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THE FOOD ON WHEELS ISSUE

Methane gas at nearby landfill concerns locals

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

STEWART STREET A new issue is brewing in the neighborhood battle against a proposal to build a train maintenance yard in a historically working-class community, one that involves a giant decades-old pile of trash.

The Pico Neighborhood Association recently raised concerns about the possible dangers of placing the maintenance facility across from Stewart Street Park, which was built on top of a former landfill that releases low levels of methane gas.

"The mixture of methane ground contamination with high electrical voltage could trigger an explosion," Maria Loya, co-chair of the neighborhood organization, said. "This is a residential community with families where there's a park, where there's an elementary school close by.

"It's a major concern of ours and we want the (Exposition Construction Authority) and city of Santa Monica to push toward some assessment."

The long-awaited arrival of the Exposition Light Rail to Santa Monica has been celebrated in the traffic-plagued community but has brought headaches for residents in the Pico Neighborhood where there's support for an electric train line but opposition to the proposed location of a maintenance facility across the street from homes on Exposition Boulevard.

It was more than 70 years ago that a clay company moved onto the corner of Stewart Street and Delaware Avenue and excavated a large pit to make bricks. When the operation ceased years later, City Hall filled the hole with construction waste, eventually covering it with a park.

The landfill today lies beneath the park and approximately 50 percent of the Santa Monica City Yards where City Hall's own maintenance services, including fleet management, are headquartered and the Santa Monica Fire Department conducts training exercises.

In June of 1998, City Hall launched a landfill gas mitigation system, capturing and

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FOOD ON THE GO: **Stephen Lau (center) collects orders from customers outside his Chef On Wheels catering van on Stewart Street on Tuesday afternoon. "The food is more cost effective than going to restaurants," said Chris Fusco (far left) from Sony Computer Entertainment.**

Faddish food trucks meet resistance from Downtown restaurant owners

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN The marinated Korean beef short ribs, organic salads and Vietnamese grilled pork sandwiches might be mouthwatering to the long lines of patrons they attract, but the recent influx of the mobile food fad into Santa Monica isn't as welcomed by the established restaurant owners with whom they directly compete.

The increased presence of the reinvented food truck, a drastic image change from the "roach coach" favorite of construction workers, has recently been the subject of concern in Downtown where restaurant owners complain about customers lost to a mobile entity that neither has to pay rent nor assessment fees to conduct business in a coveted location.

While Mexican taco trucks have long been fixtures in Santa Monica, joined several years ago by the organic Green Truck, the latest food trend exploded in the local scene recently with the arrival of Kogi, which sells Korean-inspired barbecue beef tacos, the similar Calbi Korean BBQ and the Nom Nom Truck, which serves Vietnamese banh mi sandwiches. Beverly Hills-based Sprinkles has also joined the fad, launching the new Sprinklesmobile, selling cupcakes at the Brentwood Country Mart on 26th Street.

The issue was discussed during the Bayside District Corp.'s board meeting on Thursday when representatives from the Santa Monica Police Department gave a brief presentation about current regulations for mobile food vendors. The board referred the matter to the Land & Asset Committee for further review.

"I think if these people benefit from the Bayside District, they should have to pay for it," Barbara Bryan, a board member who owns the Interactive Cafe on Broadway, said.

All mobile food trucks are required to have a vendor permit through the SMPD and business license from City Hall to legally operate. The trucks can conduct business in any legal parking spot but are limited to 30 minutes after which they must move at

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Saturday, Oct. 24, 2009

Charity walk
City Hall
1685 Main St., 9 a.m. — noon
Join the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention to participate in the Out of the Darkness Community Walk. The event will help raise money for the foundation's programs and research. Call (818) 593-8110 for more information.

Pumpkin decorating
Santa Monica Pico Farmers Market
2200 Virginia Ave., 9 a.m. — 1:30 p.m.
Bring the kids to decorate locally grown, bright orange pumpkins. Glitter and googly eyes will be provided to create these festive masterpieces. Visit www01.smgov.net/farmersmarket/ for more information.

Message in the sand
Santa Monica Beach
Lifeguard Station #22, 4 p.m.
Come to the beach to be part of a human circle surrounding a giant sand-sculpted "350." The formation will be photographed from above and featured on big screens in New York's Times Square to help raise awareness about the safe limits of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere — just 350 parts per million. RSVP for the event at www.350.org/santamonica.

Sunday, Oct. 25, 2009

Fundraising walk
Beach Park 1
2600 Bernard Way, 12 p.m.
Join supporters of the Food Allergy & Anaphylaxis Network for their annual Walk for Food Allergy: Moving Toward a Cure. Baby strollers and wagons are welcomed on this 2-mile walk. To find out more information, call Lisa Papini at (562) 708-9197.

Help end global poverty
Santa Monica Pier
200 Santa Monica Pier, 11 a.m.
Join thousands of participants on a 3K walk to raise money to help end global poverty. This year's theme aims to bridge the gap in educational resources and access in developing countries. The walk will begin at the Santa Monica Pier and will continue along a scenic route through Palisades Park, which overlooks the Pacific Ocean.
Call (310) 613-5000 for more information.

Remembering a lost journalist
The Edye Second Space at the Broad Stage
1310 11th St., 1 p.m.
This musical event is held in remembrance of Daniel Pearl, the Wall Street Journal reporter who was killed in Pakistan in 2002. Classically trained musicians from local high schools, UCLA and USC will be featured. Pearl was, himself, an avid musician, trained in playing the fiddle, violin and mandolin. This event is just one of a number of international concerts held in October that uses music to help stress the importance of tolerance and humanity. Ruth and Judea Pearl, the parents of Daniel, will also be featured speakers. The concert is free to the public. For more information, call (310) 948-6822.

Monday, Oct. 26, 2009

Local tour
Annenberg Community Beach House
415 Pacific Coast Hwy, 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.
Explore the Annenberg Community Beach House with the help of a Santa Monica Conservancy docent. The historic ocean-front property is open to the public and tours are free. Call (310) 458-4904 for more information.

Halloween stories and crafts
Fairview Library Branch
2101 Ocean Park Blvd., 3:30 p.m. — 4:30 p.m.
Halloween week is upon us! Enjoy Halloween stories and crafts at this fun and low-key event for kids 4 and up. Costumes are optional. Call (310) 450-0443 for more information.

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



PICK A WINNER

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Melissa Lam, Michael Kelly and Bryan Miller (left to right) search for the perfect carving pumpkin at Shawn's Pumpkin Patch at the corner of 23rd Street and Wilshire Boulevard on Friday afternoon.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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Web site help cities go green

It's not always easy being green, but with their new "Best Practices" Web site, Green Cities California (GCC) is working to make it a little easier.

GCC is a collaborative of 10 of California's most environmentally progressive jurisdictions, including Santa Monica. These jurisdictions teamed up to create the Web site, launched Oct. 21, as a tool for cities looking to incorporate environmentally sound policies.

The Web site is a gold mine of information for those interested in environmental policy, those affiliated with it said. It contains extensive details – including policy documents, background research and legal analysis – of almost 50 cutting-edge environmental policies adopted in the GCC's various jurisdictions. These policies are organized into seven categories: energy, waste, urban design, urban nature, transportation, environmental health and water.

The Web site was created with local governments in mind. According to GCC director Carol Misseldine, many cities – especially small cities – have neither the time nor the resources to dedicate to the task of developing environmental legislation.

"Now any jurisdiction can benefit from the hard work completed by other jurisdictions, and simply modify the policy to suit their locale," said Misseldine.

The Web site, www.greencitiescalifornia.org, is free to use and accessible to anyone. Among the policies found on the Web site is Santa Monica's green building ordinance, adopted in May 2008.

"This collaborative effort will save communities valuable staff time and money by providing the resources required for change, eliminating the need for individual cities to constantly reinvent the wheel," said Dean Kubani, director of the Office of Sustainability and the Environment for City Hall.

DAILY PRESS

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

St. Monica ready for anything against Bell-Jeff

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

BURBANK Should St. Monica prepare for the pass or the run this week against Santa Fe League rival Bellarmine-Jefferson?

To hear Head Coach Larry Muno say it, his team should be ready for anything.

"They run a combination of the wing-t and the spread," he said. "Kind of a unique combination."

In short, Bell-Jeff is alternately a passing team or a running team. That sort of combination is enough to make a coach crazy in preparing to face them on the football field.

The game, scheduled for Saturday at 7 p.m. at Burroughs High School in Burbank, features a contrast of styles. Bell-Jeff (4-3, 0-1 in league) isn't shy about mixing things up while St. Monica likes to air things out.

"We have to stop them at the line," said Muno regarding Bell-Jeff's unorthodox offense. "We have to enable our defensive lineman to absorb some blocks.

"That's key, to understand where they are trying to attack you."

Stopping them won't be easy thanks to Bell-Jeff's overall talent. That talent is most evident at running back where defending Santa Fe League MVP Alex Davidians lines up. Muno said slowing him down will be the focus of his defensive unit.

Stopping Davidians will be subject to the health of St. Monica's defenders.

