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THE TWO-MAN CREW ISSUE

Council backs change of campaign disclosure laws

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

CITY HALL The City Council earlier this week backed plans to tighten local campaign finance disclosure laws, a step prompted by the election season activities of the group Santa Monicans for Quality Government (SMQG), which used money from developers to create mailers some called "deceptive" and failed to file financial records with the City Clerk's Office.

At the request of Councilmember Kevin McKeown, the council, with a 6-0 vote, directed staff to explore local legislation requiring political expenditures meant to affect Santa Monica elections be reported to the City Clerk at the same time they are reported to the state.

The intent is to create a more transparent political process, particularly when outside groups are attempting to influence local elections through the use of political action committees.

"I am focused not on the content, nor on the expenditure of money by people because those are both protected by court decisions," McKeown said. " I just want us to focus on the prompt transparent disclosure of who makes the expenditures so that the voters we represent can make fully informed decisions, including knowing who paid for the messages."

SMQG, which received $41,000 in donations from developers Hines, Village Trailer Park, NMS Properties and a handful of other firms involved in the real estate business, sent out a series of "slate mailers" backing City Council candidates but argued it wasn't required to reveal its contributors to City Hall.

The identities of SMQG's donors were revealed the day before the election only after a complaint was lodged with California's Fair Political Practices Commission and City Clerk Maria Stewart actively solicited the group's disclosure documents. The group, which is registered with

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Gap narrows in council race

The latest election results from the lone disputed Santa Monica City Council seat reveal that challenger Ted Winterer has gained on incumbent Bob Holbrook, L.A. County election tallies show on late Friday afternoon.

Holbrook's 61 vote lead as of Tuesday has been whittled down to just 43. Results are not final as the county is still processing a number of mail-in ballots.

For further updates, visit smvote.org.

DAILY PRESS

Residents create new theater company in SM

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

DOWNTOWN For as long as she can remember, Sarah Gurfield has been in love with the theater. As a young girl growing up in Santa Monica, Gurfield would get together with friends, hang up an old sheet in her backyard and put on plays for the neighbors.

Decades later, she is doing it again, but this time on a grander scale. Gurfield, a theater director, has joined creative forces with regional theater veterans Eric and Jen Bloom, a husband and wife team, to create Santa Monica Rep, a new theater company serving the city by the sea and the Westside. The trio will debut Santa Monica Rep this Sunday, Nov. 14 at 2 p.m. at the Main Library's MLK Auditorium, presenting a series of staged readings as part of the library's offerings of adult programming.

"When we moved to Santa Monica a year ago one of the things we were quick to discover was that Santa Monicans are heavily invested in the arts and culture but a lot of them feel like they have to leave town to get it," Eric Bloom said. "We wanted to offer something smart, with good story telling

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JUST LIKE GUMP

Brandon Wise *brandonw@smdp.com*

Sgt. Damian Todd of the British Royal Marines (center) followed by British and American Marines all finish the Gumpathon at the Santa Monica Pier on Thursday morning. The cross-country run started in New York two months ago and was started by Todd after being inspired by the movie 'Forrest Gump.' The run was created in support for the non-profit Help for Heroes organization that assists injured soldiers.


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Yoga by the bay
Annenberg Community Beach House
415 PCH, 9 a.m. — 10 a.m.
Relax with a weekly yoga session at the Annenberg Community Beach House. Practice your downward dogs and lotus positions in harmony, while you take in the ocean breeze. To sign up, visit recenroll.smgov.net.

Ice, Ice, baby
1324 Fifth St.
12 p.m. — 10 p.m.
It's that time of year again. ICE at Santa Monica is back. Skate to your hearts desire — or at least until the rink closes for the night — everyday until Feb. 25. Admission and skate rental is $10.
For more information, call (310) 393-8355.

Sunday, Nov. 14, 2010

Tick Tock and you don't stop
Edgemar Center for the Arts
2437 Main St., 8 p.m.
Tick Tock Cabaret returns. The longest running hit and critically acclaimed cabaret returns from the creators of the night of the black cat.
For more information, call (310) 392-7327.

'Loveland'
Santa Monica Playhouse
1211 Fourth St., 8 p.m.
Actress turns grief into hilarity in "Loveland." What's so funny about death? Plenty, if you're award-winning writer/performer, Ann Randolph, renowned for transforming horror into humor. For information, call (310) 394-9779.

Food drive
Montana Avenue
Daily
Montana Avenue will be hosting its annual Montana Avenue Food Drive from Nov. 13-21, 2010. For this week, if shoppers bring three cans or plastic jars of food (no glass, except for baby food), into a participating store, they will receive 15 percent off select items. All food will be donated to the Westside Food Bank.

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.

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HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL

Lighthouse faces top-seed in CIF playoffs

BY PATRICK HOURIHAN
Special to the Daily Press

CITYWIDE When the week began, there were four varsity teams from local Santa Monica schools participating in the California Interscholastic Federation Southern Section girls' volleyball playoffs, but by week's end, only two squads were left standing.

One of those teams is Lighthouse Christian Academy, the No. 2 seed from the Coastal League. Lighthouse, which ended the season with a 12-4 overall record, beat Lone Pine High School on Thursday night to advance to tonight's quarterfinal round game against Riverside Christian Academy, set to be an away match for LCA.

Riverside is the No. 1 overall seed from CIF-SS Div. 5-AA and were the Warrior League champions. They finished the regular season with a 14-6 record, and had a bye in the first round of the 28-team Div. 5-AA bracket.

LCA won their second round match against Lone Pine in three games, with scores of 25-14, 25-18, and 25-13 after also sweeping the California Academy of Math and Sciences in round one last Tuesday night.

The single elimination CIF-SS varsity girls' volleyball tournament will continue with quarterfinal-round games tonight; all games are scheduled to begin at 7 p.m., unless otherwise noted.

The winning teams will advance to their division's semifinal games to be played next Tuesday, Nov. 16. The championship finals will be conducted next weekend in a two-day, 10-match extravaganza on Nov. 19 and 20 at Cypress College, in north Orange County.

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HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL

Season ends for Samohi girls

BY PATRICK HOURIHAN
Special to the Daily Press

LANCASTER It was another successful season for the girls' volleyball team from Santa Monica High School, which ended its season on Thursday night after losing to Lancaster in the second round of the California Interscholastic Federation Southern Section Division 3-AA playoffs.

Santa Monica Head Coach Liane Sato led her team to a first round sweep over San Gorgonio High School in Div. 3-AA's 33-team bracket on Tuesday before losing on Thursday night to Lancaster (25-3), the No. 2 seed from the Golden League. Lancaster dropped the first game of the match before taking three straight to beat Samohi in four games, with scores of 25-22, 17-25, 20-25, and 21-25. Lancaster will next play Mayfield High School, from Pasadena, tonight.

Coach Sato said before the season began

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GOING OUT WINNERS

Morgan Genser *news@smdp.com*

Mission College goalkeeper Pamela Mier tries to grab the ball before Santa Monica College's Lauren Bustamente (center) can get a head on it at Corsair Field on Friday. SMC won its season finale, 7-0. SMC finishes the season 12-3-5 and awaits the playoffs, which begin next week.

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL

Pacifica Christian Seawolves advance to quarterfinals

BY PATRICK HOURIHAN
Special to the Daily Press

EDWARDS Pacifica Christian (22-7) swept Desert High School on Thursday night in the second round of the California Interscholastic Federation Southern Section Division 4-A playoffs, by scores of 25-22, 25-19, and 25-21 to advance to the quarterfinals.

