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ROAD WORK: **Drivers merge into one lane on Ocean Park Boulevard on Wednesday afternoon. City officials are still studying the impact of reducing the busy boulevard to two lanes instead of four. City staff is working on a report that should be submitted to the City Council soon.**

# Altered boulevard remains work in progress

**BY MELODY HANATANI**
Daily Press Staff Writer

SUNSET PARK Lloyd Saunders remembers when Ocean Park Boulevard was his go-to route, driving on the neighborhood's main drag daily to reach any points east and west.

Today, the 30-year Santa Monica resident avoids it at all costs, opting for other streets because of "bottleneck traffic" that he blames on the current configuration, which city officials changed from four lanes to two in December 2007.

"It's hard to get onto Ocean Park because there's just a stream of cars," he said. "It's the sign of the times, there's so many darn people here (in the city) now."

Responding to concerns over safety on a 12-block stretch of Ocean Park Boulevard after several pedestrians were struck over the past few years, City Hall launched a pilot project in which they condensed the busy corridor from Lincoln to Cloverfield boulevards from two lanes in each direction to one, hoping to calm the speed of traffic and eliminate some of the dangers posed in the previous configuration.

Nearly two years and several community workshops later, the project is still in its pilot phase, partly the result of an understaffed Transportation Management Division that lost two planners whose positions have yet to be filled.

"We've just had to focus on responding to the regulatory things and working on the Land Use and Circulation Element and responding to problems as best as we can," Lucy Dyke, the transportation planning manager, said. "But we have not been able to circle back and close the loop with the City

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# Kennedy lived well to the very end

**MARILYNN MARCHIONE**
AP Medical Writer

He lived 15 months with an incurable brain tumor, a little longer than usual for a patient in his late 70s. Perhaps equally important is that Sen. Edward M. Kennedy lived those months well — able to work almost to the end, to sail the choppy New England waters he adored, to help elect a president he supported, even giving him a dog.

Time is important to any cancer patient. Quality of life, not just how much life they can squeeze out, is increasingly the focus for people with a terminal illness, cancer specialists say. It also is one of the chief goals of treatments for brain tumors, since these therapies typically do not buy much time.

"The advances that we've made in prolonging survival aren't as big as we've liked them to be, but people have stayed at a good quality of life right up to the end," said Dr. Matthew Ewend, neurosurgery chief at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

Even after treatments can no longer control tumor growth for patients, "we can usually keep their quality of life pretty good with medicines for brain swelling, and then the end is usually pretty graceful," Ewend said.

There is much to be admired in how Kennedy spent his final months, said Dr. Len Lichtenfeld, deputy chief medical officer of the American Cancer Society.

"This is a man who had a serious and

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## A moment to remember with Uncle Teddy and his beloved sister Eunie

**BY BOBBY SHRIVER**
Special to the Daily Press

In mid-June Uncle Teddy came to my mother's Hyannis Port home for a drink before dinner. My family and I had just arrived from Santa Monica. Even though we were tired, Teddy and his wife Vicki wanted to welcome us to town. So a little cocktail party was planned.

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Santa Monica Pier
200 Santa Monica Pier, 7:00 p.m. — 10 p.m.
Free concert featuring The Lowrider Band and Very Be Careful. Participate in the second-to-last installment of this weekly summer music series.

### Farming lecture
Santa Monica Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 7 p.m.
Join local farmers and their families for the Farmers' Market quarterly panel series, Farming for the Next Generation. The future of farming — and who will take over the trade — will be up for discussion.

## Friday, Aug. 28, 2009

### Rock out
McCabe's Guitar Shop
3101 Pico Blvd., 8 p.m.
Enjoy performances by multi-instrumentalist Tom Freund, guitarist and vocalist Matt the Electrician and critically-acclaimed Jess Klein. Admission is $15. For more information, visit www.store.mccabes.com.

## Saturday, Aug. 29, 2009

### Farmers' Market
Virginia Avenue Park & Downtown
2200 Virginia Ave., 8 a.m. — 1 p.m.
Purchase fresh seasonal produce directly from area farmers.

### Ocean appreciation celebration
Santa Monica Bay Aquarium
1600 Ocean Front Walk, 12:30 p.m. — 6 p.m.
Celebrate and appreciate the ocean during the last days of summer. Normal admission rates apply. Continues Sunday. For more information, visit www.healthebay.org/calendar.

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.

# Market taps into fresh idea

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN For Raphael Mawrence, it isn't a strange sight to see plastic bottles floating on water as opposed to containing it.

"I go to the beach and see a lot of trash in the water," the surfing regular said.

It's for that reason that the Santa Monica High School student pledged to support public drinking water and refrain from using plastic bottles, his signature among the many displayed on a poster at the Santa Monica Farmers' Market on Wednesday for the "Take Back the Tap" campaign.

In partnership with City Hall, Washington D.C.-based Food & Water Watch launched a new initiative to encourage consumers to abandon what they call environmentally-destructive, single-use plastic bottles, offering free unfiltered tap water at self-serve stations during the Farmers' Market.

The station will be introduced at the Saturday market on the Third Street Promenade this weekend and later at the Virginia Avenue Park and Main Street markets next month.

"There's a lot of really good sound reasons why we should be drinking water from the tap, not the least of which is Santa Monica and Los Angeles water [is] very safe," Councilman Richard Bloom, who signed the pledge, said. "We release an annual report that talks about the safe levels of virtually everything in our water."

It takes more than 17 million barrels of petroleum to produce plastic water bottles every year, approximately 80 percent of which end up in landfills or the ocean, Renee Maas, the water program organizer for Food & Water Watch, said.

There are also economic benefits that come with drinking unfiltered tap water, which costs .002 cents a gallon, while bottled water costs approximately $10.66 a gallon, according to Food & Water Watch. Filtered tap water costs about a quarter a gallon.

"It's helping people save money and have a sustainable lifestyle economically, which is an important part of the program," Bloom said.

The local initiative is part of a larger campaign by the organization to convince con-

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Brandon Wise *brandonw@smdp.com*

TALL DRINK OF WATER: **Lisa Castle fills her aluminum reusable water bottle at the Farmers' Market along Arizona Avenue on Wednesday morning. In partnership with City Hall, Washington D.C.-based Food & Water Watch launched a new initiative to encourage consumers to abandon what they call environmentally-destructive, single-use plastic bottles, offering free unfiltered tap water at self-serve stations during the Farmers' Market.**

# Legends break in a new name

## Members of the group War changed handle

BY CATHERINE CAIN
Special to the Daily Press

SM PIER Lovers of California funk may not be familiar with The Lowrider Band, but they sure know their signature sound.

That's because the group is comprised of the creators behind such classic hits as "Spill the Wine," "Slippin' into Darkness," "The Cisco Kid," "Why Can't We Be Friends" and "Lowrider."

Those tracks are associated with the platinum-selling group War. But after failing to win a legal battle over use of the name, four of the five remaining members decided to push on with The Lowrider Band moniker.

Members include Howard E. Scott, B.B. Dickerson, Lee Osker and Harold Brown (Charles Miller was murdered in 1980 and Papa Dee Allen died of a heart attack in 1988).

Original keyboardist Lonnie Jordan continues to use the group's name War and runs the group with entirely new members

The Lowrider Band will take the stage tonight during the Santa Monica Pier's Twilight Dance series.