St. Monica's defense has been slowed in recent weeks by injury. Muno said the most promising news lately comes in the form of the return of defensive lineman Jack Porter. The senior, considered one of St. Monica's best defenders, should see reduced playing time, but Muno is confident that his return could make an impact.

"I don't want to rush him back if he's not ready," Muno said.

Defensive end Kyle Schwan is again expected to miss a game due to injury. That makes the return of Porter paramount to St. Monica's plans.

When St. Monica is on offense, Muno expects Bell-Jeff to again take a novel approach.

"They play a wide variety of fronts and coverages," he said. "They have the talent to bring it.

"That's going to be a real challenge for us."

If there is a unit on St. Monica that is up for the test it is the offense. Led by sophomore quarterback Matthew Partyka and a talented bunch of receivers, the 2-3 (0-1 in league) Mariners are sure to put points on the board.

Hoping to confuse Bell-Jeff on defense, Muno will continue to look to senior running back Tommy Murray as his primary ball carrier.

"He's really good, he gets up inside [of the defense]," Muno said of Murray. "He's really improved his speed over the summer. He's our go-to guy."

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Not a fan of tree lights

Editor:

Nothing like the naked beauty of creation of nature, trees or other natural forms.

No need of color lights to enhance or emphasize the beauty. Perfection needs no emphasis.

Nothing like healthy ficus trees on Second and Fourth streets.

Nothing like the joy we receive from our beautiful trees.

The lights form the trees, down please!

Alice Mouradian
Santa Monica

Who is Tommy Surko?

Editor:

They are going to work on the bluffs above PCH. While that ruin of what was once a nightclub is still there, one thing is missing, seeing the photo made me think of it. There was once some graffiti on the wall, neatly painted in large letters: "Tommy Surko says, for my kind of girl, there's only one Tommy Surko." Who was Tommy Surko, whatever became of him? And did he ever get his girl? I'd like to know.

Mike Kirwan
Venice

The 14 users currently in the teen chat room.

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joey16:	16, male, Hackensack, NJ
robbieW:	38, male, Daytona, FL
b-ball_tommy:	15, male, Pocatello, ID
tu_tu:	16, female, Burlington, VT
duffme:	44, male, Minneapolis, MN
QTpie:	30, male, Chicago, IL
ty1989:	15, female, Naperville, IL
harrys_grl:	12, female, Appleton, MN
slugger20:	17, male, Jackson, MS
qtrback21:	26, male, Brooklyn, NY
suzie14:	14, female, Portland, OR
hiphopper:	13, female, Plano, TX
paperboy:	41, male, Beaverton, OR

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Modern Times

Lloyd Garver — **Send comments to editor@smdp.com**

Getting to know your neighbors saves lives

THERE IS A "NEIGHBORING GAP" GOING on in our country. As opposed to previous generations, many people don't know their neighbors. They'll almost brag that they don't know the people who live next door. I wonder if this is a "trickling down" of the philosophy over the past several years that our country didn't need other countries. Now most people are seeing that we do need other countries, and we are part of the world community. We are also part of our local communities and can't just ignore our neighbors.

Recently, neighbors saw a Halloween decoration of an imitation man on a porch in Marina del Rey. They walked past this decoration for five days before it was discovered that it wasn't a Halloween decoration, but was actually their neighbor who had died on his porch. I might not be the most observant person in the world, but I think after at least a couple of days of walking by, I'd be able to tell the difference between a Halloween display and my neighbor.

One of the neighbors said, "He looked fake. It looked like somebody had thrown a dummy over the back of a chair." So this guy who lived nearby was so unfamiliar with his neighbor that he thought he looked like a dummy? He couldn't tell the difference between him and a bunch of rags stuffed into some clothes? I think that the reason he didn't look real to this neighbor and the reason other neighbors ignored what they saw is that they didn't slow down to look. It's a case of "social isolationism," or "I don't know my neighbors, it's none of my business, and I don't want to get involved."

I don't claim to be a perfect citizen or expect anyone else to be perfect, but you've got to admit this incident is pretty shocking. What would have to happen on that block for neighbors to pay attention? In the summer, would they think, "Oh, that's just a Fourth of July display." If they walked past an exploding car would they say to themselves, "I don't want to get involved." What if they saw the guy down the block loading a missile launcher with a SCUD? Would they stop if they saw their neighbor giving a shower to his new pet elephant?

We've all heard other stories of neighbors not getting involved. People step over bodies on the sidewalk, ignore screams, and drive past accidents. Are they really so busy that they can't stop? What's the difference if they get to Starbucks a few minutes later? They'll still be able to get their grande mocha soy latte or whatever. Maybe they think they don't have the time to go to the police station. They've got the time. They can always TiVo "America's Biggest Loser." It has nothing to do with how busy they are. They just don't want to get involved.

There are plenty of reasons to get to know your neighbors. They can water your plants and take in the newspaper when you're out of town. They can use the key you gave them to let your kid in your house when he's lost his. They can recommend a plumber that they've used when your bathroom is flooded with 2 feet of water. They can give you all kinds of juicy gossip, which you can choose to listen to or ignore. If they're older, young neighbors can look in on them. If you're young, older neighbors can baby-sit for your kids. Neighbors can watch each other's houses and call the police if they see something suspicious. You can discuss local schools with them or why that car has been parked around the corner since 1992.

NEIGHBORS CAN WATCH EACH OTHER'S HOUSES AND CALL THE POLICE IF THEY SEE SOMETHING SUSPICIOUS. YOU CAN DISCUSS LOCAL SCHOOLS WITH THEM OR WHY THAT CAR HAS BEEN PARKED AROUND THE CORNER SINCE 1992.

But the biggest reason to get to know your neighbors is because they are your neighbors. We live in a community just as the United States exists in a community of nations. So the next time you see her, smile at that woman who lives down the block. Bring over some cookies to the people next door. Pretend that you like that garage door that the people across the street just painted orange. It really doesn't take that much of an effort to be a good neighbor. Besides, would you really like to be mistaken for a dummy?

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The Q Line

Bright ideas

This past week, Q-line asked:
City Hall has installed an elaborate lighting system on Second and Fourth streets that is designed to both illuminate and beautify the shopping areas. The project has its backers and its critics. What do you think about the colorful lights, and why?
Here are your responses:

"YES, I THINK THE LIGHTING THAT THEY gouged the trees with on Second and on Fourth streets is an abomination to nature, to anything beautiful and it's horrible. It's just really horrible. I call them the cyborg trees, and it was a terrible waste of taxpayers' money."

"WE HAVE THE BRIGHT LIGHTS OF Broadway, Las Vegas and now Santa Monica. Thomas Edison would be proud. I personally find bright lights to be invigorating, especially when homeowners get to decorate their houses during the holiday season."

"THERE ARE MANY THINGS RIGHT about Santa Monica, but the light show in the trees is not one of them. The edginess of this display is more in character with a different type of entertainment city and is another example of money wasted on consultants dreaming of schemes to justify their positions. Non-resident developers, real estate interests and consultants don't care about the long-term. They've got their money. Santa Monica has become a parody of itself with its vacant businesses, avocado paint and unfinished construction sites. Turn off the lights, do something else with the money."

"THE LIGHTS, AS SO MANY THINGS THIS city does, are a little over the top. God knows we need a lot of illumination in this city and our surrounding neighborhoods with all the vagrants, criminals and assorted low lifes, but this might be more than a tad too much. How about spreading them around on our darkened, badly lit neighborhood and park areas?"

"THE MALL, MONTANA, MAIN STREET and [Santa Monica] Pier are our retail cash cows and should be constantly made more beautiful to continue to attract customers. However, our city taxes shouldn't be used for these purposes. Instead these areas should have a tiny extra sales tax or district fee that goes into a fund. This money should be spent on whatever the shops up in that area want. For example: it could be to have cool, old fashioned ornate street lights on Main Street to go with their turn of the century architecture. The Main Street district could level a small fee or tax on those businesses that is put in a Main Street fund and those businesses could vote to collect enough money in five years to install cool, old street lights."

"I RECOILED IN DISBELIEF WHEN I FIRST saw those silly colored lights and the thick ugly cables running up the trees. What a waste and what a desecration. The city has thrown out good money on a hideous tasteless, chintzy, tacky, tawdry and totally inappropriate installation. Has no one in our city leadership have any judgment or common sense?"

"UNBELIEVABLE. IT WAS ONLY A FEW years ago that our so-called arborist was telling us that it is harmful to put nails in trees but now it is acceptable for the city to put large ugly screws and cables to put these ugly lights on the trees. At a time when cities across the county are struggling to balance their budgets, our spendthrift governments waste over a million dollars on these ridiculous lights which do nothing to beautify the area. Santa Monica is not immune to the economic recession, and the money could surely be put to better use helping our schools or other vital services. The government is being run by lunatics with no sense of value."

"I CAN'T THINK OF A MORE CHEESY, tasteless way to waste money than in the lights on Second and Fourth streets. Bring on the clowns and the hookers, the lights are on. Why do I believe this? Because I know the difference between elegant and tacky. And we got the latter."

"HA! ELABORATE LIGHTNING. IF YOU look at those, the lighting is not elaborate. First of all, it looks like someone just put up a bunch of lights like Christmas lights up on that tree. An now you know with the prices of water and trash and parking tickets, now Santa Monica residents know exactly where their taxpaying money is going to. These lights on Fourth Street, what a joke. You know what? Do something better for the city, plant some more trees."

