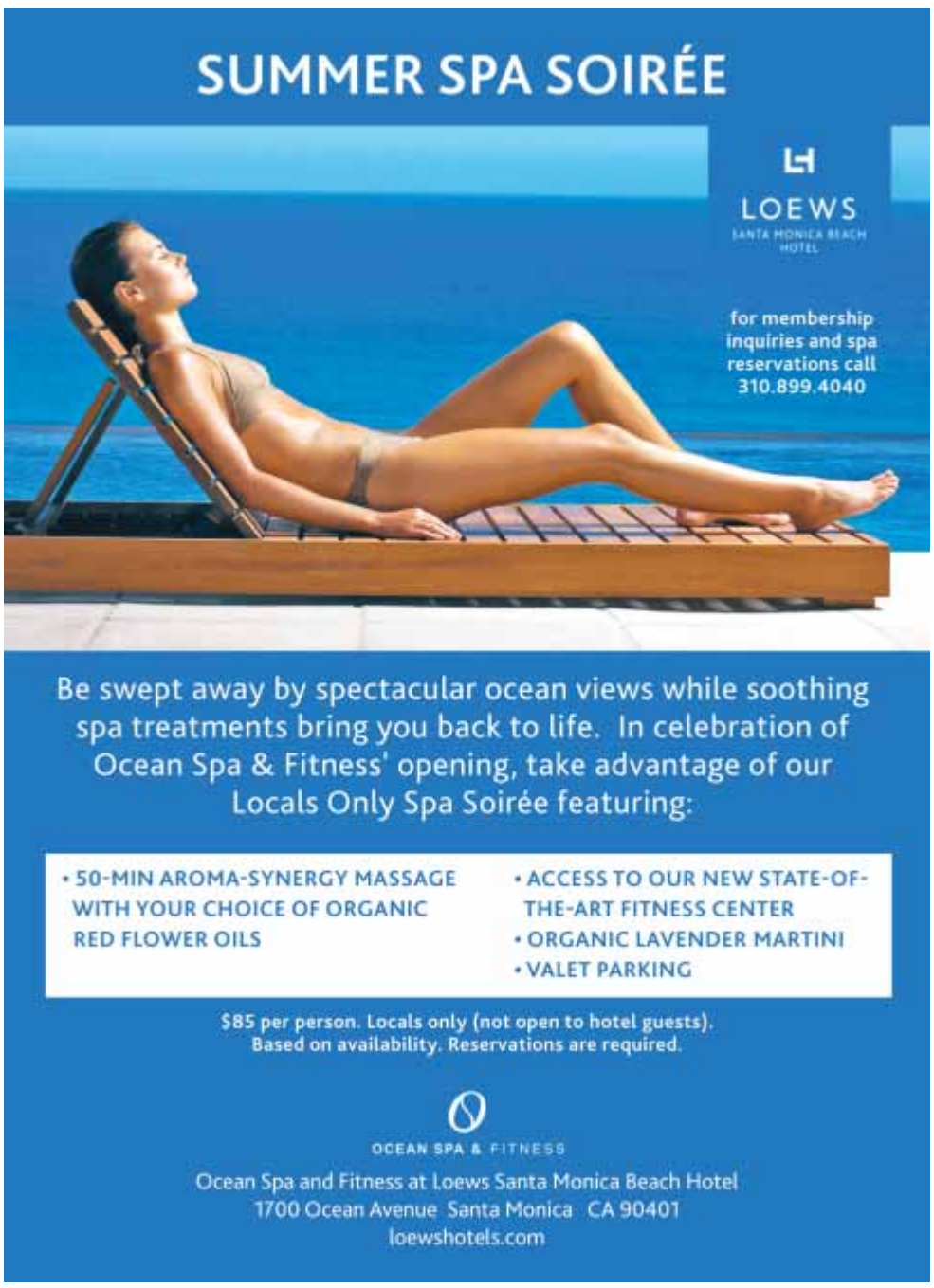
"I'm mostly just grateful I get to be here and that we have this place," he said.