"Actually, I've been trying to get them for a number of years," said René Engel, who organizes talent for the dance series. "Just their scheduling has never worked out. I actually was thinking — I wanted to open the season with them this year. It was going to happen one of these years."

The musicians who created those unforgettable hits play an eclectic blend of funk, Latin music, R&B, rock 'n' roll and jazz. The band had its beginnings 48 years ago here in Southern California in Long Beach when teenage drummer Harold Brown met then-bassist Howard Scott at a gig and found they were the same age. When they decided to form a band together, Scott switched to guitar, and his nephew B.B. Dickerson came on as the bass player, Brown said. War was born.

"Howard's father, or godfather, B.B. Dickerson's father and my daddy, they used to take us to our gigs," Brown said. "That's one of the reasons we've stuck together for so long. We're like a family. We knew each other before we were married."

The fourth original member, harmonica player Lee Oskar, met them at a gig one night in North Hollywood.

"He just asked to join and he did," Brown said.

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### Ron knows the economy

**Editor:**

Our domestic U.S. economic problems are deeply rooted in flawed Keynesian economic disarray. Our current president is digging a deeper hole reappointing Ben Bernanke, yet another Keynesian. A lone voice of dissent can be heard if one cares to listen and not live in the fantasy land of hope and dreams.

Congressman Ron Paul, a Austrian School of Economics advocate who insists that we abandon Keynesian economics, had this to say at the House Financial Services Committee hearing last month. American's may want to learn about the Austrian School of Economics way, heed Congressman Paul's words and act to put our so-called leaders onto the proper path.

"The Federal Reserve in collaboration with the giant banks has created the greatest financial crisis the world has ever seen. The foolish notion that unlimited amounts of money and credit, created out of thin air, can provide sustained economic growth has delivered this crisis to us. Instead of economic growth and stable prices it has given us a system of government and finance that now threatens the world financial and political institutions.

"Real unemployment is now 20 percent and there has not been any economic growth since the onset of the crisis in the year 2000, according to non-government statistics. Pyramiding debt and credit expansion, over the past 38 years, has come to an abrupt end – as predicted by free-market economists. Pursuing the same policy of excessive spending, debt expansion, and monetary inflation, can only compound the problems and prevent the required correction. Doubling the money supply didn't work; quadrupling it won't work either. The problem of debt must be addressed.

"Expanding debt when it was a principal cause of the crisis is foolhardy. Excessive government and private debt is a consequence of a loose Federal Reserve monetary policy. Once a debt crisis hits, the solution must be paying it off or liquidating it. We are doing neither. Net U.S. debt is now 372 percent of GDP. In the crisis of the 1930s it peaked at 301 percent. Household debt services requires 14 percent of the disposable income – an historic high. Between 2000 and 2007 credit debt expanded five times as fast as gross domestic product.

"With no restraint on spending, and revenues dropping due to the weak economy, raising taxes will be poison to the economy. Buying up the bad debt of privileged institutions and dumping worthless assets on the American people is morally wrong and economically futile. Monetizing government debt, as the Fed is currently doing, is destined to do great harm. In the past 12 months the national debt has risen over $2.7 trillion. Future entitlement obligations are now reaching $100 trillion. U.S. foreign indebtedness is $6 trillion. Foreign purchases of U.S. securities in May were $7.4 billion, down from a monthly peak of $95 billion in 2006.

The fact that the Fed had to buy $38.5 billion of government securities last week indicates that it will continue its complicity with Congress to monetize the rapidly expanding deficit. This policy is used to pay for the socialization of America and for the maintenance of an unwise American empire overseas, and to make up for the diminished appetite of foreigners for our debt.

"Since the attack on the dollar will continue, I would suggest that the problems we have faced so far are nothing compared to what it will be like when the world, not only rejects our debt, but our dollar as well. That's when we'll witness political turmoil which will be to no one's benefit."

**Greg Chamberlain**
Santa Monica

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# Navigating social networking is easy

DEAR NEW SHRINK/KATIE,

"I have heard that most jobs are never posted; that if I want to find a job I had better get with it and learn about networking, especially online networking. I am clueless about the difference between Twitter and Facebook or any of this stuff. And it scares me. Do I really want to put myself on these different Web sites? Please explain."

Signed,
"Out of the Loop"

**DEAR OUT OF THE LOOP,**

Perhaps you are referring to that startling statistic-sources suggest that some whopping 80 percent of jobs are never posted? It is true that most people find out about jobs through the people they know, something we refer to as networking. However, for most, networking is a scary thought and like you, many of us have no idea where to even begin or feel as though we simply do not have time. Although various social and professional networking sites can enhance the networking process, we are still left wondering which sites will actually help build your network? Before reading any further please keep in mind that this is just one part of building and forming your network but it can prove to hold very successful results. I hope the following will help you understand the basic differences between the major online social networking sites.

Twitter is a relatively new online craze that allows individuals to remain (or get) connected to friends, family and colleagues through quick, and frequent messaging. Similar to the idea of a blog or virtual diary, Twitter allows your followers (i.e. friends who read your Twitter) to gain quick updates on your status, how your day went, or even your current job search. While its nice to help you remain connected to those you already know, it might be a helpful tool to broaden your network. One of the key features of Twitter is the key search function allowing you to locate other users' Twitter accounts who focus on different topics. Interested in "marketing?" Simply type this word into the search feature and you've got access to the most recent posts fitting into the marketing category. While Twitter offers a lot of great and easy ways to remain connected, one must also consider the potential ramifications. Let us not forget "Cisco Fatty" and her recent incident blogging a bit too much about having to balance a new job offer and fat paycheck with work that she really wasn't interested in. Her offer was compromised because her new employer saw it on her Twitter account. Always remember, if you post it, an employer or boss can find it. Be mindful of what you put online and be sure your Twitter updates enhance, not inhibit, your job search.

Facebook originally started as an online version of a "yearbook" for college students. While it started out as a small network of universities, this phenomenon has now grown to include teens, parents, and even employers. This free Web site offers social networking to friends, family, colleagues, and almost anyone who is willing to accept your "friend" request. A friend is simply someone who has access to view your profile and is listed on your profile as a "friend." Facebook allows you to join networks based on a topic of interest, school affiliation, location, etc. and allows you to interact with people around the world with a simple click. Facebook also allows users to upload photos and tag others featured in those photos. Other features include "poking" someone to say hello, updating your status to reflect your current mood or state and writing on someone's wall (a public display of messages). While there are privacy settings available on Facebook, keep in mind that everything you post should promote your networking purposes this includes the people you are "friends" with.

MySpace is one of the most popular of the social networking sites, boasting almost a billion hits per month. While many may discuss Facebook and MySpace in the same statement, there are notable differences between the two sites. MySpace allows far more customization where users can change the look of their profile including adding music and images to the background free of charge. Like the other social networking sites, MySpace is an online community of users but has a slightly younger focus; anyone over 14 can create a profile. Your MySpace profile is viewable by just about anyone unless you choose to make your profile private, in which case it is not viewable by anyone thereby limiting your online networking capabilities. MySpace is a great service for fun and is really best fitting for those who are musicians, artists, actors and entertainers who need a way to market or showcase their talent.