The Seawolves won their first round match against Duarte last Tuesday night before their win over Desert, sweeping both teams in three straight games.

Pacifica Christian finished the season with a perfect 8-0 record in the Heritage League and was the No. 1 seed from their league coming into the postseason.

"We won the Heritage League championship for the second year in a row," explained Athletic Director Kevin Kelsey. "We had also won the Mulholland League championship the two years we were in that

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Save the shoe shine guy

Editor:

We're always lamenting the loss of those small touches that make Santa Monica a special place. If I read the Daily Press's Friday front-page story correctly ("Shoe shine guy might go bye-bye,") all it will take to keep Andy Waller's shoe shine stand on the Third Street Promenade is for 20 of us to chip in 50 bucks each. I'm in – are 19 other readers?

Kevin McKeown
Santa Monica

Wars waste money

Editor:

The scandalous waste of billions of dollars and millions of lives by the maniacal actions of the U.S. military in Iraq and Afghanistan is unconscionable. Millions of people ought to be in the streets protesting this assault on the human race and call on America's Treasury Department to cut the military budget in half and strengthen our education, health and welfare. We need a more potent Social Security system. Keep it government-based as that is more reliable and less costly economically.

RL Greenfield
Santa Monica

Shame on you

Editor:

You should be ashamed of yourself for not having anything in your Nov. 11 paper commemorating Veterans Day. Those who have served and are serving now protect your right to publish, and that's something you should never forget.

Saul Cohen
Santa Monica





Modern Times

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

This thing makes calls, too?

THERE IS A NEW WORD THAT HAS entered our vocabulary in the past couple of years. It's "apps." (This should not be confused with the word, "naps," which I find much more useful). In case you've been doing things other than playing with your smart phone — like working or enjoying your family — an app is an application that you can add to your fancy phone. It might be a game or it could be something that's useful like telling you what the traffic is like on the Santa Monica Freeway when you're already on it. I guess the creation of these apps has come about because, let's face it, people don't spend enough time on their cell phones.

Some of the apps mentioned in a New York Times article include: "Google" which allows you to use your phone to, well, Google. "Angry Birds" is a game that involves birds, a catapult, and green pigs, obviously something that Alexander Graham Bell had in mind. Several of the apps are used to synchronize your home computer with your iPhone in case you can't wait to get home to open that file you created three years ago that you never open. I'm not sure why anyone would want "Glympse," which is an app that allows your friends to track your location — perfect for stalkers.

Those apps are just the tip of the tip of the tip of the iceberg. There are something like 200,000 apps for the latest iPhone, and new ones are being developed almost every minute. Make that 200,001. Those who use apps have a huge appetite for them. In an earlier time, people bragged about their children, their new car, or maybe an expensive vacation they just took. Now people brag about their phones. Young men often have a phone-app measuring contest.

So I thought of some more apps that people might enjoy while they're wasting time. With "High School Revenge," the phone automatically calls all the people who were mean to you in high school. Then your recorded voice says, "I turned out richer and happier than you are."

With "Dangerous Food?" you point your phone at an item on the menu, it scans it, and then answers the question, "Will this give me gas?"

"Who Are You Kidding?" uses the phone as a lie detector. It picks up the pulse and the sweat rate of the person you suspect might not be telling you the truth. This one works especially well with teenagers and spouses.

"Handshake" is for germophobes. It determines if the person you're meeting has washed his or her hands in the past 5 minutes so you'll know if it's OK to shake hands.

With "The Shakes," a person in a restaurant can point his or her phone at the coffee pot the waiter's holding and it will do a quick chemical analysis. Then the phone might angrily declare, "This isn't decaf!"

MAYBE THAT'S THE APP WHICH IS REALLY NEEDED: AN APP THAT TELLS YOU WHEN YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT YOUR APPS TOO MUCH.

"Hard To Tell" uses the latest 3-D technology to answer the question about the woman you're looking at, "Are those real?"

"Hotel Room" is one that will save you a trip to a room that you might not end up taking. When you're at the front desk checking in, all you do is point your very smart phone at the room number that they're trying to give you. The phone will scan it, and then tell you if the room is OK or if it's too close to the elevator, has that disinfectant smell, or is next door to people who like to sing their college songs all night.

"Too Young?" is an app that is perfect for a recently divorced man. He points the phone at his date and snaps a photo. Then the phone will tell him if he's making a fool of himself with a woman who's far too young for him.

I don't begrudge people having fun with their phones. They spent their hard-earned money on them, so why shouldn't they enjoy them? I might be an apps lover if I weren't too dumb to work a smart phone. I just wish the app users wouldn't talk so much about how great their apps are, especially when you're in an elevator, or at a restaurant, or in bed. Maybe that's the app which is really needed: An app that tells you when you're talking about your apps too much.

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Holiday shopping safety tips

Q: MY FRIEND WAS CHRISTMAS SHOPPING last year near the Third Street Promenade. He thinks he was pick-pocketed as he couldn't find his wallet when he finally decided to buy something. What can anybody do to prevent themselves from being a victim like this or is there anything we can do?

A: The holiday season can be the most wonderful time of the year! Homes jam-packed with glittering gifts, department stores, shops, malls, and downtown streets all teeming with hopeful shoppers. Yet, with all of the hustle and bustle going on, people tend to forget that there are still crooks out there, just waiting to take advantage of all of the holiday season's stresses and distractions. Shoppers, in particular, can become too focused on finding that one gift and in turn become careless and personally vulnerable to theft and other types of serious crime.

Please review the following information provided in the section below, and learn how to celebrate this holiday season safely while making it a crime free one as well.

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TIPS FOR THE HOLIDAY SHOPPER

• Shop during daylight hours whenever possible. If you shop at night, ask a friend to accompany you.

• Do not wear expensive jewelry.

• Keep your purse closed and do not leave your wallet or checkbook visible.

• If you carry a purse, wear the strap so that it crosses in front of your body. Or hold it in front of you, keeping the flap against your body. Secure your purse between your body and your arm.

• Carry your wallet in an inside front pocket.

• Carry your keys in your pocket. You'll be able to drive home if your purse is lost or stolen.

• Avoid carrying a lot of cash; take only the credit cards you plan to use.

• Avoid overloading yourself with packages.

• Do not leave your belongings and purchases unattended.

• Don't advertise your purchases! Place all valuables/purchases in the trunk of your car.

• Keep a list of credit card agencies with their phone numbers in case you have to report a stolen or lost card.

• If you have to use an ATM, protect your PIN by shielding the ATM keypad from those standing around or behind you.

GENERAL HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS

If you're traveling:

• Make sure that all doors and windows are locked.

• Draw your curtains, blinds, or drapes.

• Get an automatic timer for your lights.

• Alert your immediate neighbors that you will be gone, and for how long.

• Ask a trusted neighbor to pick up your mail and any other items that might be delivered to your porch or front door step — on a daily basis.

If you are out for the evening:

• Turn on interior lights and a radio or TV so it looks like someone's at home.

• Be extra cautious about locking doors and windows when you leave, even if it's just for a few minutes.

• Don't display gifts where they can be seen from the outside.

Shopping with kids:

• Teach them to go to a store clerk or security guard if you get separated.

If you own or manage a business, remember these tips to prevent shoplifting:

• Train staff to be courteous and alert. Thieves are less likely to steal if they think they are being watched.

• Display merchandise neatly in standard groups with three or four items per display so that sales personnel can easily notice if anything is missing.

• Place small, expensive items in secured display cases close to sales staff. Counters that are near exits are easy targets for "grab and run" thieves.