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Bike and Segway sales have shown growth

FROM GAS PAGE 1

Anita Gore, chief of BOE's communication department, said it's no surprise gas consumption has stayed down along with gas prices.

"Consumer behavior changed when the price went up. Consumers began to use less gasoline," she said, citing fuel efficient vehicles, rapid transit and carpooling as popular alternatives. "It appears that some of these consumer behaviors have continued even with gasoline prices declining."

In March the average price at the pump was $2.24 per gallon, a 38 percent decline from the average price in March 2008.

Gas prices have risen since March but appear to be falling again. The average price of a gallon of regular, self-serve gas fell Tuesday for the 10th consecutive day to $2.98.

These figures hardly compare to the spike in gas prices last summer. The Los Angeles area recorded a high of $4.63 per gallon of regular gas last June, according to the AAA Daily Fuel Gauge Report. Santa Monica prices had also risen to over $4 as early as March 2008.

Although recent months have seen a decrease in gas prices to more reasonable levels, many residents have permanently traded in their four wheels for other forms of transportation.

Ridership on the Big Blue Bus is up 5.9 percent this year, which more than doubles the average increase, said Linda Gamberg, marketing and public information coordinator for Big Blue Bus.

Gamberg believes the gas price hike last summer and the recent economic climate are responsible for increased ridership.



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WHAT GIVES? **Steve Edwards fills up his 2007 Chevrolet Corvette for a total of $36 at the Chevron gas station on Santa Monica and Lincoln boulevards on Friday morning. 'The biggest problem I have is that I don't see the reason for the incline in gas prices,' Edwards said.**

"It has inspired people to make those lifestyle choices to save money," she said. "Riding Blue is a good way to save green, as we like to say around here."

Many of those who have taken to commuting via public transportation are Santa Monica students. Last year Santa Monica College partnered with Big Blue Bus to provide free bus rides for students and faculty. Gamberg said this has also been a factor in the increase in bus usage.

Two-wheeled transportation has also hit the road with vigor.

Last year, when gas prices rose to record highs, many local bike shops saw a trend toward pedal pushing instead of gas guzzling.

"For the most part, when gas prices were going up, sales were spiking," said Kevin Cook, a manager at Performance Bicycle Shop.

Cook said that fewer pricey, high-end bikes are going out the door but sales have increased on less expensive, commuter bikers that cost about $200 to $600. These bikes, he said, seem to be most popular with locals who commute less than 10 miles to work and have traded in their cars for alternative transportation methods.

Segway sales were also boosted with the rise in gas prices last year and Jason Stemmler, instructor for Segway Los Angeles in Santa Monica, recognized it as a permanent change in behavior.

The Segway has a range of up to 24 miles on one battery charge and riders are considered pedestrians according to state law. This, Stemmler said, makes them ideal for replacing short car rides.

"Of our customers who buy machines, a lot of them use them to commute to work or make the short distance trips where they would otherwise be in a car," he said.

Santa Monicans who still use their four-wheeled vehicles say they are also trying to find ways to be more economical when it comes to spending money on gas.

"I'm always cautious, one has to be," said Claire Stone as she pumped $3.26 regular gas into her car at a gas station at the intersection of Lincoln and Santa Monica boulevards. Stone said she only fills her gas tank when she needs it, which is typically no more than two times a month.

Others have developed new strategies for conserving those precious gallons.

"Whatever we have to do in one area, we try to get it done. We try not to go back and forth," said Kimberly McKinney, who commutes frequently to Santa Monica from her home in Mar Vista to drop her son off at the Boys & Girls Club.

But some say that it's hard to save money on gas by using more fuel efficient vehicles when those vehicles are more expensive.

"I can't afford a car payment right now," said Geoff Kaiser, of Santa Monica, who drove into the gas station in a truck.