"AS A LONG-TIME RESIDENT AND former landlord in the city of Santa Monica, I really don't understand what the fuss is about the lightning on Second and Fourth streets. I think it's beautiful, and I think it's lovely. Let's get a grip, and let's start realizing the serious things about life like the murder of these innocent children and that sort of stuff. And what about the homeless people floating around? That's what's important, not the trees that bring lots of beautiful light to the city of San Malicious."

"INSTEAD OF THE TREES, THEY OUGHT TO put the lights up on the bums because they never move anyway."

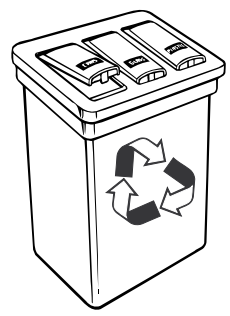
"I FIND THE IMPOSITION OF THE LIGHTING equipment in and on the ficus trees offensive. Why do we have to injure the trees for the sake of our amusement? Will the city injure the ficus trees to the extent that they then become 'structurally unsound' and then suddenly announce that they have to be cut down?"

"LAST YEAR CITY HALL WASTED $8 MILLION with the cutting down of the ficus tress and supposedly changing the look of Second and Fourth streets. The last item was the colored lights, which they hoped to bring a carnival atmosphere to Downtown. This was a sham or scam that has done nothing to attract shoppers. Half of the area that the lights are in are parking structures, and the trees have been abused, no matter what the city forester says. The best trait of City Hall is money wasting."

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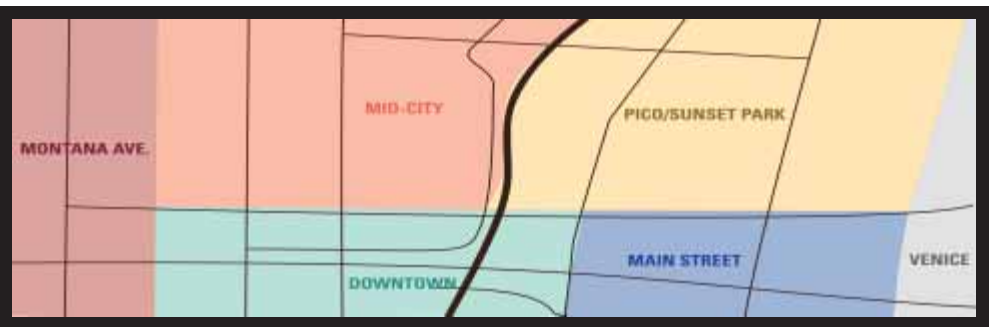
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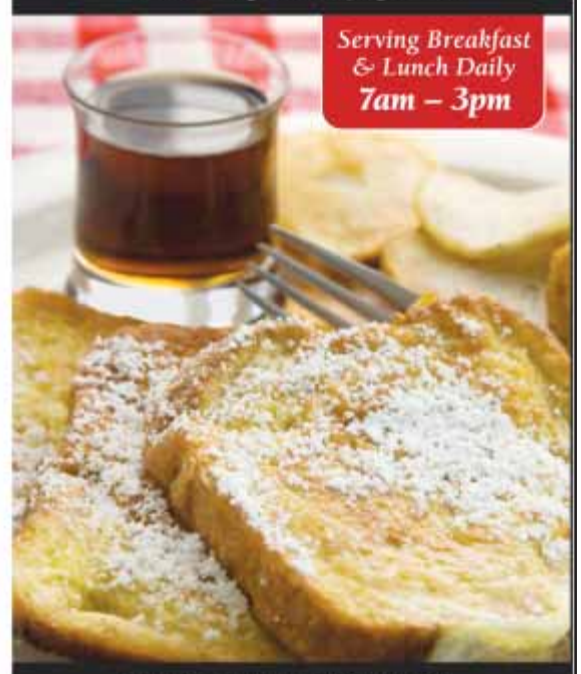
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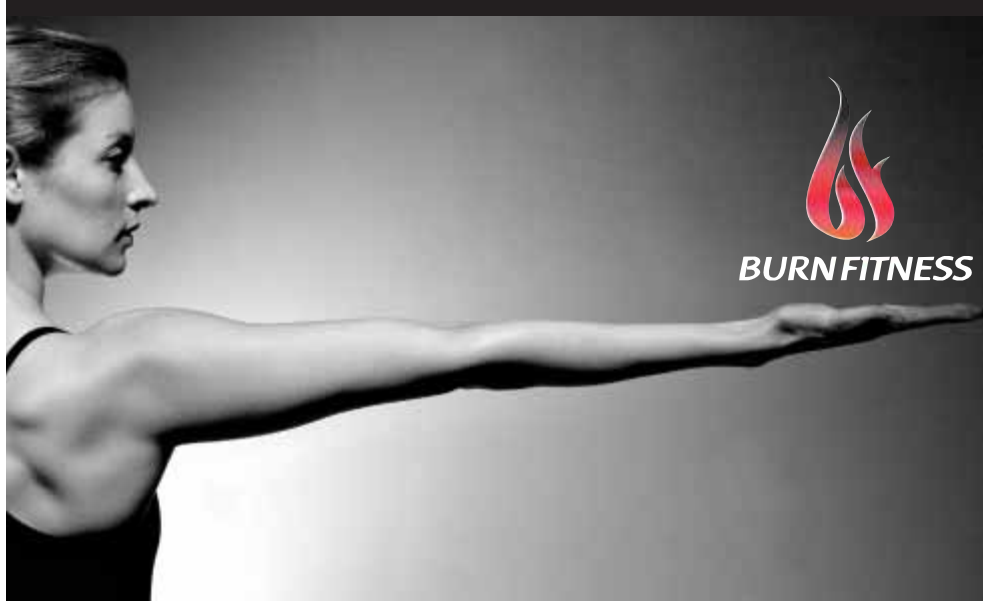


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Sun, surf and seafood

AH, THE BEACH. YOU CAN DO SO MUCH there. You can sunbathe, swim, surf, boat, read or just relax. But whenever I walk on the boardwalk, gazing at the sun setting over the horizon, the one thing that comes to my mind is ... seafood.

There are so many restaurants on the beach, but out of all of them, a new one caught my eye. That place is called The Blue Plate Oysterette. This amazing seafood restaurant is located at 1355 Ocean Ave., in Santa Monica. This is actually a very convenient location seeing as you have a great view of the sun's reflection as it sets under the horizon at dinnertime. So, pretty much, it's dinner and a show.

The Blue Plate Oysterette only serves its customers fresh and delicious food. They get their seafood from local suppliers. The seafood and oysters are so fresh I can almost taste the ocean in the soft meat. Their simple but thorough menu is filled with delicious choices.

This restaurant serves an incredibly mouthwatering New England clam chowder. This soup is made from fresh short-neck clams, potatoes, crunchy bacon (which gives the creamy broth a salty and savory homey-kind of feeling) and their secret ingredient: corn. This combination of flavors and textures is one of the greatest you will ever try.

Adding to the list of delicious appetizers is the artichoke with aioli dipping sauce, which you will be surprised to know, is served chilled, which brings out the flavors and natural juices inside the already moist artichoke. The dipping sauce adds a nice little punch to an already fantastic appetizer.

They also offer a crazy crab dip with crunchy bagel chips, a crispy cornmeal crusted fried calamari, the manager's personal favorite oyster's Rockefeller, and of course, their raw bar, which has fresh oysters, mussels, shrimp and clams.

Now we move on to the entrées. The Blue Plate Oysterette serves a luscious pesto shrimp, which is served with brown rice or pasta. This is one of the best seafood dishes I have ever tried in my life. You can taste each ingredient, as its fresh qualities shine through. Their "Just Hooked" is the catch of the day prepared in your choice of: roasted garlic pesto, fresh checca (tomatoes, garlic, basil and olive oil), lemon caper sauce or the sauce of the day.

This restaurant has so many choices, but I only have space for a few more: their signature lobster roll served on brioche, the linguini with clams is served with a red sauce seasoned to perfection, and fish served as tacos or breaded with chips. And for you non-seafood-eaters, they have choices of kobe beef hot dogs, burgers and grilled steak or chicken.

Now, you are probably thinking, "Well, this is fantastic. Can it get any better?" Well, my dad's mussels were fantastic. He got them served in a lemon, white wine and garlic broth. You can also order them in a red curry sauce. Dipping their delicious bread into the broth was almost as good as eating the mussels themselves.

This restaurant has such fabulous food for adults, and can still make their match with their Kid's Menu. Blue Plate's kid choices are the mini protein plate with your choice of fish, shrimp, chicken or beef (with a side); fish sticks; hot dog; mac and cheese; and grilled cheese or pasta with butter. I ordered the fish protein plate, which was mahi-mahi that night, and macaroni and cheese as my side. I didn't expect much but when it came out from the kitchen the plate had a nice-sized piece of well-seasoned grilled fish and a bowl of the greatest mac and cheese I have ever tasted. It was shell macaroni and the sauce got trapped inside the shell so that when I bit into it all of the cheese just squirted out into my mouth. My sister got the same thing, except with chicken and homemade pickles, which we expected to be one or two sour dill pickles but turned out to be an array of pickled vegetables including carrots, pickles, dill, pickled peppers (which Peter Piper didn't pick), onions and shallots. They were all flavorful, especially those pickled peppers.