• When displaying clothes, turn every other hanger on the rack the opposite direction, as this also deters the "grab and run" thief.

• Display signs in your store that state "shoplifters will be prosecuted."

• If you do suspect a customer has stolen an item, call the police immediately. You do not have to wait for the crime to take place to get the police heading your way. Be proactive!

• When you apprehend a shoplifter, contact the police department to determine what actions you should follow. Cooperate with law enforcement, and with the attorney prosecuting the case.

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1527 4th Street

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Thelma Terry Community Room
2200 Virginia Avenue

November 30, 7 p.m.
Cosponsored by Friends of Sunset Park
Grant Elementary School Auditorium,
2368 Pearl Street

December 2, 7 p.m.
Cosponsored by North of Montana Association
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NEW MEETING ADDED!
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What wine goes best with turkey?

BY JOHN BLANCHETTE
Special to the Daily Press

Thanksgiving is approaching and once again we're faced with the problem of which wine is best with turkey and all the trimmings?

Over the years I've experimented with pinot noir, zinfandel, roses of all varieties and a number of white wines. But there's always a part of the meal that jars with the wine, turning it unpalatable, flat or bitter.

Well now there is no more wine-ing! I recently found the perfect match with all the holiday fixings, from turkey to cranberries, stuffing, root vegetables, yams, mashed potatoes, gravy, a slew of side dishes and pumpkin pie.

It's Conundrum White Wine, one of the Wagner Family's labels from the Santa Lucia Highlands of Monterey County in California. It compliments the meal all the way through.

A blend of five white grapes, Conundrum has an enticing flowery nose, fruity accents, with a touch of lime citrus, apricot, honeysuckle, clove and nutmeg, and some acidity that keeps the residual sugar from becoming cloying or too sweet. And boy does it dress up a turkey and all its fixings.

Winemaker Jon Bolta told me that the primary blend includes Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc and Muscat, with a seasoning of Viognier and Semillon to tweak the flavors. Each year he varies the blend slightly depending on the fruit.

He gathers his grapes for the wine from Wagner vineyards throughout California, including Napa, Monterey, Tulare and Santa Barbara counties.

The Wagner Family produces wines under five different labels, Caymus, which is located in the Napa Valley area of Rutherford and whose 2008 Special Selection Cabernet Sauvignon is one of the world's greatest red wines, costing appropriately, and the Mer Soleil, Meiomi, Belle Glos and Conundrum labels. Father Chuck primarily produces the Caymus wines, son Charlie Mer Soleil Chardonnays and youngest son Joseph makes the beautiful Belle Glos and Meiomi Pinot Noirs.

But it's Conundrum that's turkey's perfect match.

Bolta, who's been making wine since 1983 exclusively for the Wagner Family, knows exactly what he is looking for in the wine. He lets the grapes ripen fully to get a nice fruit sugar extraction from the grapes, which ensures the complexity of taste and aromas in the glass, and he employs Stelvin caps on the wine to assure that there are no corked bottles. "You will never be disappointed with this wine," promises Bolta.

I plan to gobble it up with my harvest feast, if I can keep my hands away from it until then.

Conundrum's alcohol level is just below 14 percent, it sells in the $20 range and is widely available. It also pairs well with spicy cuisine like Mexican, Indian and Thai when there's no turkey around.

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Giving the gift of a bottle for a cause

MICHELLE LOCKE
For The Associated Press

NAPA, Calif. Looking to blend your philanthropy with your enology? 'Tis the season.

A limited-production wine is almost always a personal endeavor, but for the Bump family their recently released Darms Lane Linda's Hillside Vineyard cabernet sauvignon is truly a labor of love.

The wine is named in honor of Darms Lane vineyard co-owner Linda Bump, who died of ovarian cancer in 2007, and one-third of the bottle's recommended selling price of $75 is slated for the Ovarian Cancer Research Fund.

"Having this wine is really nice," says Tricia Bump Davis, Linda's daughter. Smooth and restrained, the wine, mostly cab with a little cabernet franc and petit verdot added in, is an elegant blend that fits the kind of flavor profile Bump preferred, adds Bump's other daughter, Tricia. "We like to say that we think she would have enjoyed this wine."

Linda's Hillside, available directly from the vineyard, is one of several ways you can sip for a cause during the holidays.

At Gallo Family Vineyards, based in Modesto, you can mail in a cork from any of the company's wines between now and Dec. 31 and the winery will donate $5 to the Meals On Wheels Association of America, for a total of $25,000.

In a non-wine endeavor, The Macallan Scotch Whisky's oldest and rarest whisky ever bottled — a 64-year-old single malt — has traveled the world in a one-of-a-kind Lalique decanter. Tiny tastes of about 3 ounces have been auctioned off with proceeds benefiting charity. A high point was $41,000 raised in Taipei.

Since the tour began in April 2010, The Macallan and Lalique have raised about $145,000 for the nonprofit group charity: water, which works to provide safe drinking water to developing nations. The tour ends with a final auction of the Lalique decanter filled with 1.5 liters of the 64-year-old liquid on Nov. 15 at Sotheby's New York .

"Every $5,000 that we raise allows charity: water to build a well," says The Macallan brand ambassador Graeme Russell , who has tasted the 64 year old whisky and calls it "out of this world."

"To raise $5,000 is spectacular. To reach totals like $41,000 has just literally blown us away," he says.

And then there's Ehlers Estate in the Napa Valley, where 100 percent of proceeds from wine sales go to support the nonprofit Leducq Foundation in Paris dedicated to funding international cardiovascular research.

The Leducq Foundation has awarded $187 million to cardiovascular researchers in 16 countries over the last 11 years.

The winery property was acquired, piece by piece, by the late French entrepreneur and philanthropist Jean Leducq, starting in 1985. The land he and enologist Jacques Boissenot chose included the home of the historic vineyard of Napa Valley pioneer Bernard Ehlers, hence the name. The winery produced its first vintage in 2000 and is known for Bordeaux-style blends.

Not surprisingly, the winery, which has a heart logo worked into the "E" in "Ehlers," gets quite a few visits from people involved in the health care industry as well as former patients.

"There's a nice connection there," says general manager and winemaker Kevin Morrisey. He likes the estate purely from a winemaker's point of view; the grapes are 100 percent organic and the location in the north of the Napa Valley is "really quite

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The Re-View

Merv Hecht

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Authentic Cuban food at a bargain

I READ IN ANTHONY BLUE'S MAGAZINE about a new hot drink called the "Mercedes Margarita." Not wanting to remain un-hip I decided to try one. Also, the picture of Mercedes Ahrablou, the owner, standing with the drink in her hand looked inviting.

The Mercede's Grill turned out to be a lot more fun than I expected. First of all, being warmly greeted by a really attractive brunette was a good start. Finding out that she is the owner, and a lot better looking than Anthony's picture suggested, enhanced the entrée. After some conversation about food and drink and discovering a really intelligent food person convinced me that I had stumbled on to something special.

Mercede's Grille turned out to be a Cuban-influenced watering hole near the beach in Marina del Rey. But when I say "influenced" I don't mean it's another Mexican restaurant with Cuban names: here we have real Cuban food. When you see lamb ropa vieja ("old clothes") on the menu you know where you are. Cuban garlic citrus pork and tomatillo port enchiladas add veracity. And when the plates come with real black beans and perfectly fried plantains — well, it's better than being in Cuba. But not much more expensive I'll bet.