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Mom in MySpace case says it was properly dismissed

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LOS ANGELES A Missouri mother said she never should have been prosecuted for her role in a MySpace hoax directed at a 13-year-old girl who ended up committing suicide.

A federal judge said Thursday that he has tentatively thrown out Lori Drew's convictions, acquitting her of misdemeanor counts of accessing computers without authorization. U.S. District Judge George Wu stressed the ruling was tentative until he issues it in writing.

Drew showed no reaction to the decision in the courtroom. In a statement read on NBC's "Today" show Friday, said she agreed with it and felt she never should have been prosecuted.

"In my view, it was proper that this case was dismissed, primarily because I simply did not do what the U.S. attorney in Los Angeles accused me of doing," Drew said.

Drew was convicted in November, but the judge said that if she is to be found guilty of illegally accessing computers, anyone who has ever violated the social networking site's terms of service would be guilty of a misdemeanor. That would be unconstitutional, he said.

"You could prosecute pretty much anyone who violated terms of service," he said.

Prosecutors had sought the maximum three-year prison sentence and a $300,000 fine, but it had been uncertain going into Thursday's hearing whether Drew would be sentenced.

Wu had given a lengthy review to a defense request for dismissal, delaying sentencing from May to go over testimony from two prosecution witnesses.

Wu said he allowed the case to proceed to trial when Drew was charged with a felony, but she was convicted only of the misdemeanor and that presented constitutional problems.

From UCLA Bruin to SMC Corsair?

FROM **PADILLA** PAGE 1

A number of area newspapers are reporting that he has officially left the Westwood campus, but it is unclear whether he will play football at SMC. Calls to SMC Head Coach Robert Taylor were not returned on Friday.

Woods' time at UCLA began to head south when he was charged with six counts of battery and sexual battery earlier this year. The charges stem from a number of incidents that allegedly took place at apartments near the UCLA campus. A pre-trial hearing is scheduled for July 31.

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BOOKREVIEW

BY DANE ROBERT SWANSON



'Urban Worrier: Making Politics Personal'

By Frank J. Gruber • The City Image Press

This is a book for all who live and do business in the city of Santa Monica. Have you ever wondered just what does the city think it is? Frank J. Gruber has collected some of the articles in his column written for the "Lookout News" between the years of 2000-2004.

You may not be surprised at all to read the names of the council members back in 2000 mirror our current slate fairly closely. That is, not if you are a resident of Santa Monica. Nothing much seems to faze the residents of Santa Monica, that is, except for politics. Gruber seems to be a fan of our Santa Monicans for Renters' Right group. The SMRR is too much a king maker not to be recognized and admired. He writes, "It is hard not to admire Santa Monicans for Renters' Rights. SMRR is a grassroots organization. It is open to all who want to join. Its nominating conventions are open. SMRR does what it says it is going to do and success is daily proof of the legs of collective action."

His interest in our city politics is because in 1995 he became involved on the Planning Commission because of the Civic Center being rebuilt. He was elected to the City Council where he served until 1999.

But this book isn't just about Santa Monica. The columns cover the time period before the national election of 2000 and end close to the 2004 election. In the mostly unrelated subjects written about in the columns we have a good picture of the politics and life of the 8.5 square mile piece of real estate known as Santa Monica. It is opinionated, not asking for you to agree. In fact you will have more fun reading this book if you don't agree all the time. You come to realize that Santa Monica is just an image.

This has the subtitle "Life and Politics in an American Town." And that is what you get — a picture of a small American town.

Gruber handles urban issues such as development, traffic, homelessness and education in an easy to digest form. People may think it is a playground for the rich and famous, but as you read these columns you realize that not everyone in Santa Monica is rich and famous.