LinkedIn is an easy-to-use professional networking site that connects professionals to trusted colleagues and can be used to stay in touch with colleagues, build your network, collaborate on projects, or investigate new opportunities. One of the unique features of LinkedIn is the ability to request others to write you a recommendation that is then posted on your profile. This feature allows potential employers and those in your network the opportunity to learn about you from another person's perspective.

As one friend so clearly put it, meeting someone on MySpace is like meeting someone in a bar, Facebook is like meeting in a workshop or class, Twitter is like a chat room, and LinkedIn is like meeting at a professional conference or workplace. Now that you have a general idea of the basic differences I'd like you to consider which site, or sites, will best fit your job search goals.

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# To catch a bicycle thief

THE NEWEST SHOW ON THE A&E network, "Hoarders," in which people on the verge of breakdowns because of their inability to part with their belongings are showcased, has proved to be a bona fide ratings success. However, if the show ever decides to spotlight the upside of mass accumulation (as it is more commonly referred to among healthier hoarders), they should give me a call.

After three-plus decades of saving stuff, my hoarding finally paid off last month. (For the record, though, I don't collect nearly as much as my family accuses me of. For instance, they're totally exaggerating when they say that I have an amassment of string. I only hold on to the little bits of thread that come with the extra buttons on shirts and jackets. I gave up my twine collection months ago.)

My husband rode my bicycle to work one morning and left it unlocked, as usual, at a well-populated intersection. Later that evening he called me at home.

"The bike is gone," he said miserably. "I'm looking all over for it, but it's just gone."

It was annoying, to say the least. It wasn't an expensive or fancy bike. I bought it five years ago so I'd have something to ride around town. It weighed a ton, and I never got used to the uncomfortable seat. But it was mine, and someone stole it.

It felt like the time I was walking to work in Manhattan and couldn't get inside my office without fighting the Friday morning crowds outside the "Today" show in Rockefeller Plaza who were there watching The Neville Brothers perform live.

"Stupid tourists," I muttered to myself as I bobbed and weaved for 10 minutes just to make it the half block to the building's entrance.

When I stepped inside the revolving doors and took off my little Coach backpack to get my wallet so I could buy some coffee, I discovered it was already open and the wallet was gone. The thief, who must have been preying on the stupid tourists, robbed a stupid local instead (and fared quite well, I might add, making off with a two-dollar bill my mom had once given me, plus my cash, credit cards and a blank check, all of which was used to take a trip to Florida).

Last month a different thief preyed on a different local who optimistically trusted that he lived in a town where bike locks weren't necessary. This time, however, the last laugh was at the thief's expense. Literally.

About two weeks after the bike was stolen, my husband called me as he walked home from work.

"I just found it!" he said excitedly.

The bicycle was chained to a fence two blocks from his office. Since it had never been registered, we hadn't bothered calling the police to file a report when it was stolen. So we figured we had no recourse to call the cops and say it had been found. Until I remembered I still had the receipt.

"I know exactly where it is," I said, bounding up the stairs to our bedroom.

**THE THIEF WAS KIND, TOO – UPGRADING THE BIKE WITH NEW TIRES AND DISC BRAKES. IN FACT, THE THIEF PUT MORE MONEY INTO THE BIKE THAN I PAID FOR IT FIVE YEARS AGO. (WHO SAYS CRIME DOESN'T PAY?)**

And there it was. Under the stack of gift ideas torn out from magazines and next to a collection of about 75 pens (it could happen that 74 will run out of ink simultaneously) in an envelope with other receipts, like the one from the down payment I made on my car six years ago and the Target receipt from August 2008 for a bottle of moisturizer, a light bulb and a bag of cotton balls.

Not only did I have the credit card receipt, but I also had the receipt from the store with the bike's serial number. It was enough proof that the kind officers from the police department brought out a huge pair of clippers that looked like they were tough enough to prune the hedges along the Great Wall of China and clipped the lock (which was so heavy duty it could have been used to secure Rikers Island the next time the guards go on strike).

The thief was kind, too — upgrading the bike with new tires and brakes. In fact, the thief put more money into the bike than I paid for it five years ago. (Who says crime doesn't pay?)

I felt like Cagney and Lacy, Magnum P.I. and Jessica Fletcher all wrapped into one, only instead of useful, crime-solving information stored in my head, I have it all stuffed into envelopes and boxes in my closet, night table and storage unit.

It's only a matter of time before all the used Kleenex my dad claims I've saved comes in handy, too.

E-mail questions or comments to meredithccarroll@hotmail.com.

## The Q Line

**Troubling increase**

An article by the Daily Press revealed that crime is on the rise in Santa Monica. The majority of the increase has been fueled by property crimes.

**So this week's Q-Line question asks:**

Have you been the victim of crime this year? If so, what took place?

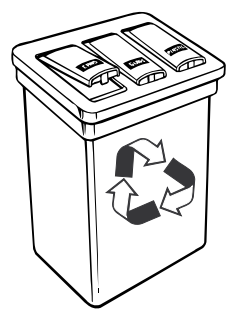
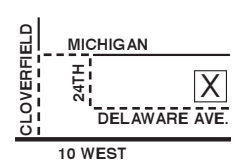
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# Hot dogs pair well with fine cocktails

**VICTORIA BRETT**
For The Associated Press

A staple of summer barbecues and lunch carts, the hot dog usually gets washed down with a beer or soda. And sometimes that's what a tube of processed meat squashed into a bun and slathered in ketchup demands.

But in this era of artisanal everything, upscale dogs with gourmet toppings — such as manchego cheese and garlic or bacon and avocado — a fancy cocktail may be a better match.

Jim Meehan is a managing partner at PDT cocktail bar in New York, which serves gourmet hot dogs created by famous chefs — such as the Chang Dog: a bacon-wrapped, deep-fried dog topped with David Chang's Momofuku kimchi.

Meehan prefers to drink a pale ale while eating his hot dog, but suggests a bacon-infused bourbon cocktail as a liquid appetizer.

The Benton's Old Fashioned is bacon-infused bourbon with bitters and maple syrup poured over a single large ice cube with an orange twist. The hint of bacon bolsters the hot dog and the maple syrup, offering a sweetness to balance the salt.

"I see our hot dogs as a foil for the cocktails," Meehan says. "By being the opposite, they compliment each other well."

"It's all about the contrast," he says. "The hot dog is something we all grew up with. As a host, offering a cocktail or even champagne allows you to be fancy and posh, but let's people know we aren't taking ourselves that seriously."

The recipe from PDT for making bacon-infused bourbon involves simmering a bottle of bourbon with bacon fat, then letting it cool and straining out the solids. This streamlined version uses strips of cooked bacon, and makes a more moderate two servings.

**BENTON'S OLD FASHIONED**
Start to finish: 5 minutes
Servings: 1
Ice
2 ounces bacon-infused bourbon (see recipe below)
1/4 ounce grade B maple syrup
2 dashes of angostura bitters
Twist of orange

In a mixing glass filled halfway with ice, combine all ingredients. Stir, then strain into a tumbler with one large ice cube. Garnish with a twist of orange.
(Recipe from PDT cocktail bar in New York)

**BACON-INFUSED BOURBON**
Start to finish: 1 hour
2 strips warm cooked bacon, chopped
4 ounces bourbon

In a small bowl, combine the bacon, any fat that collected in the pan during cooking, and the bourbon. Refrigerate for 1 hour, or until the fat solidifies on the surface of the bourbon.