The main courses are $12 to $14. At the same price are the popular Cuban pork sandwich and the bacon cheddar burger. A pair of French tourists was seated next to me the last time I was there, and I asked them what they thought about the restaurant. "Ze burger, she is better zan in France" said the tall French blond. "Ze food they are good" said her short, dark husband, "but it is ze service which is so differente." He was impressed by the fact that the waiters were friendly, and the food came out quickly. He had never traveled out of France before.

The breakfast and lunch menus are equally eclectic, and for something different for breakfast I recommend Joey's healthy Cubano: egg whites and grilled Cuban garlic citrus chicken breast topped with grilled onions and served with rice, black beans and plantains — $12.95. Be sure and ask for the chipotle sauce and the house spicy sauce to go with it — they will make your day, although you might have a momentary problem carrying on a conversation with your dining companion.

Did I mention the delicious small muffins that were served before the food arrived? An assortment of pumpkin chocolate chip, banana cinnamon, and blueberry muffins killed my diet for the day, but what a great way to go.

There is a little wine list with seemingly over-priced offerings, but one can find a decent glass for $8. I appreciate that the list of choices includes a few half bottles, but it hardly matters because any reasonable person would have a beer with this food.

Mercedes recently took over the sushi bar next door and converted it into a wine bar with snacks, called Bin 73. The snacks are plenty for a meal. The wine list has an adequate selection, and the prices for a glass, generally between $7 and $10 are not out of line. No one has given the list the kind of thought that a real wine bar requires, but few will have any problem with it. It's not a gourmet destination; it's a friendly spot near the beach full of mostly young people in beachwear.

But when you are looking for a friendly place with great Cuban pork dishes, and you're not willing to drive to Versailles in Culver City or Hollywood, it's the best game in town.

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amazing. There's no winemaker that wouldn't want these grapes. It's really a sweet spot."

"I'm not here to be a do-gooder, I'm interested in the world-class wine we're making from this site. But at the end of the day it's really great to know what our ownership is doing with the money," he adds.

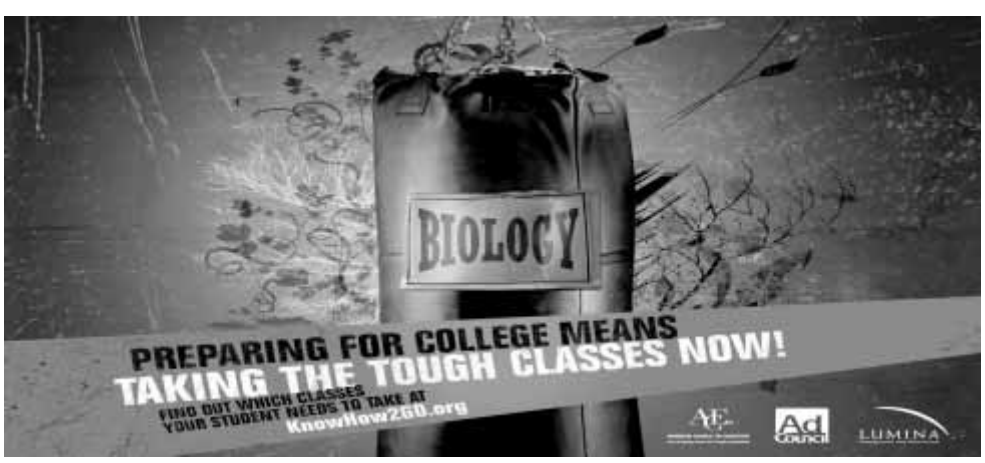
For Bump Davis, raising money for a cause that has touched her family so closely could be bittersweet.

But, in fact, she's happy to talk about the new wine, which is mainly being sold online.

"Being here on this property actually makes me feel closer with her, just because the memory of her is really strong here," she said. "I like thinking about her and I like remembering her."

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The Q Line

Down to the wire

City Council incumbent Bob Holbrook leads challenger Ted Winterer by a slim 61 votes with less than 6,000 ballots remaining to be counted.

This past week, Q-line asked:
Who are you rooting for and why?
Here are your responses:

"BOB HOLBROOK, OF COURSE! HE IS THE only council member in many years that has an actual physical connection to Santa Monica, having attended Santa Monica High School and other local schools. Most other council members, as the citizens they represent, have no history or a mature perspective of this wonderful city and are transplants from another part of the state or country. Bob's Santa Monica background makes him a priceless asset to this city."

"I'M ROOTING FOR BOB HOLBROOK. If Ted Winterer wins, it will be because this time Santa Monicans for Renters' Rights put him on their slate. Two years from now, if Bobby Shriver doesn't seek a third term, we are in danger of having every single person on the 2012 council controlled by SMRR, our hometown political machine. We need Holbrook's independent voice and his presence on the council to encourage more independents to run in 2012."

"I HOPE TED WINTERER WILL WIN BUT, unfortunately, I voted by absentee ballot and cast votes for both Ted Winterer and Bob Holbrook so my votes cancel out. If the voting for all candidates had been numbered, with one being the first choice, Ted would have been one. He is smart, knowledgeable, efficient, has a sense of humor, and is from my neighborhood, which has no members on the City Council. Taxation without representation. (No, I am not a Tea Party member.)"

"THE BEST THING WOULD BE TO HAVE BOTH Ted Winterer and Bob Holbrook on the City Council since many people would be disappointed if either one of them lost, and they both have a lot to contribute to the city. It would be good if the council could change the number of council members temporarily to eight members for this election term."

"WHY BOTHER WITH COMPARISONS, incumbent or challenger, what does it matter? They are all awful. Holbrook and his socialist cronies on the City Council have had decades to destroy this town with their misguided progressive policies. Tax and spend idiots are what we have."

"I HOPE TED WINTERER WINS OVER Bob Holbrook. I am tired of these City Council members who are in the pockets of the developers that are completely erasing Santa Monica off the face of the map with overdevelopment, ugly architecture and not listening to the citizens. They are an arrogant group of people and they need to go. I'm sorry Pam O'Connor won. It seems she won by sleazy tactics and this should be investigated."

"I'M ROOTING FOR EACH CANDIDATE TO be patient and understanding of the fact that there are outstanding votes that need to be tallied and that each candidate assure their supporters this is part of the election process for each ballot to be properly tallied. And I also hope that each voter in Santa Monica will utilize their opportunity to vote instead of having dismal voter turnout. With more voters participating we wouldn't have cliffhangers like this one and if we did have cliffhangers we would know more people would be participating in an election to help determine the future direction of the city."

"LIKE THE SUPREME COURT, APPOINTMENT to the Santa Monica City Council means lifetime tenure. Even if he winds up two votes ahead, Holbrook should retire gracefully with a big retirement party or something and let Winterer take his place since Winterer should have been on the council by now."

"I'M DEFINITELY BEHIND TED WINTERER because I think we need another honest person on the board."

"I AM FOR WINTERER BECAUSE I KNOW enough to read the very small print on the deceptive mailers and advertisements and understand when the developers are financing them. All of Winterer's advertisements were his own. He is owned by no one else."

"DEFINITELY TED WINTERER BECAUSE I'm sick of all the City Council people. They all need to be out. The Santa Monica City Council is the biggest joke going."

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the California Secretary of State's Office, maintained it was not required to file statements with City Hall. It could have more donors who have not yet been disclosed.

The man behind Santa Monicans for Quality Government, political consultant Fred Huebscher, said it was difficult to comment on the council's decision because no details of a potential law are known.

But he did say requiring all groups that pay for political materials that included Santa Monica candidates to file disclosure documents locally could be problematic.