Before I tell you about dessert, here are some fun facts about this restaurant:

First, each night they serve four to five different types of oysters and shuck about 1,000 oysters and clams. Their shellfish comes from many different locations, which explains the variety of oysters each night. They make their own saltwater taffy. Salvador the manager has been in the restaurant business for 22 years and has opened eight restaurants.

The restaurant has a small seating area, but it is always packed. There are three tables on the patio, so you can sit, sip and gaze at the sunset. The overall feeling of the restaurant is a contemporary 1950s diner with banquet booths, black and white tiled floors with two big TV's showing surfing footage. Pretty lights hang down from the ceiling. There's a bar so you can watch the chefs at work. The kitchen is rather small and filled with a dozen or so people busily preparing food, drinks and desserts.

Speaking of dessert, the blueberry cobbler served a la mode is definitely a fan favorite, along with their fruit tart with cookie dough crust and, we can't forget their homemade ice cream sundaes and popsicles, which are out of this world.

Overall, I think that Blue Plate Oysterette is a great place for a family meal. I hope you will all agree when you visit it sometime soon. Until next time, surf on!

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Protect feet when trick or treating

MANY HALLOWEEN COSTUMES ARE CONVENIENT ENOUGH to have room for shoes to fit underneath the costume, keeping the impeccable design of the costume untarnished. For those other costumes, homemade or handed down, think outside the shoe. Finding colored cloth to match the costume to put over the shoe is an easy out, proving to be cheap and simple.

For the princesses of the trick-or-treaters, this can prove to be a little harder. To fix up the comfortable walking shoe, stick on some jewels, ribbons, or bows on the cloth placed over the shoe. This cloth on the shoe can also be used as a safety device for your little goblin. Along with decorations on the cloth you can also glue, stick, or place on some reflective strips to keep your child safe while walking on the dark roads. The little ones, with the right shoe, will increase their happiness, stamina, and candy collection.

Not only do children need good shoes, taking care of your own feet will help you keep up with your little pumpkin and increase your patience.

A lot of walking can wear out your little ones so make sure to take breaks and refuel with water, or your favorite sports drink. The costumes and the weather, depending on the temperature, can cause exhaustion and profuse sweating, so keep cool. Another tip would be to bring along a wagon. The wagon can serve as a beverage, candy, costume, and child holder — and can even be a comfy stool to sit on when your child runs up to the next house as you wait on the sidewalk.

Some good shoes for walking would be Asics, New balance, Nike Air or Adidas. But, to find your perfect shoe a great Web site to visit would be Runnersworld.com. They have tons of information on every shoe for every type of foot.

Another concern parents have on Halloween is the amount of candy inhaled by their children. One fun size candy bar can be burned off by walking approximately 0.8 miles or 2,000 steps (for a person who weighs about 140 pounds). A full size candy bar can be burned off by walking 2.75 miles, or 5,500 steps. This seems to be a little overwhelming when thinking about the number of candy bars devoured by your tiny lion, but your nerves can be calmed by planning the length of your route before starting your spooky adventure. Also, keep in mind during your Halloween stroll it's important to stay in areas you are familiar with. This planning will enable a more enjoyable experience for both you and your children during your spooky saunter.

On your Halloween journey you are sure to encounter more than one Power Ranger, Batman, Catwoman, vampire or ghost. Having a unique addition to your child's costume will give you the easy opportunity to find your child amidst a crowd. Some ideas would be a glow in the dark necklace, a neon wristband, or a unique pair of socks.

It would also be wise to keep a cell phone handy. Make sure emergency numbers are programmed into the phone for easy access.

Halloween is a fantastic day to celebrate with family. There is always a sense of magic and awe which can bring a family together to join in the spirit of Hallows eve. Be sure to take care of your feet, plan your walk, stay hydrated, be safe, and remember that the journey is the destination.

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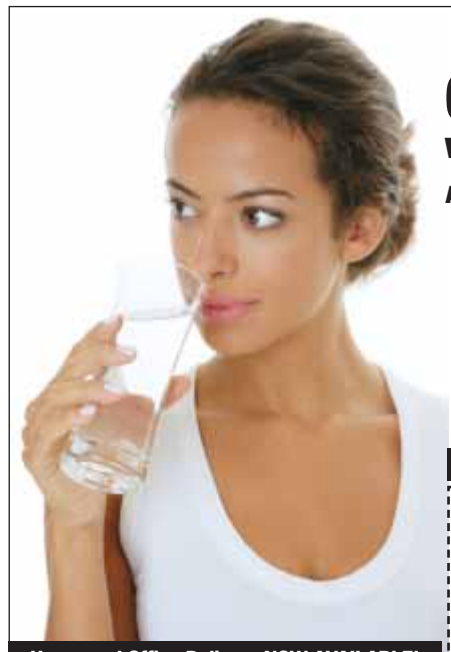
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City officials say there's no concerns of gas-caused fires

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treating methane. The system involves a number of wells connected to a pump that sucks the methane out through a straw-like mechanism, running the gas through a series of treatment devices to take out the VOC and other chemicals. It's then vented through a tower that is 28 feet high into the atmosphere, Dean Kubani, the director of the Office of Sustainability and the Environment, said.

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) requires City Hall to run quarterly tests on the perimeter of the landfill to check methane levels, which usually come in under 1 percent. The AQMD requires that levels be kept under 5 percent, which is the lower explosive limit.

Kubani said that the methane level in the landfill is about 5 percent, which he stressed is low for a landfill. Methane levels that exceed 5 percent are considered potentially hazardous.

"It's a pretty major aggressive treatment system and we've been sucking stuff out for 10 years," Kubani said. "It's a very low hazard from an environmental point of view."

Expo officials have studied the methane issue in its environmental impact report, finding that there are no detectable levels on the right-of-way.

"If we do (detect methane) then we would take care of it just like the city has done," said Monica Born, the project manager for the Expo phase two, which covers the route from Culver City to Santa Monica.

The Pico Neighborhood Association has also raised the possibility of the methane gas traveling via service lines into a facility that would be enclosed.

Linda Piera-Avila, a member of the Pico Neighborhood Association board, cautioned against a similar situation that occurred in the Fairfax District in 1985 when a methane gas explosion at a Ross clothing store injured 23 people.

> **"THE MIXTURE OF METHANE GROUND CONTAMINATION WITH HIGH ELECTRICAL VOLTAGE COULD TRIGGER AN EXPLOSION."**
>
> **Maria Loya**
> Co-chair, Pico Neighborhood Association

"All you need is a spark and it's a re-creation of the '85 Fairfax episode," she said. "It needs to be investigated further and there needs to be an assessment and documentation by an independent expert."

Kubani said that a city architect reviewed conduits in the area, searching for lines that connect the landfill area to the proposed maintenance site but found none in existence.

He added that there is already activity taking place at the City Yards that would trigger an explosion if the methane gas level was dangerously high, including the SMFD training area where test fires are lit.

"The landfill gas system is really significantly reducing the amount of methane there and treating and monitoring it to ensure there are no significant levels of methane migrating off the site," he said.

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Business owners concerned about presence of food trucks

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least 100 feet away, Officer Mike Rosenberg said.

The trucks must also be located at least 10 feet away from the entrance, doors, vestibules, driveways and outdoor dining areas of any business.

Rosenberg said he receives complaints from restaurants that the trucks are often in the same location for several hours. The truck owners however have countered that it takes longer than 20 to 30 minutes to fill the orders.

The mobile trucks were previously not an issue because they either pulled up into construction sites or drove to areas where there was ample parking, Rosenberg said.

"But now they are on Twitter and have become upscale and since they have become upscale, they move into the Downtown area … and are in direct competition (with restaurants)," he said.

He said several vendors have been cited.

The trucks have also made appearances on Main Street.

"We would like to get rid of them," Gary Gordon, the executive director of the Main Street Business Improvement Association, said.

Gordon said he isn't sure whether the trucks could be banned altogether but would like to see the ordinance changed to prohibit their presence within 20 feet of any business.

Rob Rader, a member of the Bayside board, said he believes there is an opportunity to manage the trucks similar to the cart program on the Third Street Promenade, which is handled through a third-party. The carts pay a fee, similar to rent.

"Instead of rejecting it, we should embrace it," he said.

John Warfel, a board member, suggested that the trucks be strategically placed in low-traffic areas where existing businesses could benefit from the traffic that the mobile food vendors draw.

But he cautioned that it could also very easily make the issue worse, attracting even more trucks and having a situation that is similar to the current oversaturation of taxi-cabs in Santa Monica.

Food truck owners like Davis Stankunas, who started Nom Nom with friends Jennifer Green and Marisa Chien nearly seven weeks ago, said he prefers to do business outside of Downtown and doesn't want to step on the toes of any restaurant owners.