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NEW DVD RELEASES

BY RANDY WILLIAMS



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'White Sox Memories'

All the great moments from the south side of Chicago's baseball team for over a century are contained in this new title produced by Major League Baseball Productions. President Obama's favorite team has experienced all the lows and highs that befit a franchise that has been around since 1901 as a charter member of the American League including a World Series title in 2005. Bonus features include a look at the team no-hitters as well as features on ballplayers Jim Thome and Frank Thomas. (Shout)

'Taken' Single Disc Extended Edition

Liam Neeson stars as a former spy who relies on his old skills to save his estranged daughter (Maggie Grace), who has been forced into the sex slave trade after being abducted and drugged while on vacation in Paris. The City of Lights turns a little darker until Neeson gets what he came for. (Fox)

'Knowing'

Nicolas Cage stars in this thriller as a professor who deciphers a coded message with eerily accurate predictions about every major world disaster. In looking for ways to stop future calamities his quest becomes a deadly race against time. Director Alex Proyas commentary, a making-of segment and "Visions of the Apocalypse" are part of the title. (Summit)

'How to Lose Friends and Alienate People'

A British "journalist" (Simon Pegg) who covets being part of the world of celebrity, fame, glitz and glamour while despising it at the same time, begins a new journey when he leaves his tiny rag, Post Modern Review, in England and accepts an offer to jump across the pond to work at the diametrically opposed conservative New York-based Sharps magazine. Jeff Bridges, Kirsten Dunst and Gillian Anderson co-star. (MGM)

'John Lennon & The Plastic Ono Band-Live in Toronto '69'

Finally available on DVD comes this rare look at one of the most influential artists at a pivotal time in his career. Filmed on the eve of the release of The Beatles' Abbey Road album, this is the only performance ever caught on film of John Lennon and the Plastic Ono Band. Captured by Oscar-nominated filmmaker DA Pennebaker ("Monterey Pop," "Don't Look Back," "The War Room"), this concert was widely interpreted as the end of The Beatles. (Shout)

'Jockeys: Win or Die Trying'

With the Triple Crown season just concluding comes this compelling series on two-discs that takes a look at the realities of horse racing as seen from those men and women of small stature but huge hearts and a lot of courage as they try and guide 1,200 pounds of muscle around a racetrack at over 40 mph with practically no protection. (Genius)

'True Blood' The Complete First Season

Anna Paquin won a Golden Globe as a sweet and seemingly innocent waitress Sookie Stackhouse toiling in Louisiana. But appearances are definitely deceiving here as the small town of Bon Temps boasts a wide array of colorful locals who hide their dark secrets in the shadows of the night. This imaginative vampire series was created by Alan Ball whose previous HBO series, "Six Feet Under," won an Emmy.

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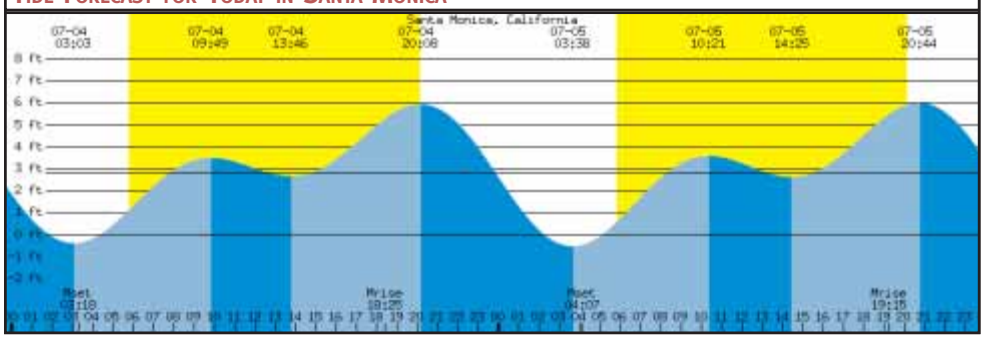
Swell Forecast (4-5 FT)

We should see some modest southern hemi come in from 200-210 degrees, and with 14-second periods.