"How are they going to define a city?" Huebscher said. "Let's say the Sierra Club puts out a mailer here endorsing Santa Monica candidates as well as those in other areas, could that be considered? It's pretty broad because I could argue that most anything could have an effect in Santa Monica."

Mayor Bobby Shriver said Santa Monica was not immune to deceptive mailers. He said it happened across the state and called for a "significant" investigation.

Representatives from neighborhood groups in Santa Monica said they supported stricter filing rules.

"We feel our votes were taken away from us, taken away by developers," said resident Gregg Heacock.

Councilman Bob Holbrook did not vote on the issue because he said the election season is still not over. He is in a close race with Planning Commissioner Ted Winterer for a seat on the council, with just 61 votes separating the two as of Friday morning (updated elected results were expected to be released by Friday evening).

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that will make people want to stay in town."

The three readings scheduled in the inaugural run are "Proof," by David Auburn, "The Night Thoreau Spent in Jail," by Jerome Lawrence and Robert Lee, and "The Adding Machine," By Elmer Rice." For showtimes, go to www.santamonicarep.org.

The readings were chosen to provoke thought, challenging the audience to look within and examine its place in the world.

"We wanted to do plays with big ideas, that are fascinating to talk about," said Jen Bloom, who produces performing arts programs for the Los Angeles Natural History Museum.

In "Proof," the daughter of a famous mathematician is haunted by his memory and is haunted by the need to prove herself worthy of his legacy.

"The Night," examines political protest prompted by an unwanted war, as well as the birth of the transcendentalist movement. While written in 1970 , Jen Bloom said the themes are still relevant today as America is engaged in two controversial wars.

The same goes for "The Adding Machine." Written in the '20s, the play focuses on Mr. Zero, an accountant at a large, faceless factory who is replaced after 25 years on the job by a machine.

"It's about how man gets swallowed up by machinery or technology," Jen Bloom said. "It sounds dark and hopeless, but actually, it's a comedy."

Naturally, creating a theater company from scratch is challenging. There's little money available to hire actors, rent space and do promotions. The Blooms and Gurfield are financing the project with their own money and have had help along the way. Actors have been enthusiastic and the Main Library's Robert Graves has been instrumental.

"Honestly, I don't know what we would have down without him" Gurfield said.

Using the library has cut down on production costs, giving the company time to develop a following over the next three months.

"We would love to be a nonprofit company with a strong educational component," Gurfield said. "Right now we are focused on creating a place where people can go and experience quality work … that you won't find at the Pantages. We want to see how we work together … . If we're completely crazy and everyone would rather stay at home and watch YouTube, then we'll learn that too. It's better to learn it now on a smaller scale than to throw away all of our life savings and learn it that way."

But the beauty of theater is that it doesn't take much to put on a compelling production, Jen Bloom said.

"I remember what an old acting teacher said. 'If you can't do a play with a table, a chair and a good actor, then it's not worth doing,'" Jen Bloom said.

"As we go forward we want to say the people involved are also members of this community," Eric Bloom said. "We're invested. We are part of this community."

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that her goals for this year included winning the Ocean League and qualifying for the CIF-SS playoffs — which her girls were able to do.

After finishing Ocean League play with a perfect 8-0 record and winning the league, the Vikings also ended the year ranked No. 6 in CIF-SS Div. 3-AA's season ending polls, the only team from the league to do so.

Coach Sato was pleased with her girls this season, and will look to improve on all the success the Vikings had this year.

"We have some young players that have shown considerable improvement and are hungry to get on the court next season," Sato said.

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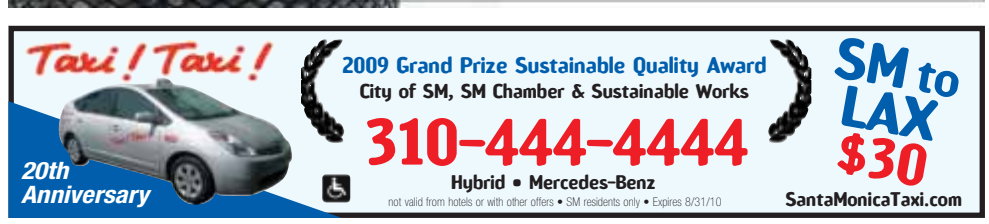












Stranded cruise shows unpredictability of the sea

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LOS ANGELES A luxury cruise liner that limped into San Diego after a fire knocked out its power was lucky in many ways — no one was killed or even seriously hurt, a nearby Navy vessel came quickly with supplies and the mishap occurred in tranquil waters.

Yet the drawn-out tale of the stricken ship shows just how quickly things can go wrong on a giant floating city carrying thousands of people, and it's prompting a closer look at whether ocean liners are properly equipped to deal with the litany of problems that could strike: rogue waves, norovirus outbreaks and mechanical problems that disable ships in treacherous weather.

"If you want a completely predictable vacation don't go on the sea," said Carolyn Spencer Brown, editor of the industry trade publication Cruisecritic.com and a veteran of more than 200 cruises. "Ships are bigger and have better stabilizers than ever before, but they are still on the sea and the sea is nature and nature is unpredictable.'"

If the Splendor had been crossing the North Atlantic in the winter — instead of about 40 miles off the coast of Mexico in calm waters — things could have been far worse, said veteran maritime attorney Charles Lipcon of Miami.

"The weather in the North Atlantic, and off the coast of South Africa, can be awful," he said. "They usually try to stay close to port, so if something does go wrong they can avoid that. But sometimes they have no choice."

Another stroke of luck for the Carnival cruise: Navy aircraft carrier USS Ronald Reagan happened to be in the area conducting training exercises, and its 6,000 sailors quickly came to the rescue with deliveries of food and other supplies.

Tugboats weren't far off, and they hauled the 952-foot cruise liner about 200 miles into a San Diego dock on Thursday, bringing weary passengers to shore and ending the three-day ordeal.

Passengers disparaged the food and complained about backed-up toilets, yet praised crew members for calmly getting everyone to life boats that turned out not to be necessary. The blaze was extinguished quickly, and no one was hurt.

But onboard fires have long been a significant concern of investigators, said former National Transportation Safety Board member Kitty Higgins, and it's unusual for a fire to shut down an entire engine room and take out every backup electrical system on board.

Four years ago, the Star Princess oceanliner caught fire on a windy night in the Atlantic Ocean as it headed toward Jamaica. One person was killed, 11 injured and 150 cabins damaged before the crew could douse the flames, which were believed to be caused by a cigarette.

As investigators try to determine what happened aboard the Splendor, Higgins said they likely will look at the ship's equipment and also the crew's response. Cruise ships have extensive contingency plans and drills that must pass muster with the Coast Guard, said Eric Ruff, executive vice president of the Cruise Lines International Association. The Coast Guard said it examined the ship's smoke and heat detection systems, sprinkler and engineering systems just a day before the engine blew and found no deficiencies.

The National Transportation Safety Board said the probe into the fire's cause would be conducted by Panama, where the ship is registered. Panama agreed to let the U.S. Coast Guard join the investigation because most of the passengers were U.S. citizens, and two NTSB experts will assist, the NTSB said.

Ships like ocean liners are governed by the laws of the country where they are registered in and under whose flag they sail.

In order to raise revenue, Lipcon said, some small countries such as Panama and Liberia are known to exempt ship employees from labor regulations governing the number of consecutive days they are required to work and the number of hours they are given off between shifts.

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league — so we have four straight league championships and have won 38 straight league matches."

The Seawolves should be proud of all they have accomplished this season, having done so under the guidance of a new head coach, Billy Allen. The girls didn't miss a beat and looked to improve on the success they had in 2009.