> **"I THINK IF THESE PEOPLE BENEFIT FROM THE BAYSIDE DISTRICT, THEY SHOULD HAVE TO PAY FOR IT."**
>
> **Barbara Bryan**
> Board member, Bayside District Corp.

"We want to be as respectful as possible to other businesses," he said. "If we're parked next to a restaurant, they will not take that lightly and they have the right to alert local authorities."

The truck typically drives to corporate buildings, such as the Lionsgate back lot on Colorado Avenue. He noted that the larger offices are good sources for business because word spreads fast among coworkers when the trucks arrive.

The idea for a Vietnamese sandwich business on wheels came to the three UCLA graduates in March as they talked about having to drive to the San Gabriel Valley or Westminster to buy banh mi. The trio developed their own recipes and started business just several months later.

Local workers who have tried the new food trucks said they should be regulated but hope it doesn't drive them away.

"If they are competing with restaurants, they should be as regulated," Brian Schwartz, who has eaten at Green Truck, said.

Alexie Rubin, an intern at the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce, said she has eaten at Kogi, calling it "tasty."

Rubin suspects the mobile food vendors overall would decrease if more heavily regulated, but believes the number of Kogi trucks would remain because they are more "sought after."

"It should meet the same standards as restaurants," she said. "Just because it's street food, it still represents a restaurant."

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Home sales continue rise

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LOS ANGELES Home sales surged in the Western region of the country last month as many first-time homebuyers rushed to complete their deals before a temporary tax credit expires next month, according to two reports released Friday.

Sales in the 13-state region rose 5 percent from September a year ago, according to the National Association of Realtors. Foreclosures and other financially distressed homes continued to dominate transactions in some parts of California, Arizona and Nevada. That dragged the median price down 15 percent to $219,000.

Nationally, sales posted an 8 percent annual increase in September, without adjusting for seasonal factors. The median price fell about 9 percent to $174,900.

Many buyers zeroed in on those bargain-priced properties with an eye toward reaping a federal tax credit of up to $8,000 for first-time homebuyers. To qualify, transactions must be complete by Nov. 30.

As Congress debates whether to extend the credit, sales will likely slow in coming weeks once buyers can no longer take advantage of the incentive, said Sung Won Sohn, an economics professor at California State University, Channel Islands.

"I expect December home sales to be falling off quite a bit," Sohn said.

An extension of the tax incentive would likely continue to help spur sales of homes in the lower-end of the market. But it wouldn't address a lag in sales of more expensive homes, which are out of reach for most first-time buyers, Sohn said.

"Unfortunately, I think it's going to take not months but years for the housing market to (recover) fully," he said.

Several major Western metros registered sales increases last month, according to The Associated Press-Re/Max Monthly Housing Report, which tallies all home sales in the metropolitan statistical area by all real estate agents, regardless of company affiliation.

Las Vegas, Phoenix, Honolulu, San Francisco, San Diego, Portland, Ore., Albuquerque, N.M., and Boise, Idaho posted an annual increase in home sales in September. While Denver, Los Angeles, Seattle and Anchorage, Alaska, all saw sales drop last month from year-ago levels, according to the AP-Re/Max report.

Las Vegas has been one of the hottest markets this year and it showed little signs of slowing in September. Sales soared more than 32 percent compared to the same month last year, according to the AP-Re/Max report.

The median sales price tumbled about 33 percent from September last year to $125,000, and was about 3 percent above the median asking price.

"A lot of the properties that are coming on the market are selling for more than they're listed for, because there are multiple offers," said Rosa Herwick, a broker and owner of Century 21 JR Realty in Henderson, Nev.

Investors, which have been snapping up foreclosures in Las Vegas since last year, appeared to pull back last month, Herwick noted.

The home buying rush has put a dent in the supply of bank-owned homes on the market and that's leading more buyers to pursue short sales, where the sales price is lower than the mortgage balance.

Meanwhile, there's been a pickup in traditional home sales. "There are slightly more regular sellers who have equity, who I guess are accepting the market, accepting that prices are not going to jump back to 2005-2006 levels quickly and are going ahead and putting their properties on the market," Herwick said.

The bidding wars over bargain-priced properties and the first-time buyers' race to qualify for the tax credit has created a frenzy in some parts of Southern California. The heightened competition posed a challenge to first-time buyers like Aldo Martin of Covina, Calif.

Martin, 28, put offers on 16 different houses since early September before reaching agreement with a seller this week on a three-bedroom, two-bath house in Fontana, about 50 miles east of Los Angeles.

"We'd go look at eight houses and if we liked five of them, make offers," said Martin, a sales supervisor. "Your odds are better. We got aggressive."

NEW DVD RELEASES

BY RANDY WILLIAMS



Photo courtesy Eagle Rock

'ZZ Top: Double Down Live'

Combining shows from 1980 to 2008 here comes some of that live Southern-fried sound from that rockin' trio. Singer/guitarist Billy Gibbons, bassist Dusty Hill and drummer Frank Beard have stood the test of time with their unique and powerful boogie 'n' blues sound. This title, with interview clips and backstage footage, showcases over three decades of rock 'n' roll from "that lil 'ol' band from Texas." (Eagle Rock)

'Monty Python – Almost the Truth (The Lawyer's Cut)'

The legendary British comedy troupe that set the bar for satire and slapstick laughs gather together one last time in this three-set package to tell the story of their journey from fruition to finish commemorating the 40th anniversary of this notable ensemble. John Cleese, Terry Gilliam, Michael Palin and Eric Idle along with many others recount their notorious comedic exploits in this documentary. Along with clips from the "Flying Circus" television series, classic live performances from the Hollywood Bowl, and their three feature films there are interviews with Dan Akroyd, Tim Roth and a host of others as well as archival comments from the late Graham Chapman in this six-hour presentation. SPAM. (Eagle Rock/IFC)

'How I Met Your Mother' Season 4

This Emmy-winning series that centers around architect Ted Mosby (Josh Radnor), a hopeless romantic determined to find love in New York City, is back with all 24 episodes on three discs. Jason Segel, Alyson Hannigan, Cobie Smulders and Neil Patrick Harris co-star. A recap of season three, a panel discussion, a music video and a gag reel are included. (Fox)

'Blood, Sweat and Gears'

Here is an inspirational story of an American ProTour cycling team. Dedicated to cleaning up the sport, but also winning its biggest prize – the Tour de France, viewers are riding on the inside as part of the peloton from the intensive daily training that is demanded to compete at the highest level to the highs and lows that come from winning and losing against the world's best cyclists, all set against some magnificent scenery. The title includes a behind the scenes look at the Tour de France. (First Run Features)

'Rudy Maxa's Japan'

Noted television travel host Rudy Maxa showcases the vitality of Tokyo's city streets with its nightly neon light show and vast array of shopping possibilities and then ventures into some of the surprisingly diverse neighborhoods of this massive city. To contrast the modernity of Tokyo, Maxa also provides a glimpse of the ancient traditions of Japan by exploring Kyoto and its more natural setting of spring flowers, distinct temples and a 15th Century Zen garden. (Questar)

'That Was the GDR'

Here is a seven chapter, two-disc illuminating history of the "other" Germany. Filled with rare footage, the six-hour presentation also includes exclusive interviews of former citizens both prominent and common who reflect on the cultural, economic and political developments from the founding of the German Democratic Republic or East Germany in 1949 to the fall of the wall and German unification in 1990. Songs, speeches, posters and film are all part of the mix that cover such topics as various upheavals, life under the pervasive Stasi spy system and the harsh rule of the Soviet Union. (First Run Features)

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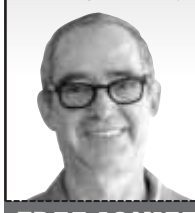
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BOOK REVIEW

BY DANE ROBERT SWANSON



'Stone Offerings — Machu Picchu's Terraces of Enlightenment'

By Mike Torrey • Lightpoint Press

Some 500 years ago there lived a people know as the Incas. They had a thriving civilization going until they were conquered by the Spaniards and blotted out. The Spaniards thought they had destroyed all the cities that the Incas dwelled in. They did not know about Machu Picchu — a city built on a mountain in Peru.

This table sized book is a bit different. It consists of the photography of 100 areas in this place called Machu Picchu. Inside you find a photographic map and all the major points of interest. Every photo is breathtaking and worthy of being framed. This must have been a labor of love for author Mike Torrey to spend so much time waiting for the right moment to snap the picture. The weather wasn't always working for him. And he had to wait long periods to snap a picture without the tourist in it. He wanted, no doubt, for us to see the picture as a private viewing.

These are the sacred ruins of the Inca people. They lived in the Andes of Peru. It is sitting at an elevation of 8,000 feet and 2,000 feet above the Urabamba River. It was divided into two urban sectors where the Inca lived and an agricultural section where the food was grown and stored.

The whole area was built in about 100 years without the use of wheels or metal tools. It points out how gifted the Incas were as engineers, urban planners, builders and astronomers. They used mostly slave labor much like the pyramids in Egypt. The terrace walls are 60 percent under-ground in order to maintain their structural integrity. The area has a series of 16 fountains fed by a man-made aqueduct system that follows the terraces downward through the urban areas. These provided potable water for the inhabitants.