Remove and discard the fat on the surface, then line a mesh strainer with cheese cloth, then strain the bourbon. If not using immediately, refrigerate.
(Recipe adapted from PDT cocktail bar in New York)

**MANCHEGO CHEESE AND GARLIC DOGS**
Start to finish: 1 1/2 hours
Servings: 6
2 heads garlic, top 1/2 inch cut off
5 teaspoons extra-virgin olive oil, divided
1/2 cup diced jarred roasted red peppers
1 tablespoon chopped fresh parsley
Kosher salt and ground black pepper, to taste
6 grilled all-beef hot dogs
6 grilled hot dog buns or other bread or rolls
1/2 cup grated manchego cheese
Sherry wine vinegar or balsamic vinegar
Heat the oven to 400 F.

Place each head of garlic, cut side up, on a square of foil. Drizzle each with 1 teaspoon of oil, then wrap the foil up around the garlic. Place packets on the oven rack and roast until garlic is tender, about 45 minutes. Open packets and cool for 15 minutes.

Squeeze the roasted garlic cloves into a small bowl. Mash enough roasted garlic to measure 1/4 cup (reserve remaining garlic for another use). In a small bowl, mix the garlic with the remaining 3 teaspoons of oil, the red peppers and parsley. Season with salt and pepper.

Arrange the hot dogs in the buns, then top each with the garlic relish, the cheese and a drizzle of vinegar.
(Recipe adapted from the July 2009 issue of Bon Appetit magazine)

# Spanish town's messy tomato fight

**ALBERTO SAIZ**
Associated Press Writer

BUNOL, Spain Tens of thousands of revelers pelted each other with tons of ripe tomatoes in a good-natured battle that filled the streets of a Spanish town with rivers of red pulp.

Bunol's town hall estimated more than 40,000 people, some from as far away as Japan and Australia, took up arms Wednesday with 100 tons of tomatoes in the yearly food fight known as the "Tomatina," now in its 64th year.

The event has its roots in a food fight between childhood friends and has become something of a calling card for Bunol, which is 25 miles (40 kilometers) north of Valencia on Spain's east coast.

The hour-long battle is so popular that traffic into the town backed up nearly two miles (three kilometers) Wednesday morning.



## The Re-View

Merv Hecht

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# Undiscovered country

LA TOUR D'ARGENT IS ONE OF THE most famous restaurants in the world. Located on the left bank in Paris, across from the cathedral of Notre Dame, it's also one of the oldest surviving restaurants, and one of the first places in the world to have served chocolate. And if you order the specialty of the house, pressed duck, your name is inscribed in a special ledger for all future customers to see. I hope they spelled my name correctly.

In 1972 the owner's nephew, Patrick Terrail, opened Ma Maison in Hollywood. His chef was Wolfgang Puck. The restaurant was so popular with the Hollywood crowd that the telephone number was unlisted! After all, who would want unknown people to eat there?

And so began an era, no longer with us, of exclusive restaurants. I was reminded of these good old days when I ate at the Buffalo Club recently. The chef and part owner Patrick Healy is one of the best trained French chefs in Los Angeles. The location is in a slightly seedy part of Olympic Boulevard along the north side of the Santa Monica Freeway. The building is not well maintained, and the sign looks like something from the 1930s. The Web site has expired, and I've never seen an ad for the restaurant. At least the telephone number is listed, although they don't always answer.

But inside the building it's really nice. What's a special surprise is an umbrella covered outdoor patio with a bar, that's just right for summer afternoons. It's not noisy, and not overcrowded, and it's open for lunch. That alone makes it worth the trip.

The menu is pretty upscale French, but with some specialties of the chef. Caviar is $95, but a Caesar salad is only $13. There is a soft shell crab starter, and seafood dumplings Chinese style. The dozen or so main courses include the usual suspects, but usually with a feature. So the pork chop is marinated in apple juice. The prime New York steak has blue cheese sauce and creamed spinach. And where else can you find jidori chicken pot pie with Oregon morels in a biscuit crust?

There is a full bar menu, and a trendy wine list with some nice selections on it, but not much for under $45 a bottle. We had some wine by the glass which was fresh and excellent, and normally priced.

The Buffalo Club has a dedicated following of local foodies to support it, as well as a number of special events. It gets a bad rap on the Internet for arrogant — even rude — service, but in my experience the staff is polite and efficient. I think it's a find!

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### SPECIAL UPDATE

A short time ago I wrote about going to the Whole Foods store at Lincoln Boulevard and Rose Avenue and getting filled up on free samples. At that time I wrote, humorously I (optimistically) thought, that after all these free samples I thought they should have provided a free cup of coffee to top off lunch.

Well, I was there recently with my extended family to do some shopping for a BBQ, and guess what? Right in front of the door they were serving free cups of coffee! I sampled two of the three offerings and found the French roast very much to my liking. Now there's a company that's responsive to the press!

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# Restaurants lose food safety certifications

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN FRANCISCO Hundreds of San Francisco restaurants are learning their food safety certificates are no longer valid after investigators uncovered testing irregularities.

The San Francisco Department of Public Health began notifying more than 300 restaurants Tuesday that their certification holders have to be retested.

Authorities say three city food inspectors gave certificates to people who never took the exam and provided test takers with answers.

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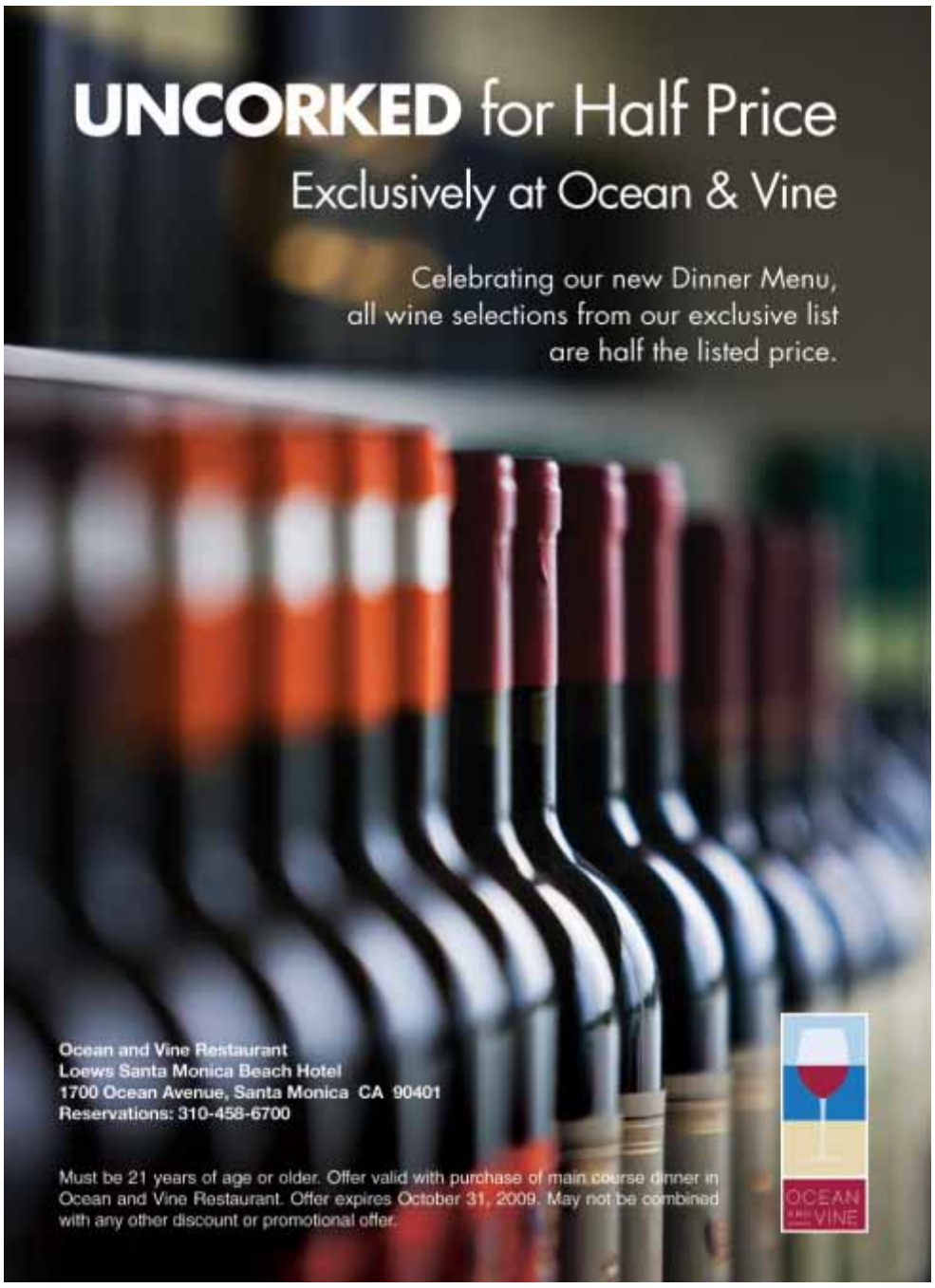
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# Kennedy likely given new drug