"Kasia Eatherton was our coach last year and she just had twins and decided it was too difficult to coach with having babies just before the season," said Kelsey.

It was an evenly spread roster for the Seawolves this year: with three seniors, four juniors, four sophomores and one freshman on the team. The older players surely helped make Coach Allen's job easier as the season developed, but it was the younger players who really made a mark on the program this year.

Sophomore Kiani Lane was voted league MVP and another sophomore, Gen Hook, and freshman Grace Minchin were voted first team all-league. Senior Hannah Hamilton was voted second team all-league.

"We're looking good," said Coach Allen. "Our seniors are stepping it up, making it easy for me to come in as a first year coach. And we have a pretty talented group of underclassmen who are playing very well."

The Seawolves will travel to face Bellarmine-Jefferson, from Burbank, tonight in the quarterfinal matchup of the CIF-SS Div. 4-A playoffs.

Bellarmine-Jefferson, the No. 1 team from the Santa Cruz League, currently has a 16-6 record. Last year, they lost in the division championship match to Upland Christian Academy, in three straight games, by scores of 22-25, 23-25, and 23-25.

The winner will advance to the semifinal game to be played next Tuesday, Nov. 16. The championship final will be played next weekend at Cypress College, in north Orange County.

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Suspect turns case against priest accused of abuse

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SAN JOSE Will Lynch is looking for justice in an unusual way. Charged with savagely beating the priest he says molested him as a child, he plans to try to use his trial to publicly shame the Rev. Jerold Lindner in court and call attention to clergy abuse.

Law experts say he faces an uphill battle. But priest abuse victims are cheering him on and offering to donate to his defense fund. Several dozen supporters marched and waved signs Friday outside the Northern California courthouse where he was arraigned on an assault charge.

"Somebody needs to be a face for this abuse and I'm prepared to put myself on the line," Lynch told The Associated Press in the first interview since his arrest last month. "There's nothing they can take from me that they haven't already taken."

Lynch is accused of luring Lindner to the lobby of a retirement home in May and beating him bloody in front of horrified witnesses.

The 43-year-old has said he will plead not guilty, but he did not enter a plea during a brief hearing Friday before Santa Clara County Superior Court Judge Jerome S. Nadler. Another hearing is set for next month.

Outside court, supporters marched in a circle and waved signs that read "Help Free Willy" and showed a childhood portrait of Lynch next to a photo of the priest.

Lynch accuses the 65-year-old Jesuit priest of sexually abusing him and his younger brother in 1975 during weekend camping trips in the Santa Cruz Mountains. The boys, 7 and 4 at the time, were raped and forced to have oral sex with each other while Lindner watched, Lynch said.

Lindner has repeatedly denied abusing anyone and has never been criminally charged. He hung up Wednesday when the AP called him for comment.

In a deposition in the late 1990s, Lindner said he didn't recall Lynch or his brother, though the siblings received $625,000 in a 1998 confidential settlement with the Jesuits for alleged abuse by the priest.

Lynch says memories of the priest have tormented him for years, and he struggled through alcohol abuse, depression, nightmares and divorce. He tried to commit suicide twice and told the Los Angeles Times in 2002 that he often thought about confronting Lindner.

Authorities say Lynch acted on that fantasy when he attacked the priest on May 10 after the cleric failed to recognize him at the Jesuits' Sacred Heart retirement home in Los Gatos. Lindner has recovered from the attack.

Lynch refused to discuss the beating in the AP interview last week. However, he said he hopes to use his case to bring attention to Lindner's alleged abuse, as well as to heighten awareness of clergy sex abuse and encourage other victims to come forward.

"He took my faith, he took my innocence, he took my sense of self," Lynch said of Lindner. "He raped me, he tortured me, he violated me in every single way, and he completely changed who I was supposed to be forever."

"I think there's an opportunity here with this media attention that I can possibly ... help people seek justice," Lynch said.

Investigators say they have strong evidence that Lynch carried out the beating. However, defense attorney Pat Harris has countered by suggesting that the priest had many victims and enemies and that any number of people could have attacked him. At least 10 people have accused Lindner of molestation, including family members.

Harris says that could allow the defense to bring the priest's other accusers as witnesses in a trial that would portray Lynch as a sympathetic victim.

Experts say that is unlikely.

"I can understand why he might believe that this might be a good method of shedding light on what happened years ago, but it's unlikely that at trial the evidence of the alleged abuse would be admitted," said Rebecca Lonergan, a former federal and state prosecutor who now teaches law at the University of Southern California's Gould School of Law.

"The law does not allow you to go and assault somebody who did something to you 35 years ago."

Prosecutor Vicki Gemetti with the Santa Clara County district attorney's office declined to comment on the case.

The Rev. John McGarry, provincial for the Jesuits of the California Province, said the abuse allegations against Lindner had already been aired publicly.

"The allegations against Rev. Lindner are well-documented and the issue the judge is dealing with now is the assault that took place on our property," McGarry said.

In a federal lawsuit alleging negligence and vicarious liability by the Vatican, Lynch said that in May 1975 Lindner raped and tortured the brothers and forced them to have oral sex with each other while he watched during a camping trip at Portola Redwoods State Park. The suit was filed Oct. 27, two days before Lynch turned himself into the authorities for the alleged beating.

The Los Angeles County district attorney's office investigated Lindner eight years ago for allegedly molesting his brother's children years before. But those allegations fell outside the statute of limitations, said William Hodgman, a deputy district attorney, and the probe was dropped when other possible victims refused to cooperate.

Lindner's younger sister and several nieces and nephews have accused Lindner of abuse, as have several women whose families were friendly with him when they were children. The Archdiocese of Los Angeles also settled two cases involving Lindner in its record-breaking $660 million payout in 2007.

Harris said he believes jurors will hear some of the sex allegations at Lynch's trial.

"I will tell you 100 percent we will get in the story of what happened to Will and his brother and I also believe we'll get in the evidence of abuse of others," Harris said.

In the meantime, Harris said he has received hundreds of inquiries from clergy sex abuse victims who want to contribute to a legal defense fund, and he is working on setting up a fund and establishing a website for Lynch's case.

Lynch's mother, Peggy Lynch, was one of those gathered to support her son.

"I certainly hope our son is not punished too strongly for this. We hope this is speaking to the church, because this man ruined the lives of not just the victims, but the families," she said, choking up. "I hope everyone sees these signs and takes them to heart."

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Head of county child services says crisis looms

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES Los Angeles County's child welfare department is heading for a crisis as it pulls staff from other jobs to reduce a 10,000-case backlog of child abuse investigations, a top county official reported.

Shifting workers appears to be slowly creating a crisis in the Department of Children and Family Services by taking away resources from other critical tasks such as foster care placements and home visits, county Chief Executive William Fujioka said in a report released this week.

Also, while the backlog has been significantly reduced from its summer peak, the number of open cases appears to be contributing to poor outcomes in the investigations unit, the 21-page report concluded.

The report was distributed to county supervisors last month and reported Friday by The Los Angeles Times.

Earlier this year, state officials extended the original 30-day deadline for completing child abuse investigations, citing county efforts to improve standards by interviewing more witnesses and providing better review. However, four in 10 open inquiries have missed the new two-month deadline, according to the county chief executive's office.

The backlog is fueled largely by changes in how child abuse investigations are handled, said Elizabeth Brennan, spokeswoman for the union that represents county social workers. The main procedural guide for such probes has been changed 39 times in the past year, she said.