For you history buffs, some facts. The Inca Empire only existed for about 100 years from 1438 to 1532 AD. The empire covered about 2,500 miles from the Maule River in Chile to Ecuador. It is a Mesoamerican civilization.

The empire of the Incas was conquered by Spain in the 16th century and destroyed. As mentioned above, the Spanish conquerors did not know

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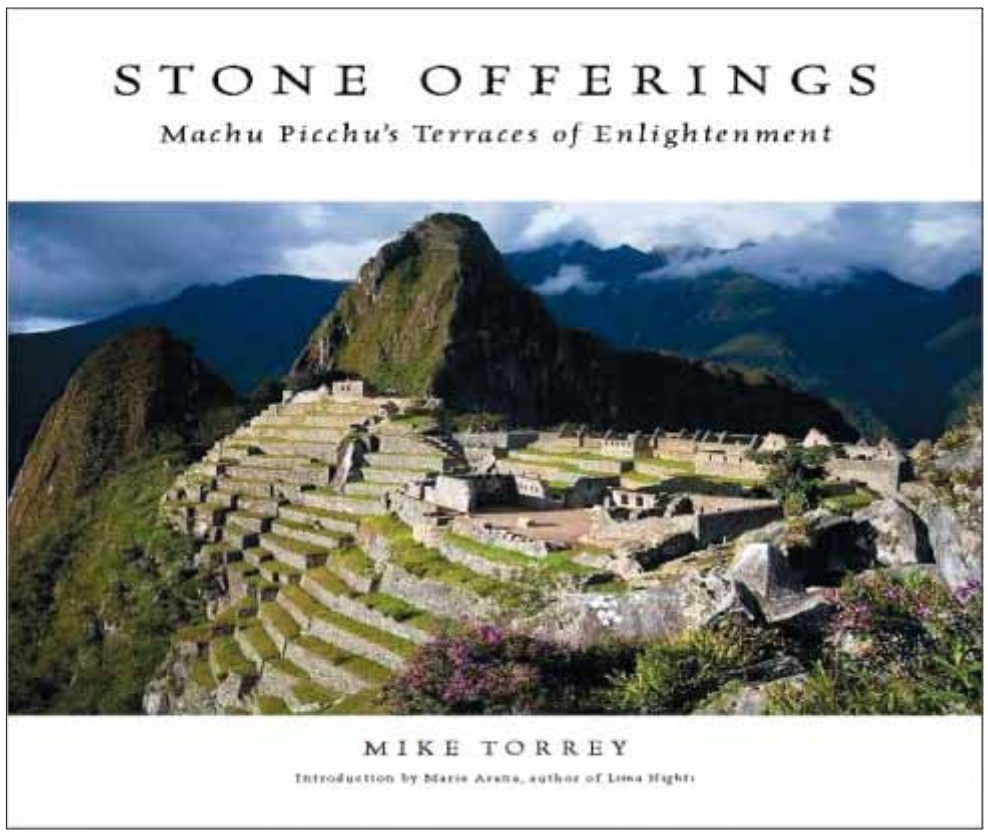
City of Santa Monica Ordinance Numbers 2296 and 2297 (CCS) (City Council Series)

The following are summaries, prepared by the City Attorney, of Ordinance Numbers 2296 and 2297, which were adopted by the City Council on October 13, 2009:

Ordinance Number 2296(CCS) amends the City's Community Events Ordinance to establish a marathon route segment within the City that begins on San Vicente Boulevard at 26th Street, continues west on San Vicente to Ocean Avenue and south on Ocean Avenue to the end of the 1500 block (just before the entrance to the Pier Ramp). The ordinance also specifies conditions for using this marathon segment and modifies the extended events policy for use of the 1550 Lot to include large scale single or multiple day commercial events.

Ordinance Number 2297(CCS) amends Municipal Coe Section 6/14.040, governing fortune telling, to expand the locations where fortune telling is permissible in order to meet First Amendment requirements. The ordinance designates Santa Monica and Lincoln Boulevards in the C4 District and Ocean Front Walk in the RVC District as areas where fortune telling is allowed.

These ordinances will become effective thirty days after adoption. The full text of the ordinances is available upon request from the Office of the City Clerk, located at 1685 Main Street, Room 102, Santa Monica; phone (310) 458-8211.



of Machu Picchu. Today it is known as the forgotten city. It was discovered in 1911.

Some believe it is a country estate. Others believe it was a religious retreat. Today it is a place to visit.

The photographer, Torrey, did a good job of capturing photos without all the tourists. When he was forced to take a picture with a tourist in it he never asked anyone to move out of the way feeling that they were no more important than he was. He tried to focus of what Machu Picchu was revealing at that moment. He did some retouching when he had to.

This book has a great introduction written by Marie Arana both in English and in Spanish.

This coffee table book is one that is a keeper.

Yes. **DANE** does non-fiction also. Only the best books that pass my desk get reviewed. So write the best looking book reviewer in Santa Monica at smdp_review@yahoo.com and give some feedback.

121: one to one ADN: any day now AFAIK: as far as I know AFK: away from keyboard **A/S/L: age, sex, location** B4: before B4N: bye for now BAK: back at the keyboard BBIAB: be back in a bit BBL: be back later BBN: bye bye now BBS: be back soon BFG: big #@! grin **BF: boyfriend** BFN: bye for now BG: big grin BL: belly laughing BMTIPG: brilliant minds think in parallel gutters BRB: be right back BTA: but then again BTW: by the way BWL: bursting with laughter BWTHDIK: but what the heck do I know C&G: chuckle & grin CD: crying in disgrace CHP: continued (in my) next post CP: chat post CRBT: crying real big tears CSG: chuckle, snicker, grin CU: see you CUL: see you later CYO: see you online DBAU: doing business as usual DIKU: do I know you? DL: dead link DLTBBB: don't let the bed bugs bite DUMTO: don't quote me on this EG: evil grin EMFBI: excuse me for butting in EMSG: email message EOT: end of thread F2F: face to face FC: fingers crossed FISH: first in, still here FMTEWTK: far more than you ever wanted to know FOMCL: falling off my chair laughing FTBOMH: from the bottom of my heart FUD: fear, uncertainty, and doubt FWIW: for what it's worth G2G: got to go G: grin GA: go ahead GAL: get a life GD&R: grinning, ducking, and running GF: girlfriend GFN: gone for now GIWIST: gee, I wish I'd said that GMBO: giggling my butt off GMTA: great minds think alike GOL: giggling out loud GTRM: going to read mail GTSY: glad to see you H&K: hug and kiss HAGN: have a good night **HDOP: help delete online predators** HHIS: hanging head in shame HTH: hope this helps HUB: head up butt IAC: in any case IANAL: I am not a lawyer (but) IC: I see IDK: I don't know IHA: I hate acronyms IIRC: if I remember correctly ILU: I love you IM: instant message IMHO: in my humble opinion IMNSHO: in my not so humble opinion IMO: in my opinion IOW: in other words IPN: I'm posting naked IRL: in real life IWALU: I will always love you ITSWYM: if you see what I mean JIC: just in case JK: just kidding JMO: just my opinion JTLYK: just to let you know K: okay NT: keep in touch KOC: kiss on cheek KOL: kiss on lips KOTC: kiss on the cheek KWIM: know what I mean? LDR: later LD: later, dude LDR: long distance relationship LLTA: lots and lots of thunderous applause **LMIRL: let's meet in real life** LMSO: laughing my socks off LOL: laughing out loud LSHMBB: laughing so hard my belly is bouncing LTM: laugh to myself LTNS: long time, no see LTR: long-term relationship LULAB: love you like a brother **LULAS: love you like a sister** LUWAMH: love you with all my heart LY: love you M/F: male or female MOSS: member of same sex MOTOS: member of the opposite sex NSS: message NTF: more to follow MUSM: miss you so much NADT: not a dam thing NFSW: naked in front of computer NP: no problem NRN: no reply necessary OIC: oh I see **OLL: online love** OM: old man OTF: off the floor OTOH: on the other hand OTTOMH: off the top of my head P2P: peer to peer PDA: public display of affection PEBCAK: problem exists between chair and keyboard PLZ: please PM: private message PMFJI: pardon me for jumping in but PSMFV: put on a happy face **POS: parent over shoulder** PU: that stinks QT: cutie RL: real life ROTFL: rolling on the floor laughing RPG: role playing games RSN: real soon now S4L: spam for life SEYE: smiling eye to eye SMCOond: shoot hot coffee out of nose SMD: slaps head in disgust SF: surfer friendly SHCMS: snot nosed egotistical rude teenager SO: significant other SOMY: sick of me yet? SOT: short of time STR: search the web SWAK: sealed with a kiss SWL: screaming with laughter SYS: see you soon TA: thanks again TCOB: taking care of business TCOY: take care of yourself TIA: thanks in advance TLLK: tell it like it is TMI: too much information TOY: thinking of you TTYL: talk to you later UW: you're welcome WB: welcome back WFM: works for me WIIIFI: wouldn't it be nice if **WTGP: want to go private?** WTG: way to go WU: what's up WUF: where are you from? YBS: you'll be sorry YL: young lady YM: young man

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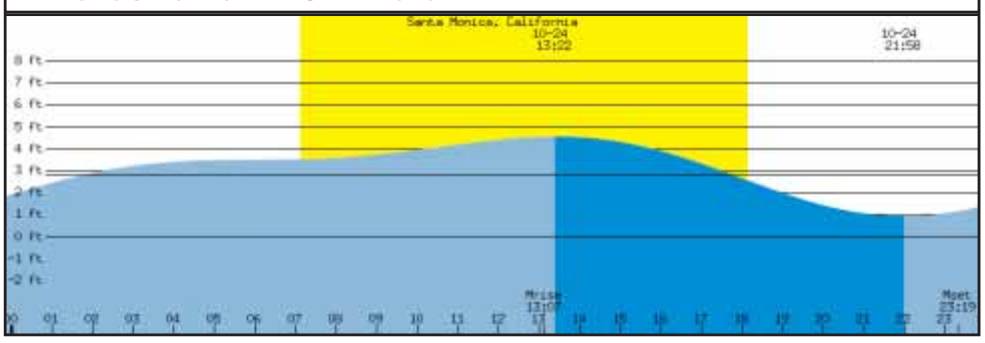
Swell Forecast

The NW is expected to back off, but size around west facing breaks should still run chest to head high. Direct south facing breaks are looking at waist to chest high waves.