Long Range Synopsis

Early next week is also looking like a chest high day around south facing breaks as another swath of southern hemi comes ashore.

Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica



BEACH REPORT CARD

NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous four weeks up to the ending date of **June 29, 2009**

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QUICK STATS (for the last 28 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 0
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 0
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 42 / ns
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 5 / ns

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

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

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

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

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

Heal the Bay's Beach Report Card℠ is based on weekly water quality monitoring data provided by the City of Los Angeles' Environmental Monitoring Division and the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services. Data is analyzed as soon as it is made available to us by the public agencies. Beaches are graded on an A–F scale based on the risk of ocean users becoming ill. Samples are analyzed for bacteria—enterococcus, total and fecal coliforms—that indicate biological pollution. A fact sheet detailing the exact methodology used in determining grades for each location is available from the office or on our web site. The report is not designed to measure the amount of trash or toxins found at local beaches.

The Beach Report Card is an indication of past water quality and is not a warranty of the current safety of those areas surveyed. Our lawyers are happy.

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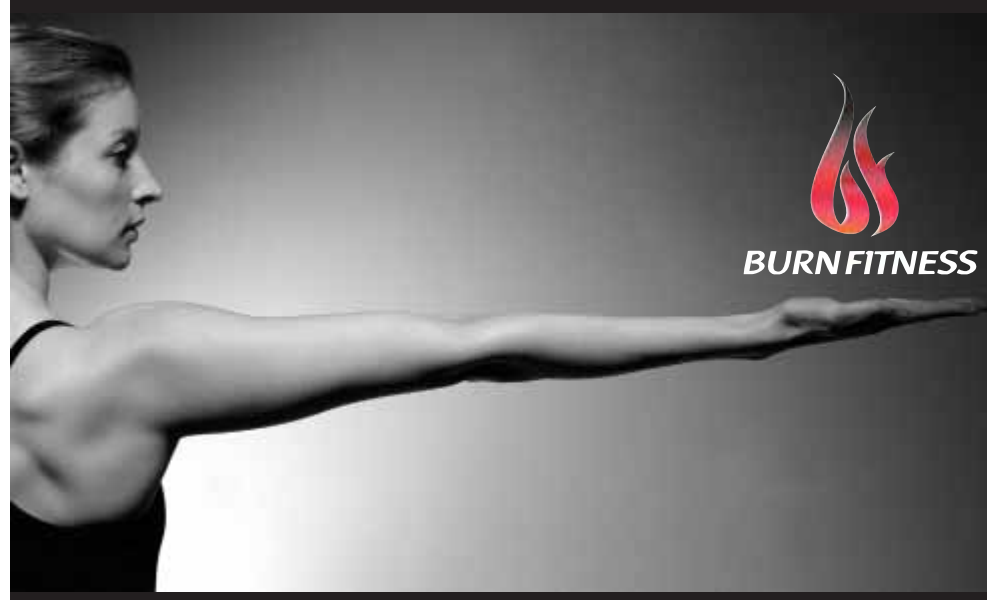
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Star Trek (PG-13) 2hrs 6min
12:05

The Hangover (R) 1hr 36min
12:10, 2:45, 5:20, 8:00, 10:30

Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen (PG-13) 2hrs 30min
12:00, 3:30, 7:00, 10:20

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The Hangover (R) 1hr 36min
11:15 a.m., 1:50, 4:20, 7:05, 9:40

Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen (PG-13) 2hrs 30min
11:00 a.m.,12:30, 2:30, 4:00, 6:00, 7:30, 9:30, 11:00

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Moon (R) 1hr 52min
1:50, 4:30, 7:30, 9:55