Antonia Jimenez, a deputy of Fujioka's who spearheaded the report, said some policies are duplicated or contradictory and that has made it difficult for social workers to comply.

There also are problems with a new e-mail system that alerts employees when they have missed deadlines for writing reports or visiting children.

"Social workers are receiving so many alerts that people start to ignore them," Jiminez said.

She is working on ways to ensure staffing for investigations and streamline the procedures, Jiminez said.

The 7,300-employee department handles 170,000 child abuse hotline calls a year.

County statistics show that nearly 70 children have died of abuse or neglect since the beginning of 2008 after being referred to the department. The death rate increased over the period and many cases involved management errors, county officials have said.

The Board of Supervisors ordered an independent audit of the child services department in August but nobody has been hired to perform it.



STATE BRIEFS

LOS ANGELES

Council weighs allowing 140 pot shops to reopen

The Los Angeles City Council has ordered the city attorney to draft a measure that would allow 140 medical marijuana dispensaries to reopen in the city.

The council approved the move Friday and will vote next week on an amendment to scale back the long-debated medical marijuana ordinance that passed earlier this year.

The ordinance allowed 180 dispensaries that had registered with the city before a 2007 moratorium to stay open. However, 140 of them were disqualified because they had management changes over the past three years.

Under the proposed amendment, dispensaries could reopen if they have at least one primary owner or manager from the initial registration.

If approved, the city clerk will review all registrations to determine those that qualify under the new amendment.

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LOS ANGELES

Program uses job-loss coverage to lure home buyers

Californians looking to sell their homes can now offer prospective buyers a form of unemployment insurance under a program being rolled out by the state's real estate agents' association.

The new California Association of Realtors program allows home sellers to fund insurance schemes that pay buyers up to $1,500 a month toward their mortgage for six months if they're laid off from their jobs.

The so-called Home Payment Protection Program is a nod toward the role that job-loss fears are playing in the housing market. In California, 12.4 percent of the population remains without work.

AP

SACRAMENTO

Schwarzenegger: Lawmakers, voters get budget blame

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger is pointing the finger at lawmakers and California voters for the $6 billion deficit in the budget he signed just a month ago.

Schwarzenegger sought to deflect blame for the deficit on Friday, even though the rosy revenue assumptions he and lawmakers used were widely reported when they approved the budget.

AP

SOUTH GATE

Carjackers kill woman, flee in stolen vehicle

Police are looking for two people who shot a woman to death and then fled in the victim's car in Southern California.

South Gate police Lt. Darren Arakawa says two pedestrians stopped a woman in her car early Friday, shot her numerous times and fled in her car. Police have not yet identified the woman, who later died at a hospital.

The woman was driving a black and gray 2005 Infiniti sport utility vehicle.

AP

WEST HOLLYWOOD

'Girls Gone Wild' distributor booked for death

The head of the Australian distributor of "Girls Gone Wild" is accused in a fatal hit-and-run crash in Southern California.

Ryan Bowman of Zeal Entertainment was being held Friday on $2 million bail after being booked for felony vehicular manslaughter. Sheriff's officials say Bowman's Bentley struck and killed 21-year-old Lauren Ann Freeman as she crossed a street Wednesday night in West Hollywood.

Sheriff's spokesman Steve Whitmore says she was thrown about 60 feet and the Bentley was found abandoned about a mile away.





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NYC transit union chief seeks to ID blogger

JENNIFER PELTZ
Associated Press

NEW YORK The head of New York City's transit union wants to go after an anonymous blog that has blasted him, and he asked a court Friday to make Google tell him who's responsible.

John Samuelsen says in court papers that the blog has repeatedly attacked him with false accusations of incompetence and financial improprieties.

The allegations are "being made for no purpose other than to damage my reputation" among union members, Samuelsen said in a sworn statement.

His legal papers say he plans to pursue a defamation suit, but he hasn't been able to learn who's behind the blog, housed by Google-owned Blogspot.com.

There was no immediate answer to an e-mail sent to an address posted on the blog.

Google Inc. declined to comment. The Mountain View, Calif.-based company says it doesn't discuss individual cases to protect users' privacy.

A growing number of people are turning to courts to try to unmask their online detractors, and such lawsuits have gotten more attention since Vogue cover model Liskula Cohen successfully sued Google last year to get the name of a blogger who had denigrated her. Samuelsen's court filing points to Cohen's case.

Samuelsen also is asking a court to order Site Meter Inc., a company that tracks visitors to websites, to turn over any information it might have about the blogger or bloggers. The Los Angeles-based company didn't immediately respond to an e-mail inquiry.

Samuelsen was elected last December to lead the union, Transport Workers of America Local 100. It represents about 38,000 workers who run city buses and subways, plus some private bus lines in the metropolitan area.

His tenure followed some rocky times for the union, which was hit with stiff fines after a three-day strike in December 2005; the walkout was illegal under state law. Meanwhile, the Metropolitan Transit Administration — the agency that runs city buses and subways — has struggled with massive budget gaps in recent years, prompting service cuts and fare hikes.

The blog in Samuelsen's cross-hairs is largely devoted to the union's internal politics. It has made a spray of complaints about him, some concerning the handling of money that union members donated for relief efforts in Haiti after the devastating Jan. 12 earthquake there.

All the members' gifts, plus $50,000 from the union as a whole, went to relief work, Samuelsen said in his sworn statement.



NCAA FOOTBALL

Arizona Wildcats on rebound against USC Trojans

BY BOB BAUM
AP Sports Writer

TUCSON, Ariz. Humbled in a blowout loss at Stanford, the 18th-ranked Arizona Wildcats are trying to stay relevant in a Pac-10 race that seems to be leaving them behind.

Their opponent on Saturday night, Southern California, has lost three of five and barely escaped with a 34-33 victory over Arizona State last weekend.

An Arizona loss to the Trojans, with a game at No. 1 Oregon looming in the near future, would be a second painful blow to a season that held such promise.

Coach Mike Stoops expressed confidence that Arizona (7-2, 4-2 Pac-10) could shake off any hangover from last weekend's 42-17 defeat.

"We've moved past big wins, we've moved past tough losses," he said. "It's part of the season. There is still a lot to play for. We just need to bounce back. We have before. This is another big game to kind of redeem ourselves."

The Trojans (6-3, 3-3) don't have the option of looking to earn a bowl invitation. For them, the regular season is all there is because of NCAA sanctions. They end their season with three straight Pac-10 road games, beginning with Arizona. Their only remaining home game is the annual nonconference matchup with Notre Dame.

The Wildcats are in the toughest stretch of their season. After facing USC, they play at Oregon on Nov. 26, then finish against archrival Arizona State on Dec. 2.

After a significant blow to Arizona's hopes for a first Rose Bowl appearance, it's good the Wildcats are playing a team with a big reputation, Stoops said.

"We're still a good football team. We're still a top 20 team," Stoops said. "There are a lot of possibilities out there. One game is not going to make or break us either way. We play a great program, a great traditional team this week, and I think that's good. I think that motivates our players. We know what USC has to offer and what a game like this means."

The Trojans have been competitive or better in every game but one. Of their three losses, only the game at Oregon was one-sided, and USC led that one in the third quarter. The others were by one point to Washington and two points to Stanford.

Arizona will send the Pac-10's No. 1 passing offense, averaging just under 295 yards per game, against a Trojans defense that ranks dead last in the conference, surrendering 276 yards per game, 22 yards more than any of the other nine teams.

USC coach Lane Kiffin calls Arizona's Juron Criner "a great receiver, someone that's very hard to handle."