Long Range Synopsis

The NW ground swell should fade and southern hemi SW is looking nil. West facing breaks are looking at waist to maybe chest high waves.

Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica



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QUICK STATS (for the last 28 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 1
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 1
- Number of wet days -- 2
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 41 / 14
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 4 / 9

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

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

JOSH DUBOW
AP Sports Writer

ALAMEDA Oakland Raiders coach Tom Cable made his first public comments Friday since learning he would not be charged for an alleged assault against a former assistant, saying he was thankful for the district attorney's decision.

Napa County district attorney Gary Lieberstein said Thursday he would not pursue charges against Cable for allegedly breaking Randy Hanson's jaw in August, citing inconsistencies in Hanson's story that were not corroborated by the three assistant coaches in the room at the time.

"I'm obviously very thankful that the authorities did the thoroughness that they did in terms of getting the facts and all that," Cable said. "I never let it become a distraction because as I mentioned many times, I just had a lot of faith. I knew what happened."

Cable had been accused of assaulting and threatening to kill Hanson at a meeting at the team's training camp hotel in Napa on Aug. 5. Hanson was treated for a broken jaw following the incident.

But Raiders assistant coaches John Marshall, Lionel Washington and Willie Brown did not back up Hanson's version of events, telling investigators that Cable did not punch Hanson or make any verbal threats.

"You always have to be happy when the truth comes out and it prevails," Marshall said. "Sometimes it's tough. I think it's always great when you win doing the right thing. I felt in my heart it was just a matter of getting all the facts cleared up by the DA or whoever does that stuff."

Lieberstein said the coaches told police that Cable became angry and rushed toward Hanson, but Washington stepped between the two. Cable ran into Washington, who bumped into Hanson and knocked him out of his chair. The witnesses also told authorities that Cable then grabbed Hanson by the shirt but never struck or threatened him.

Cable said little publicly in the more than two months between the first reports of the incident in August and Lieberstein's decision Thursday, other than a brief comment in August that "nothing happened." He declined to talk to police during the investigation because he did not want to make it a bigger issue and would not answer specific questions from the media.





MOVIE TIMES

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

Saturday, Oct. 24
Something Wicked This Way Comes (PG) 1hr 35min
7:30

Sunday, Oct. 25
The Stunt Man (R) 2hr 11min
Ed Gein (NR) 1hr 29min
7:30

AMC Loews Broadway 4
1441 Third Street Promenade

Capitalism: A Love Story (R) 2hr 7min
1:25, 4:25, 7:30, 10:20

The Invention of Lying (PG-13) 1hr 39min
11:30 (am), 2:00, 4:35, 7:15, 9:45

A Serious Man (R) 1hr 45min
11:45 (am), 2:15, 5:00, 7:45, 10:10

Whip It (PG-13) 1hr 51min
11:00 (am), 1:40, 4:15, 7:00, 9:30

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

Paranormal Activity (R) 1hr 39min
1:15, 3:30, 5:50, 8:15, 10:45, 11:45

Astro Boy (PG) 1hr 34min
11:30 (am), 1:50, 4:20, 6:45, 9;10

Where the Wild Things Are (PG) 1hr 34min
11:15 (am), 12:10, 1:45, 2:45, 4:10, 5:10, 7:00, 7:45, 9:30, 10:20

Zombieland (R) 1hr 21min
11:45 (am), 2:30, 4:45, 7;15, 9:40

Cirque du Freak: The Vampire's Assistant (PG-13) 1hr 48min
11:50 (am), 2:40, 5:20, 8:00, 10:40

Saw VI- Digital Presentation (R) 1hr 31min
12:00, 2:20, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00, 12:15

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

Amelia (PG) 2hr 5min
1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:45

The Maid (NR) 1hr 49min
1:30, 4:10, 7:10, 9:35

Motherhood (PG-13) 1hr 45min
1:00, 3:20, 5:40, 8:00, 10:15

New York I Love You (R) 1hr 58min
1:50, 4:30, 7:20, 9:55

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

Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs 3D- Digital 3D (PG) 1hr 21min
11:40 (am), 2:00, 4:40, 7:00, 9:10

Couples Retreat (PG-13) 1hr 47min
3:50, 9:00

Couples Retreat- Digital Projection (PG-13) 1hr 47min
11:30 (am), 2:10, 4:50, 7:30, 10:10

The Informant! (R) 1hr 48min
1:10, 6:30

Law Abiding Citizen (R) 1hr 48min
12:20, 1:30, 2:50, 4:20, 5:20, 6:50, 7:50, 9:20, 10:20

The Stepfather (PG-13) 1hr min41
12:10, 2:40, 5:10, 7:40, 10:30

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Dinner for two, Gemini

ARIES(March 21-April 19)
★★★★ You might have to be more present than you normally choose to be. Realize where all this involvement is taking you. Make plans with a dear friend who illuminates your imagination. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Your willingness to reach out for someone at a distance bridges the gap more than you realize. Make plans, if possible, to meet each other halfway. Open doors rather than close them, even if you're irritated. Tonight: Treat your mind to a flight of fancy.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Examine the possibilities that exist between you and another person. You might wonder why you are in a particular situation and why you have made certain choices. Ironing out a problem requires letting go of a need to control others. Tonight: Talk over dinner. Make dinner for two!

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Listen to suggestions and consider an invitation. Is it more important to be with this person? Or is it more important to do what you want? From this base, do what is right for you. Honor your needs. Tonight: Just don't be alone.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ Complete necessary projects and get a job done. You are on top of your game no matter what, but you'll want to clear out as much as you can. A change of pace will be welcomed and will be the result of what you are doing. Tonight: Put your feet up.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ Though it might be a little scary, following your imagination also can be fun. Others love when your creative side bubbles up. In this mood, many walk toward you. They want to enjoy this part of your personality. Tonight: Let your hair down!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Take time to slow down and enjoy those in your immediate environment. How you deal with someone and the choices you make could be quite dynamic if you slow down and look at your options. Sometimes knee-jerk responses don't work. Tonight: Invite others over.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ Your ability to move past the obvious conclusion helps you when others challenge your ideas. The real trick is not to trigger and just note what is going on. Someone has a lot to share, in any case. Tonight: Hanging out.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ You easily could go overboard, and probably in the area where you have the least willpower. No one is making you do anything. Be careful, as you might not be realistic about what is going on. Tonight: Double-check your change. You might not be as careful as one might like.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ Others naturally respond to your suggestions. Now just might be the time to ask for that raise or wish that you have been longing for. You have every chance of hitting a home run. A change in procedures is a necessity. Tonight: As you like.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ Much goes on behind the scenes that needs to be acknowledged, even if it is quietly. You know what works and where you are heading. Gain insight rather than act. Your listening skills do come into play. Tonight: Vanish while you can.

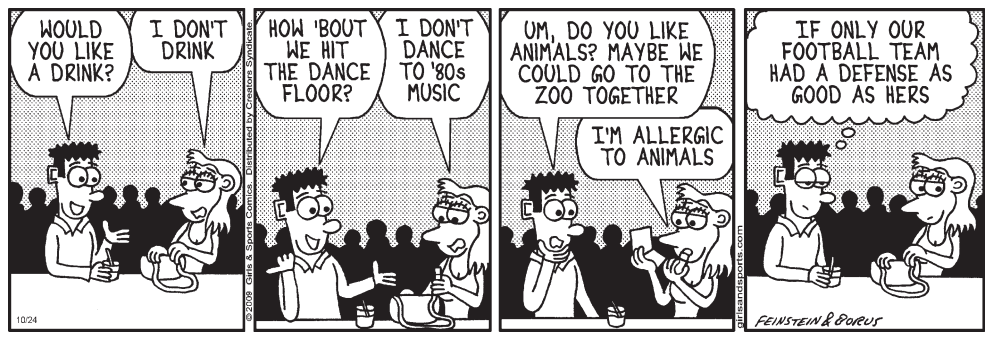
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ Surround yourself with friends and people. You don't need to know everyone, but you are simply happiest among crowds and friends. Stay focused on a long-term goal or desire. Tonight: Wherever you are, the party is.