The Beaches of Agnes (NR) 2hrs 5min
1:20, 4:10, 7:00, 9:50

The Girl From Monaco (R) 1hr 51min
1:40, 4:20, 7:10, 9:40

The End of the Line (NR) 1hr 30min
11:00am

Irene in Time (PG-13) 1hr 35min
11:00am

Unmistaken Child (NR) 1hr 42min
11:00am

Valentino: The Last Emperor (PG-13) 1hr 36min
11:00am

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Year One (PG-13) 1hr 40min
12:10, 2:40, 5:10, 7:40, 10:10

Away We Go (R) 1hr 37min
11:40am, 2:10, 4:50, 7:10, 9:40

My Sister's Keeper (PG-13) 1hr 46min
11:10 a.m., 1:50, 4:40, 7:20, 9:00, 10:00

Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs 3D (PG) 1hr 27min
11:30am, 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30

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Where the people are, Gemini

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ You often embody the ideals of the Fourth of July: hope, promise and individualism. Being a natural pioneer, you blaze new trails, even on this day. Tonight: Don't worry if everyone doesn't go along for the ride.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Relate on a one-on-one level, and get to the bottom of a problem. Your understanding of a partner evolves to a new level. Tonight: Togetherness.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Your vision of possibilities emerges, allowing for a better plan or a happier resolution. Your imagination could help a child visualize many of the events that surround the Fourth of July. Tonight: Where people are.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Pressure builds, as you have some expectations that might make you feel uncomfortable. Examine new ideas with an open and forthright attitude. Maybe you have encouraged someone's attitude. Tonight: Don't worry about a misunderstanding.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ When you are playful, it is hard to stop you. Others join in because they want to; they cannot resist. If you think about what is happening, you could get upset, as someone might be creating an uproar. Why ruin your day? Tonight: Have your own personal fireworks.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You might want to stop before you agree to plans. You actually might be most comfortable around your home. Evaluate what is happening with you. A child or loved one is too controlling. Tonight: Give up worry, and go for celebration.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Listen to your inner voice when you are making decisions. Wherever you are, you are the center of the action. Many people share, and you could be overwhelmed by everything you hear. Know that you are everyone's friend. Tonight: Talking up a storm.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Curb a possessive streak, especially if you're out and about. You could make yourself most uncomfortable for no reason. Consider how you could eliminate this behavior. Tonight: Do only what you want.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ There's no stopping you, as you carry the banner of celebration. Wherever you are, you will be the centerpiece, whether it is someone expressing his or her concern or jealousy or just wanting to hang with you. Tonight: The world is your oyster.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★ If you feel off or very tired, say so and do for you. Though you could be surrounded by friends and loved ones raring to go, you could be overly tired. Tonight: Whatever you need, rather than want.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Help keep others smiling. With what is going on, you might feel like the ringmaster at a party. Wherever you are you are greeted with a smile, but a close friend or loved one still has the blues. Keep smiling. Tonight: Could go till the wee hours.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Bring others together despite a lingering issue with a partner. He or she might not feel up to snuff. Go with the moment and enjoy others in your immediate circle. Curb excessiveness. Tonight: Could be late.

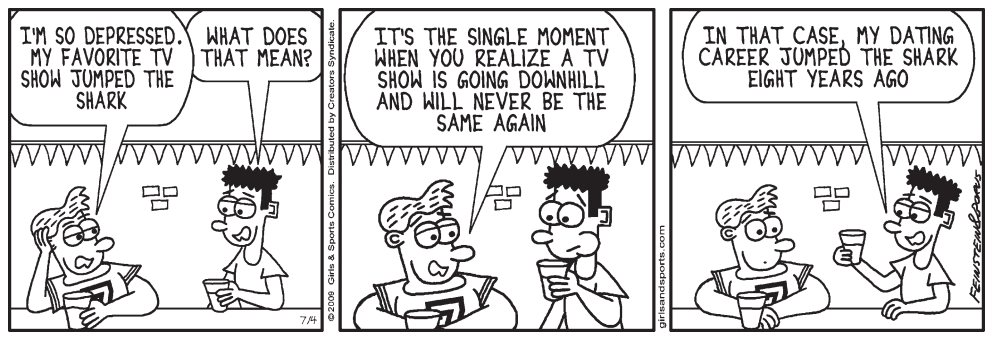
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★★★★★Dynamic ★★ So-So
★★★★ Positive ★ Difficult
★★★ Average