FROM KENNEDY PAGE 1

fatal illness and he knew that. Despite his illness, he carried on as best he could," Lichtenfeld said.

He noted that celebrities "are public representatives of millions of people who deal with these issues on a daily basis." When one gets recommended treatments and is able to live life to its fullest, it gives hope to other patients, Lichtenfeld said.

Kennedy was diagnosed with a malignant glioma, a cancerous brain tumor, after suffering a seizure at his home in May 2008. He had surgery two weeks later, followed by chemotherapy with the drug Temodar during and after radiation, his family has said.

Cancer specialists say he also likely received Avastin, a newer drug aimed at depriving the tumor of its blood supply. Avastin recently won federal approval for treating brain tumors that recur after standard treatment. It is made by Genentech, which recently was acquired by Swiss-based Roche.

Kennedy's doctors have declined to comment on specifics and did not respond to interview requests Wednesday.

Median survival for the type of tumor Kennedy is believed to have had is 12 to 15 months, but the range is wide, said Dr. Mark Gilbert, a brain tumor expert at the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston.

Gilbert is leading an international study of 1,200 patients testing intensive Temodar therapy to see if that can improve survival. Results are expected next year. Temodar is made by Schering-Plough Corp.

"Treatments are keeping the cancer under control for a longer time," Gilbert said. Without the tumor continuing to grow, patients "maintain their function and with that, their quality of life," he said.

Even though survival time remains grim, it has improved, said Dr. Steve Brem, neurosurgery chief at Moffitt Cancer Center in Tampa, Fla.

"Only a few years ago, it used to be about nine months," Brem said. Gliomas are so invasive — spreading tentacles into the brain in a way that all cannot be removed with surgery — that they usually cannot be cured, he explained.

Treatments besides Temodar that might improve the odds are in testing now: several experimental drugs, an experimental vaccine that prods the immune system to fight the cancer, and a radioactive "homing device" that helps a cancer drug reach tumors deep in the brain.

However, much more research is needed to make meaningful gains, said a statement from the International Brain Tumour Alliance, a British-based international support and advocacy group.

Each year 200,000 people worldwide develop a malignant brain tumor "and there has been only a minimal improvement in new therapies in the past 30 years," the statement says.

Cancer research is a cause Kennedy championed long before his illness, the cancer society's chief executive, John Seffrin, said in a statement.

Kennedy helped overhaul the 1971 National Cancer Act, "rein in the tobacco industry" with a bill giving the federal Food and Drug Administration authority to regulate tobacco products, and backed expansion of the Children's Health Insurance Program with an increase in the tobacco tax, the statement said.

For these and other achievements, he was given the Society's Medal of Honor and National Distinguished Advocacy Award.















# Sweet Kennedy memories of sailing united family

FROM **SHRIVER** PAGE 1

They arrived at 6:30 p.m. in a golf cart, just the two of them. We went out to meet them. "How's Mummy?" was the first thing he said. "We've got to see Mummy."

Of course he loved my mother, but this is also the Irish way of saying hello to us! My wife and daughters were thrilled and escorted Teddy and Vicki into the room where my mother was waiting.

After some smiles and applause for our 6-month-old daughter Rosemary, we settled into the real reason for all family cocktail parties: Gossiping about other members of the family. To wit: What was Ethel doing, who had won what races, who was expected for the weekend, how was the sailing and what about the new puppy?

But Teddy always went for something big. He knew this time it had to be good, because my mother really needed cheering up. She was very sick. I could see him thinking, "What can I say that will get Eunie fired up?" Suddenly, he had a glint in his eye.

"Eunie," he asked, "was Joe a good sailor?" He was referring to their oldest brother, who had, indeed, been a very good sailor.

"Yes," my mother nodded.

"What about Bobby, was he any good?"

My mother looked a bit irritated, as though this was a silly question. "Not serious," she suddenly said.

Teddy laughed. "Not serious, not serious. Really? I thought he was pretty good."

My mother frowned. Her little brother was egging her on. She wanted to talk about debates going on in Washington. She usually wanted to talk about that.

"What about Jack?" Teddy continued.

"He was serious," my mother said, in a very matter-of-fact way.

"Well, we can agree about that," Teddy said, laughing. He knew that Mother always stuck up for Jack no matter what. Even though she was very sick and could not speak well, she was sticking up for Jack. That was good!

"OK, Eunie," he said. He knew he had a live issue now. He smiled. He, too, was very sick. Some of the words did not come to him immediately. But the smile came and stayed.

"Let's rank them all then. Serious or not serious."

My mother frowned again and looked away. But there was a touch of a smile. Her baby brother had gotten to her. She loved ranking people. She particularly loved ranking people as sailors. She felt she was an excellent judge of talent.

"OK," she said. And she smiled. In those days, it was hard to get her to smile.

Teddy began, "OK, what about Joe?"

"Serious," my mother said.

"Jack?"

"Serious."

"Kick?" he said, referring to their sister Kathleen.

"Harrump," said Mother. "Not even interested."

And so it went through their nine siblings. They laughed, and disagreed on one or two. They were having a fine time.

"Now let's ask the big question," said Teddy.

My mother looked at him. What was he up to now?

"Who was the best sailor of us all?" he asked with a wicked smile. Of course he knew what her answer would be.

"I was," my mother said with no hesitation whatsoever.

We all howled. She was so aggressive.

"Come on now, Eunie, I was pretty good, wasn't I?" he said, being the little brother all the way. And of course, no kidding, he was an excellent, excellent sailor, as was she.