Happy birthday

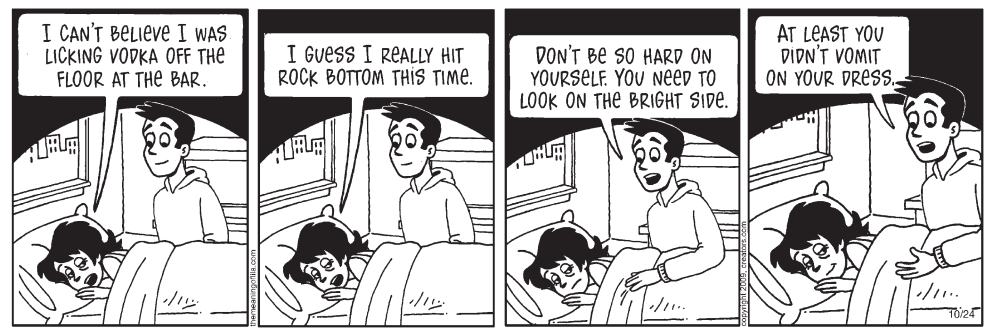
This year, you tend to focus on goals and then manifest them. Your communication and networking skills continue to increase, which proves to be a great benefit. If you cannot connect with a person in one way, try another. Trust that you will find the path. Neighbors and relatives play an unusual role in this year. If you are single, you don't need to go out of your way to meet someone special. Trust that it will happen. If you are attached, go out to dinner more often together. Find reasons to go out on a date. CAPRICORN understands you.

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



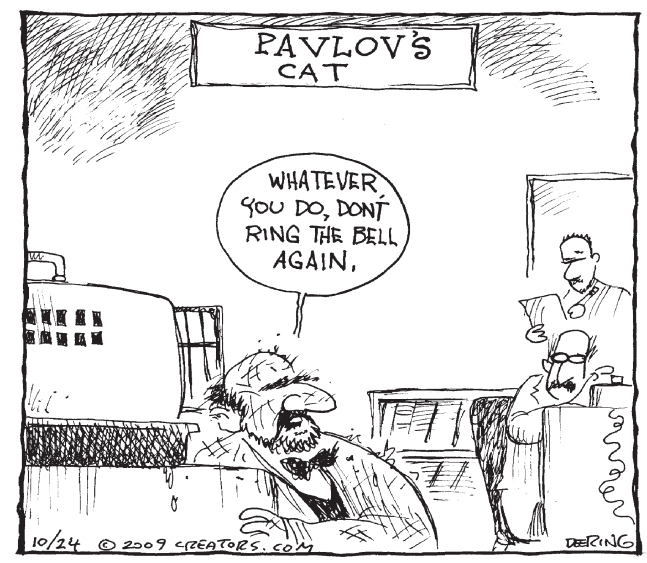
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By John Forgetta & L.A. Rose



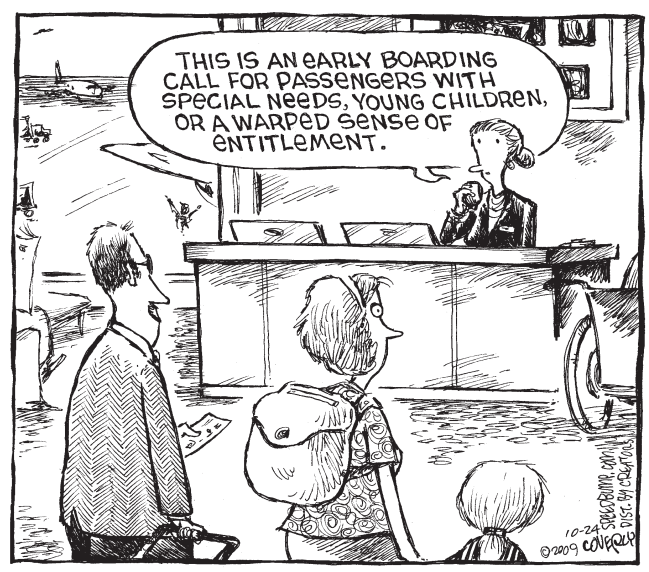
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Difficulty Level ★★★★

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GETTING STARTED

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 "Nashville" director
7 Sings like 12-Across
11 Conditional release
12 "Body Count" musician
13 Stood for
14 Long story
15 Judicial garb
16 Fragrant wood
17 "— chic!"
18 Truthful
19 Museum offering
21 Greek consonants
22 Source of some surveillance
25 Month after avril
26 Yarn
27 Floors
29 Composer Bacharach
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34 Kind of eclipse
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38 Speaks
39 Skedaddles
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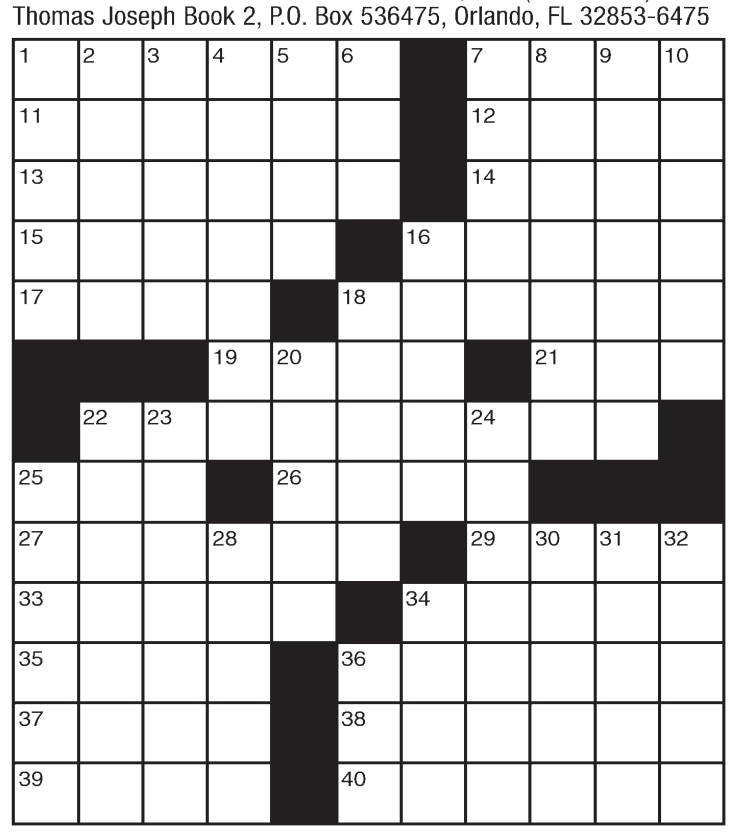
DOWN

1 Set off
2 Part of a repair bill
3 Native group
4 Reserve
5 Pub pints
6 Newsman Potter
7 Out of bed
8 Scholar's world
9 Winged steed
10 Sets off
16 Reef stuff
18 Island dances
20 Chose
22 Eastern warrior
23 Concert star
24 Space clouds
25 Winning at chess
28 Citrus garnishes
30 Bring together
31 Indy auto
32 Rendezvous
34 Folk tales
36 Okra unit

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EVENING: 8 6 6

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2nd: 04 Big Ben
3rd: 05 California Classic
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ (1) Douglas Jones, 57, was cited by federal park rangers in September for having, over the course of a year, littered Joshua Tree National Park in California with more than 3,000 golf balls. Jones explained that he tossed the balls from his car, believing he was thus honoring deceased golfers. (2) John Manley, 50, breathed pain-free in September for the first time in two years after surgeons discovered the source of his coughing and discomfort. Manley said he "like(s) to take big gulps of drink," which is his only explanation for why a 1-inch piece of a plastic utensil was lodged not in his stomach but in his lung. Duke University surgeon Momen Wahidi recalled the scene in the operating room as they tried to make out what the fragment was: "We started reading out loud, 'a-m-b-u-r-g-e-r'" (for Wendy's Old-Fashioned Hamburgers).

■ Two men were arrested in a suburb of Melbourne, Australia, in September after allegedly scamming four local businessmen out of a total of $160,000, but the scam may reflect worse on the victims than the perpetrators. The victims (who might have considered themselves savvy entrepreneurs to have earned that much money) were somehow persuaded by the alleged scammers that bills of currency can duplicate themselves if soaked in a secret chemical overnight. The perpetrators "demonstrated" the chemical's power by a sleight-of-hand, probably involving a hidden $100 bill that, after soaking, appeared alongside an original $100 bill. (Readers who want to try chemically doubling their money thusly will need bleach, baby powder and hair spray, which the perpetrators had recently purchased.)

TODAY IN HISTORY

1911 Orville Wright remained in the air 9 minutes and 45 seconds in a glider at Kill Devil Hills, North Carolina.

1912 First Balkan War: The Battle of Kumanovo concludes with the Serbian victory.

1914 End of Battle of Langemarck: The first Battle of Ypres (Flanders) ends with two more to follow.

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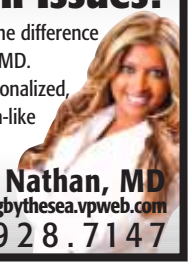
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