This year, much goes down around you, and others need you to keep their spirits up. Communication could be stilted for the first half of the year, but it will loosen up. Avoid power plays at all costs. The only way to win is not to play. Relationships increase in importance after Thanksgiving. If you are single, you could meet someone quite special. Take your time getting to know this person. If you are attached, the two of you will need to set some ground rules. Make sure you give each other the space to disagree. SAGITTARIUS can push your buttons.

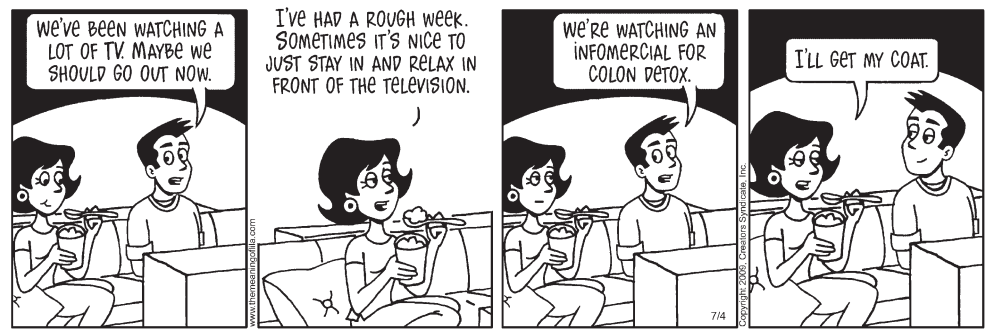
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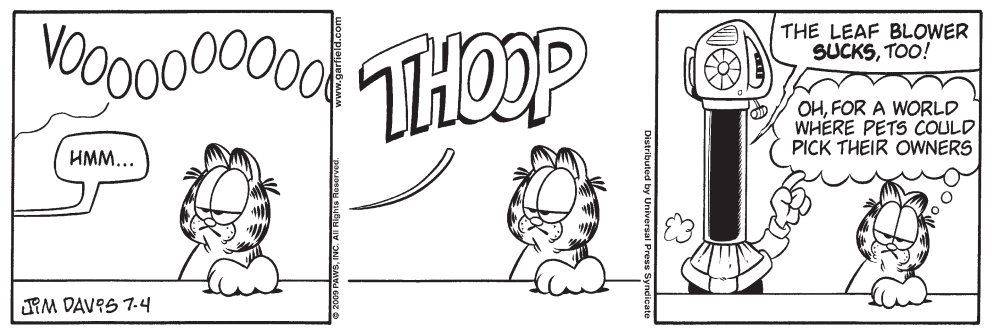
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Difficulty Level ★★★★

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						1		9

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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

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

ACROSS

1 Prefers
7 Lacking locks
11 Spain setting
12 "I cannot tell —"
13 Left behind
14 Eric of "Munich"
15 Ferber and Best
16 Caravan creature
17 Spotted
18 Moolah
19 Article
21 Cub's home
22 Chocolate source
25 One of TV's Bradys
26 A party to
27 "Paper Moon" stars
29 Make headway
33 Agitates
34 Concession-stand buy
35 Hound's quarry
36 Overwhelm with wonder
37 School near Windsor
38 Brunch order
39 Comic Carvey
40 Tall boots