Mother looked at me with that "Teddy is crazy" look. So I joined the game. "Not even close, Mother? Is that what you are saying? It's not even close between you and Teddy?" I played my role.

She gave me the look that only a mother can give to her son: Not disgust, not even disagreement — worse than that. It was more like, "Are you really related to me?" Teddy gestured to me to protect my head as though she might reach across and smack me!

"Absolutely not," she said. Teddy howled. He loved to get his older sister fired up.

Seven weeks later, she passed. And now he is gone, too. Many words about their legacies, and the family's work and legacy, will be written.

For me and my family, this moment of simple joy — the laughter, ribbing, competition, and intimacy — is our jeweled memory of their last days. We hope to live out our lives not only in their spirit of service, but also in the spirit of fun, family togetherness and love embodied in this short evening moment.

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# Staff shortage delays report to council on reconfiguration

FROM OCEAN PARK PAGE 1

Council and the community on this project."

Dyke said she expects to return to council with a report on the outcome of the pilot phase next year after which time officials are expected to decide whether to keep or change the existing arrangement.

> **EASTBOUND TRAFFIC USED TO CHARGE UP THE HILL FROM 11TH (STREET) AT RIDICULOUS SPEEDS AND SWERVE VIOLENTLY WHEN A LEFT-TURNER BLOCKED THE LANE THEY WERE IN."**
>
> Grace Phillips
> Resident

Neighbors have long complained about the dangers posed to pedestrians that attempt to cross the boulevard at unsignalized intersections, mainly from 14th to 20th streets, which is home to several businesses and John Adams Middle School. Pedestrians have been struck, several fatally, in the crosswalks, prompting business owners and residents to call on city officials to make changes, many demanding a traffic signal or flashing red light be installed at 16th and 18th streets.

Both of those streets have a set of lights that are embedded into the crosswalk, flashing when activated by a pedestrian. While the flashing lights seem effective at night, many neighbors say it's less visible during the day and gives pedestrians a false sense of security.

The restriping continues to draw a strong reaction from neighbors. Some residents said that traffic accidents remain frequent on the boulevard despite the changes.

Elizabeth Seiji, who owns Edelweiss Flower Boutique at 17th and Ocean Park Boulevard, said it's difficult to leave from 18th Street going east on the boulevard every night because of congestion. She adds that the congestion on Lincoln Boulevard has become a "nightmare" in the mornings and late afternoon hours.

"Simple solution is to put in stop lights where the pedestrians can set off on demand in those troubled areas," she said.

Grace Phillips said she was willing to give the new configuration a chance, finding that the stretch from Lincoln to 20th Street to be dangerous.

She feels that it's much safer today.

"Eastbound traffic used to charge up the hill from 11th [Street] at ridiculous speeds and swerve violently when a left-turner blocked the lane they were in," she said. "I like the fact that the whole stretch moves more slowly now.

The restriping has reportedly had the consequence of increasing congestion on the side streets.

But Dyke said that data based on overall bus travel times indicates that there has not been an excessive increase in delay on the boulevard.

City officials are also looking to see if there is better technology for the crosswalk flashers after experiencing some maintenance issues.

"They have not been as reliable as other traffic control devices we have in the city," she said.

Phillips said that crossing the street has not been as daunting an experience.

"Being a pedestrian has become less unpleasant, mostly because the traffic isn't going quite as fast now," she said. "People don't swerve around left-turn traffic the way they used to."

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# First plastic bags, now bottles

FROM TAP PAGE 3

sumers to stop using plastic bottles. Approximately 50 restaurants in New York and another 100 in Northern California have already pledged to take plastic bottles off their menus. A similar effort will soon be launched in the Los Angeles area.

"It promotes a message that a lot of customers like," Maas said. "A lot of these restaurants are organic or sustainable."

The Santa Monica campaign drew Samohi science teacher Benjamin Kay and several of his students from Team Marine, a campus environmental organization that has been trying to persuade city officials to pass a ban on plastic bags.

The club has shifted some of its focus after watching the documentary, "Tapped," which investigates the plastic bottle industry and the health impacts.

Kay said he believes the recycling program instituted by the state has not been too effective because California Refund Values don't pay the consumer enough to return their recyclables.

"Recycling is part of the answer but also refusing to purchase single-use plastic items is probably the better solution for both humans and the planet," he said.

Among the market vendors who signed the pledge is Alex Weiser of Weiser Family Farms, whose stand was located directly across from the tap water station.

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**Richard Bloom**
City Councilman

Weiser said he has been trying to stop purchasing plastic bottles.

"I believe water from the tap is fine," he said, holding a stainless steel reusable bottle. "It saves a lot of money and the quality of the water here is safe."

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# Anything but a cover band

FROM CONCERT PAGE 3

Brown is now joined by Lance Ellis on saxophone and flute, Chuck Barber on vocals and percussion and Telvis Ward on vocals and keyboard. Brown is a drummer and vocalist, Scott plays guitar and does vocals and Dickerson plays bass and does vocals.

While Brown has written songs since he was 7 and he, Dickerson and some others have written several songs for the band, Brown said the main songwriter is Scott.

"I grew up in Long Beach," Brown said. "Scott grew up in Compton. B.B. Dickerson grew up in San Pedro. Lee Oskar is from Denmark. That's why we have such an eclectic sound. They [fans] wanna know how do we play the music Latinos love so much … . All the music that we recorded, so many people have recorded our music."

Though Engel tried to book them for years, the Lowrider Band was not the intended act for tonight's performance. Lila Downs, the original act, had an emergency appendectomy Aug. 23 and is still recovering. The Lowrider Band was a quick replacement for this second-to-last Thursday concert.

"They just seemed to me the best bet… ," Engel said. "Lila just got home from the hospital yesterday [Aug. 24]. We'll try to invite her back next year."

Opening the concert at 7 p.m. is Very Be Careful, a Los Angeles band known for its traditional Colombian Vallenato music. Colombians from all walks of life listen to Vallenato music and it is guaranteed to get people dancing. The Lowrider Band goes on at 8:15 p.m.

"If this concert were part of the regular season … even as The Lowrider Band, people would figure out who they are, and attendance would have been gigantic," Engel said.



Photo courtesy The Lowrider Band

NEW NAME, SAME SOUND: **The Lowrider Band, whose members include the original musicians and songwriters behind super funk group War, will perform tonight during the Santa Monica Pier's Twilight Dance Series.**

While many of its members have spent almost 50 years in the music business together, Brown himself being 63, Brown knows the music transcends all generations.

"Once they know the songs we're playing … and we're the actual people that recorded it, we're gonna have a whole lot of fans," Brown said. "You can tell that we're seasoned musicians, I suppose. We never play it the same way twice. We don't play it like a cover band. We can do what we want 'cause we wrote the song! Our music — you can listen to it, it's gonna take you back. Our music crosses generations … and it crosses all nationalities."

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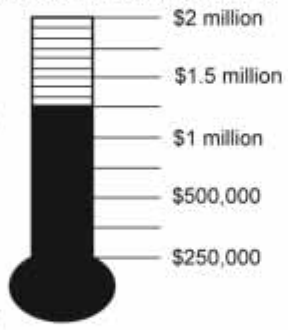
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# Court: Investigators wrong to seize baseball drug list

**PAUL ELIAS**
Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO An appeals court ruled Wednesday that federal agents were wrong to seize the infamous drug list and samples of 104 Major League Baseball players who allegedly tested positive for performance-enhancing drugs in 2003.