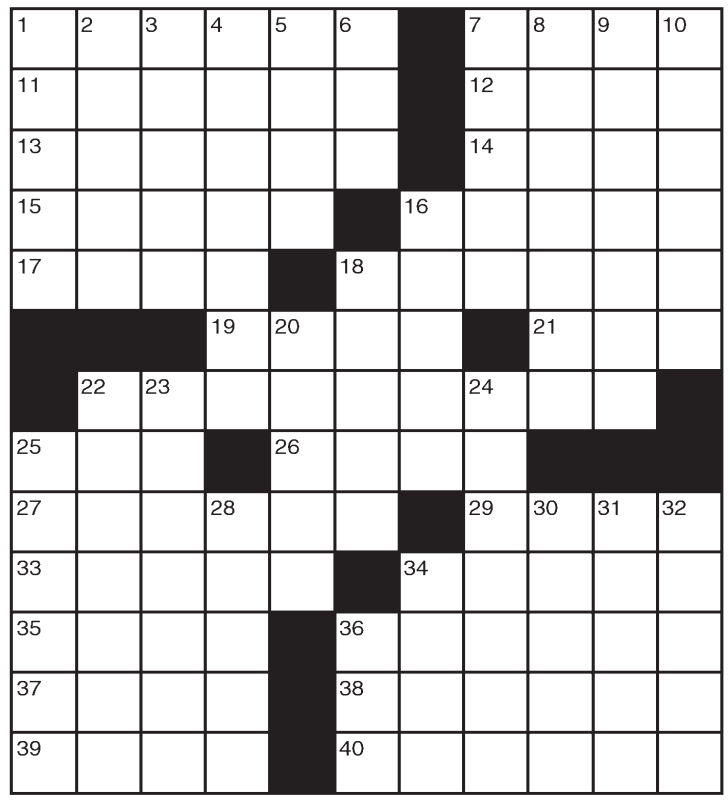
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2 Home
3 Nemo's creator
4 Like some produce
5 Mexican rivers
6 Perched
7 Celeste's mate
8 Shaded walk
9 Centers, e.g.
10 Buy and sell
16 Jazz group
18 College VIPs
20 Works hard
22 Bach creation
23 Cleek
24 Hired
25 Kidded
28 Game setting
30 Protractor's measure
31 Lazy one
32 Moscow denials
34 Deep sleep
36 Fiddling need

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EVENING: 5 0 5

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Their Last Words: (1) "A million dollars is a lot of money to pay for a whore" were the last words of multimillionaire French banker Edouard Stern, according to his girlfriend, Cecile Brossard, who took offense (and was convicted of killing him in June in Geneva, Switzerland). (2) "Shoot me, shoot me," you "ain't got the --" were the last words (according to a police report) of Scott Riley, 25, who was arguing with the gun-wielding Joseph Jimenez, 24, about their game of Beer Pong in Bridgeport, Pa., in May.

■ In Fort Lauderdale, Fla., in February 1994, accused murderer Donald Leroy Evans, 38, filed a pretrial motion asking permission to wear a Ku Klux Klan robe in the courtroom and to be referred to in legal documents by "the honorable and respected name of Hi Hitler." According to courthouse employees interviewed by the Associated Press, Evans thought Adolf Hitler's followers were saying "Hi Hitler" rather than "Heil, Hitler."

■ A 48-year-old immigrant from Malta regularly hangs out in various New York City bars, but always on the floor, so that he can enjoy his particular passion of being stepped on. "Georgio T." told The New York Times in June that he has delighted in being stepped on since he was a kid. While one playmate "wanted to be the doctor, (another) wanted to be the carpenter ... I would want to be the carpet." Nowadays, he carries a custom-made rug he can affix to his back (and a sign, Step on Carpet) and may lie face-down for several hours if the bar is busy. He is also a regular at "high foot-traffic" fetish parties, where dozens of stompers (especially women in stilettos) can satisfy their own urges while gratifying Georgio.

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1776 The Continental Congress adopted the Declaration of Independence.

1802 The United States Military Academy officially opened at West Point, N.Y.

1826 50 years to the day after the Declaration of Independence was adopted, former presidents John Adams and Thomas Jefferson both died.

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