In a 9-2 vote, the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals agreed with three lower court judges who chastised investigators who had a warrant for only 10 drug test results.

Yankees star Alex Rodriguez and Red Sox slugger David Ortiz both have acknowledged being on the list, and The New York Times has reported the Dodgers' Manny Ramirez and Sammy Sosa also can be found on it.

The panel said federal agents trampled on players' protections against unreasonable searches and seizures.

The government seized the samples and records in April 2004 from baseball's drug-testing companies as part of the BALCO investigation into Barry Bonds and others. The list of 104 players said to have tested positive, attached to a grand jury subpoena, has been part of a five-year legal fight, with the players' union trying to force the government to return what federal agents took during raids.

"This was an obvious case of deliberate overreaching by the government in an effort to seize data as to which it lacked probable cause," wrote Chief Judge Alex Kozinski.

He said the case was a significant test of the government's search and seizure powers in the digital age, and issued guidelines for investigators to follow in future raids that included submitting computers to independent computer experts for sorting of data.

Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative founder Victor Conte has long been critical of the actions of the government, especially then lead investigator Jeff Novitzky.

"I have said that Novitzky has been using illegal tactics and not following the law since the day of the BALCO raid," Conte said. "He seems to just make up his own rules as he goes along."

U.S. attorney spokesman Jack Gillund in San Francisco said the government was reviewing its options, which could include an appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Players' association lawyer Elliot Peters said the union was happy with the ruling but still angry that names of several players allegedly on the list have been leaked to journalists.

"The leaks were crimes," Peters said.

Peters declined to say whether he asked a federal judge to look into leaks from the list.

"If the government hadn't unconstitutionally seized this in the first place, there wouldn't have been any leaks," Peters said.






## SURF REPORT

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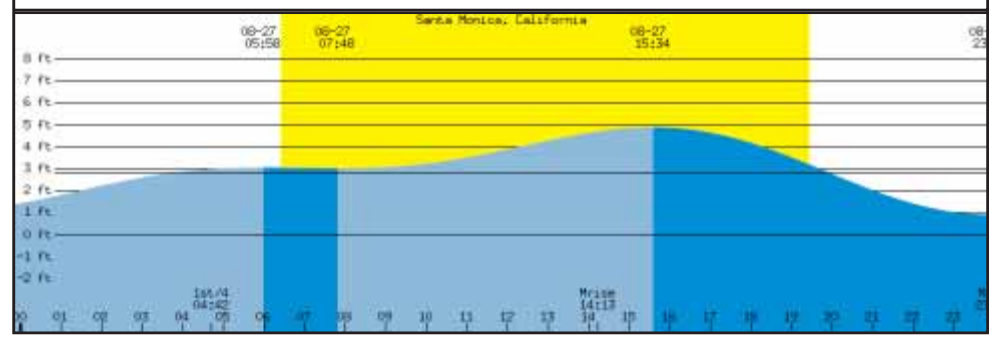
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- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 7 / ns

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| 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 Lachasa and Las Alisos 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) | B | 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 Don Blacker County Beach | A+ | ns |
| Puerco State Beach at creek mouth | A+ | ns |
| Marie Canyon storm drain at Pverco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd. | A | ns |
| Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence | B | ns |
| Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily | A+ | ns |
| Malibu Pier - 50 yards east | D | 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 | F | ns |
| Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach | F | 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 | C | ns |
| Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain | C | 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 |
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| 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 |
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| 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

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**Bandslam (PG) 1hr 51min**
12:50, 3:30

**The Goods: Live Hard, Sell Hard (R) 1hr 29min**
12:30, 2:45, 5:00, 7:15, 9:30

**Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (PG) 2hr 33min**
6:15, 9:35

**Funny People (R) 2hr 16min**
12:05, 3:15, 6:30, 9:45

**The Hangover (R) 1hr 36min**
12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00

AMC 7 Santa Monica
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**G-Force (PG) 1hr 30min**
11:50 a.m., 2:05, 4:20, 6:50, 9:10

**Post Grad (PG-13) 1hr 29min**
11:55 a.m., 2:50, 5:10, 7:30, 9:50

**Shorts (PG) 1hr 29min**
11:15 a.m., 1:50, 4:15, 7:00, 9:20

**X Games 3D: The Movie (PG) 1hr 32min**
11:30 a.m., 2:20, 4:45, 7:10, 9:30

**Ponyo (Gake no ue no Ponyo) (G) 1hr 40min**
11:00 a.m., 1:30, 4:10, 6:40, 9:15

**The Time Traveler's Wife (PG-13) 1hr 48min**
11:40 a.m., 2:30, 5:15, 7:50, 10:30

**Julie and Julia (PG-13) 2hrs 3min**
10:50 a.m., 1:40, 4:30, 7:20, 10:15

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**Earth Days (NR) 1hr 40min**
1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:40

**Paper Heart (PG-13) 1hr 29min**
1:00, 3:10, 5:30, 7:50, 10:10

**(500) Days of Summer (PG-13) 1hr 35min**
1:00, 3:20, 5:40, 8:00, 10:15

**The Hurt Locker (R) 2hr 10min**
1:00, 4:00, 7:10, 10:15

Mann's Criterion Theatre
**1313 Third St.**
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**The Final Destination 3D (R) 1hr 22min**
12:01 a.m.

**Inglourious Basterds (R) 2hrs 32min**
12:00, 1:30, 3:30, 5:00, 7:00, 8:30, 10:30

**G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra (PG-13) 1hr 58min**
12:40, 3:40, 4:50. 6:40, 9:40

**The Ugly Truth (R) 1hr 36min**
11:50 a.m., 2:20, 7:40, 10:10

**District 9 (R) 1hr 53min**
1:20, 4:20, 7:15, 10:00

**District 9 (Digital Projection) (R) 1hr 53min**
11:40 a.m., 2:30, 5:20, 8:15

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# Brainstorm time, Aries

### ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★★ Find solutions and create innovative ideas to achieve your desired results. At this moment, nearly anything is possible. You have a unique ability to see what others don't even notice. Tonight: Brainstorm time.

### TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Deal on an independent level; you'll feel more in control. More information comes forward by remaining on a one-on-one level. Someone might be in your way or seems to prevent you from establishing a goal. Discussions could take many turns. Tonight: In the thick of life.

### GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Deferring might not only be smart, it might be the easiest approach. Though you might not sense any animosity or barriers, letting others have their way is enormously powerful. They can see the results of their ideas. Nothing can replace experience. Tonight: Sort through your options.

### CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ An easy approach gets you much more of what you want. Laughter plays a big role in events and what goes on. Tonight: Choose a stress-buster.

### LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ Your imagination steps forward and takes the lead. A boss or parent could take a stand and rain on your parade. Obviously, you have far too many ideas for this person to integrate. He or she needs more boundaries and control. Say less. Tonight: Go for fun.

### VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ Basic security needs to take over. If you can work from home, do. Your downtime will be slightly more relaxing. Your ideas are well-received in your immediate environment. Communication improves later today. Tonight: Buy a card or token of affection.

### LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ Try another approach with a key associate. You might be making more of a slight. Quite possibly, the person involved didn't even intend it as you are taking it. Openness allows you to express your caring. Tonight: Dinner with a friend. Swap news.

### SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Know when to head in another direction. Though you have a lot to offer, don't overestimate your value. Use good fiscal thinking to stabilize your budget. You might need to say "no" to an expenditure. Tonight: Express your gratefulness.

### SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ Claim your power and handle exactly what you want. Others might make judgments or try to get you to veer in another direction. Remember, it is your choice. Listen to news that comes forward. A meeting gives you a newfound resourcefulness. Tonight: Whatever puts a smile on your face.

### CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ Assume a low profile. Much is being said, and many opinions given. Meanwhile, your mind is active, producing many thoughts. Sit back today, and just note what comes forward. Tonight: Do something ultimately for you.

### AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ Emphasize the positives in your life. Your friends mean more to you than most signs. Honor your priorities. Tonight: Where the gang is.

### PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ A must appearance is important. Realize what you need and where you are going. You must take the first step, as others might be frightened and not as sure of their direction. A partner could feel like an albatross right now. Relax; this too will pass. Tonight: A must appearance.

## Happy birthday

This year, focus is on your home life and chosen direction. Be honest with yourself if you're not comfortable with everything that might be going on. Use special care with your finances, especially with spending involving your home. In relationships, you might have a tendency to say one thing yet do another. This behavior could be confusing to your sweetie, if you are attached. If you are single, you long for company, but might move too quickly to the live-in phase. Be smart. SAGITTARIUS can be an anchor, a very heavy one.

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

## Girls and Sports
By Justin Borus and Andrew Feinstein




## The Meaning of Lila
By John Forgetta & L.A. Rose




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By Jim Davis




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Difficulty Level ★★★

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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# CROSSWORD

## By THOMAS JOSEPH

**ACROSS**

**1** Neighbor of Tibet
**6** Downward arc
**11** Crockett's last stand
**12** Findable fellow in kid's books
**13** Singing voice, in slang
**14** Closed
**15** Not subject
**17** Lot sight
**19** Plop down
**20** Busy one in Apr.
**23** Diamond stats
**25** Cries of insight
**26** Southern fellows
**28** "May It Be" singer
**29** Los Angeles suburb
**30** — Moines
**31** Toast spread
**32** VCR button abbr.
**33** Smear
**35** Grows dim
**38** Smack's cousin
**41** German sub
**42** Authority
**43** Bottle parts
**44** Follow

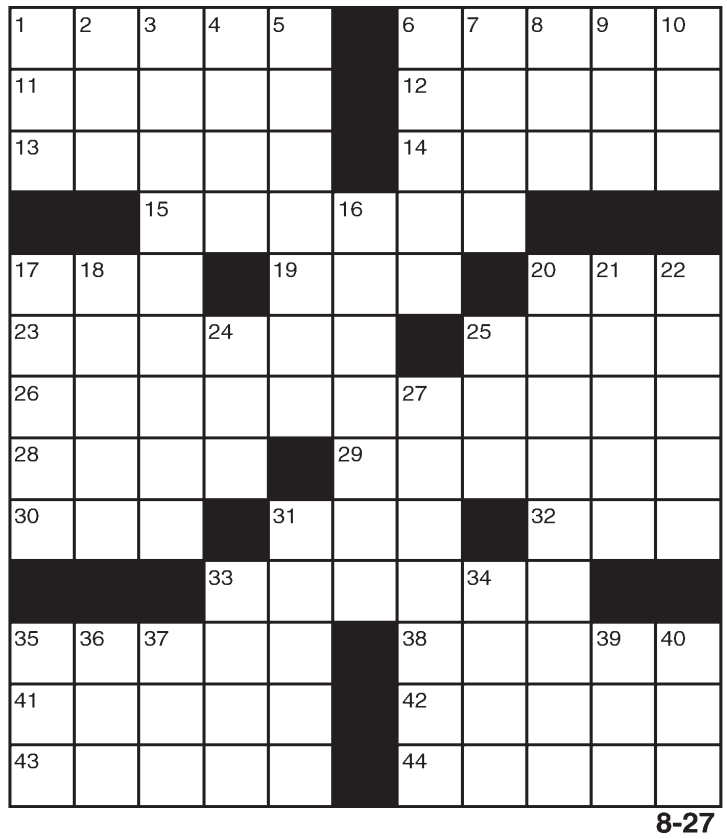
**DOWN**

**1** Forty winks
**2** New Haven student
**3** Deliverers on bikes
**4** NYSE counterpart
**5** Is beaten by
**6** Used a broom
**7** Covet
**8** Hackneyed
**9** Poem type
**10** Okra unit
**16** Deceive
**17** Like many parrots
**18** Expiate
**20** Sunday singers
**21** Golfer — Stewart
**22** Org.
**24** Nabokov book
**25** Jackson 5 hit
**27** As a group
**31** Cracks jokes
**33** Bill
**34** — Bator
**35** Amusement
**36** Lincoln nickname
**37** Clinic VIP
**39** Buckeyes' sch.
**40** "Lenore" author

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## NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ The Economy Is Failing: (1) A 36-year-old woman pleaded guilty to prostitution in Oklahoma City in June, for giving oral sex to a Frito-Lay employee in exchange for a case of chips. (2) In an interview with the Toronto Star in June, a 36-year-old drag queen, who said he usually gets $60 for oral sex, was lately receiving offers as low as $5. Said "Ray": "I didn't spend two hours getting my makeup on and all dressed up for ($5)."

■ "Goose barnacles": A 6-foot-long log composed of hundreds of barnacles, locked together, washed ashore near Swansea, Wales, in August. Each of the barnacles uses tentacles for snatching food, and a 6-foot mass of snake-like appendages, writhing simultaneously, terrified local beachgoers. Scientists said goose barnacles usually remain on the ocean floor.

## TODAY IN HISTORY

**1883** Krakatoa, an Indonesian volcano, enters the final stage of its eruption.

**1896** Anglo-Zanzibar War: the shortest war in world history (09:00 to 09:45) between the United Kingdom and Zanzibar.

**1916** Romania declares war against Austria-Hungary, entering World War I as one of the Allied nations.

**1921** The British install the son of Sharif Hussein bin Ali (leader of the Arab Revolt of 1916 against the Ottoman Empire) as King Faisal I of Iraq.

**1922** The Turkish army takes the Aegean city of Afyonkarahisar from the Greeks.

**1928** The Kellogg-Briand Pact outlawing war is signed by the first fifteen nations to do so. Ultimately sixty-one nations will sign it.

**1939** First flight of the turbojet-powered Heinkel He 178, the world's first jet aircraft.

**1943** Japanese forces evacuate New Georgia Island in the Pacific Theater of Operations during World War II.

**1952** West Germany and Israel conclude reparation negotiations in Luxembourg; West Germany agrees to pay 3 billion Deutsch Marks.

## WORD UP!

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PETER MANZI, 91, beloved father and grandfather, passed away at home July 22nd after a two-year battle with cancer. Born Christmas Day, 1917, in New Haven, Connecticut, Pete was a decorated World War II Veteran (43rd Division) with a long career in the Floral industry. He lived in southern California for the past 60 years, the last 16 in Santa Monica. Long widowed, "Grandpa Pete" was well loved by the families in his Sunset Park neighborhood. He leaves behind daughter and son in law, Patti and Reiner Braun, and grandsons, Dylan and Justin, of 1811 Pier Avenue, Santa Monica, 90405.

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