"He's just special with the ball in his hands," Kiffin said. "He's just one of those unique guys, NFL-type guys that when he gets the ball in his hands is so dangerous with it and he can make so many plays on the ball when it's in the air."

Criner leads the Pac-10 in receptions with 58. Last year, he caught the winning touchdown pass in the fourth quarter as Arizona rallied to beat USC 21-17, ending the Trojans' seven-game winning streak in the series. USC still has a four-game winning streak in Tucson.

Arizona quarterback Nick Foles, who threw that pass, had his worst game of the season at Stanford in his first start after missing two games with a knee injury. Foles said he feels "100 percent" healthy.

"I'm moving around a lot better," he said. "My knee feels great. Every day your body heals up, so I'm feeling really good."

Matt Scott, so effective in relief of Foles, won't be available because of a wrist injury.

The Wildcats' defense slipped to second in the conference after surrendering 510 yards last weekend.

Still, USC quarterback Matt Barkley calls the Arizona pass rush "probably the best we'll see this year."

Barkley drew some criticism this week from his coach, who said his sophomore quarterback needs to work on staying calm on the field in emotional situations and not try to force things.

"I really want to see him make really good decisions when those critical times come and not play on his emotions," Kiffin said. "Look at those two interceptions, those really bad interceptions against Washington State and last week. Both came after emotional plays, blocked punts."

It's not a matter of experience, Kiffin said.

"You can learn it 20 games ago, whenever he threw his first interception, or you can never learn it, like some guys in their career," the coach said. "That's a mental preparation, telling yourself 'I can't take chances right here. Second and 10 is not a bad thing."

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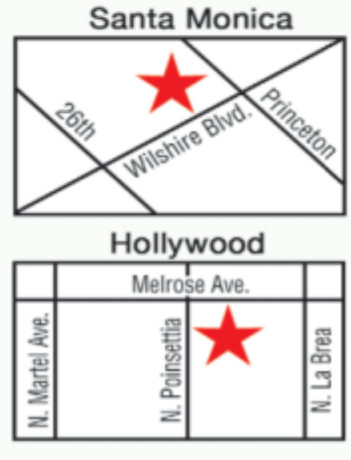


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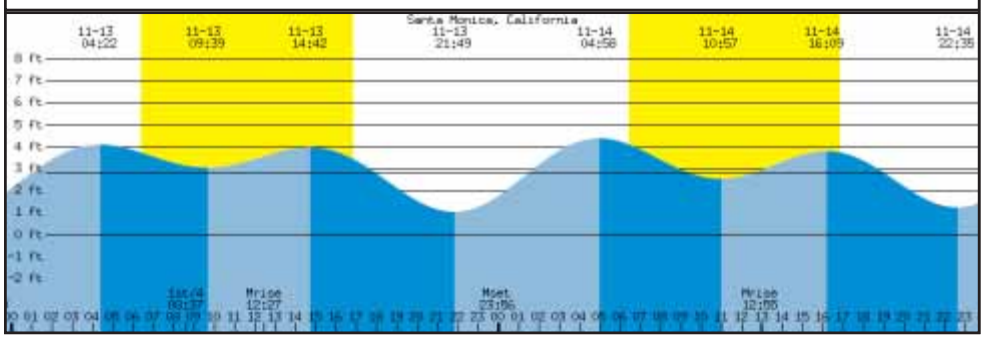
Swell Forecast

Looks a tad smaller, although we could see some swell late in the afternoon.

Long Range Synopsis

Should see a slight increase in NW swell, perhaps waist to chest at west facing breaks.

Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica



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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Los Cerrillos Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Las Alins creeks.	A+	A+
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	A+
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A	A+
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A	A+
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	A+
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	B	F
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	F	D
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Solstice Canyon at Dan Blocker County Beach.	B	F
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	C	A
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	F	F
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	D
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	D	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	F	B
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	B
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	A+
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A+	D
Pena Creek at Los Tunos County Beach.	A+	A
Tuna Canyon.	ns	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	B	B
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	A+
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	F	F
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	F	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	C	B
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A+	A
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A	F
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	C	B
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A	C
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	C	F
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	C	D
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	F	C
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A	F
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A	C
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	F	F
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	F
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	F	F
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A+	C
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St..	A+	D
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower.	C	C
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	C	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	D	A
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	B	D
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty).	C	C
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	F	D
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant.	A+	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	A+	F

LEGEND

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

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NCAA BASKETBALL

St. John's Lavin lures big recruit

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK The news just keeps getting better for first-year St. John's coach Steve Lavin.

The former UCLA coach and ESPN analyst added another highly regarded player to his first recruiting class on Friday, 6-foot-10 Norvel Pelle of Compton, Calif.

Pelle did not play last season, sitting out per transfer rules, but this summer he was a member of USA Basketball's developmental national team. An inside player and shot blocker, Pelle is rated as high as No. 2 among high school players and is a consensus top 20 pick overall by the national scouting services.

The others to sign with St. John's are all considered top 100 recruits: 6-6 Sir' Dominic Pointer, 6-8 Maurice Harkless, 6-3 D'Angelo Harrison, 6-7 Jakarr Sampson and point guard Nurideen Lindsey of Redlands C.C. (Okla.).

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4:30pm

Me, Them and Lara (NR) 1hr 55min
Our Life (NR) 1hr 38min
7:30pm

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1441 Third Street Promenade
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Town (R) 2hr 5min
10:35am, 1:25pm, 4:25pm, 7:20pm, 10:15pm

Unstoppable (PG-13) 1hr 38min
10:45am, 1:40pm, 4:15pm, 7:00pm, 9:40pm

Secretariat (PG) 1hr 56min
10:50am, 1:45pm, 4:40pm, 7:40pm, 10:30pm

Morning Glory (PG-13) 1hr 42min
10:30am,1:00pm, 3:45pm, 6:30pm, 9:15pm

AMC Santa Monica 7
1310 Third St.
(310) 451-9440

Due Date (R) 1hr 40min
10:10am, 12:30pm, 3:00pm, 5:30pm, 8:00pm, 10:30pm

Social Network (PG-13) 2hr 1min
12:30pm, 3:30pm, 6:30pm, 9:30pm

Megamind 3D (PG) 1hr 36min
11:40am, 2:10pm, 4:40pm, 7:15pm, 9:45pm

Jackass 3D (R) 1hr 34min
10:20am, 12:45pm, 3:15pm, 5:45pm, 8:15pm, 10:45pm

Morning Glory (PG-13) 1hr 42min
11:20am, 2:00pm, 4:45pm, 7:30pm, 10:15pm

Hereafter (PG-13) 2hr 6min
10:00am, 12:55pm, 4:00pm, 7:00pm, 10:05pm

Unstoppable (PG-13) 1hr 38min
12:00pm, 2:35pm, 5:10pm, 7:45pm, 10:20pm

Laemmle's Monica Fourplex
1332 Second St.
(310) 478-3836

Girl Who Kicked the Hornet's Nest (R) 1hr 52min
1:30pm, 4:50pm, 8:10pm

Nora's Will (Cinco dias sin Nora) (NR) 1hr 32min
4:20pm, 9:30pm

Fair Game (PG-13) 1hr 48min
11:20am, 1:50pm, 4:30pm, 7:10pm, 9:50pm

You Will Meet A Tall Dark Stranger (R) 1hr 38min
1:55pm, 7:00pm,

Cool It (PG) 1hr 28min
11:00am, 1:00pm, 3:15pm, 5:30pm, 7:50pm, 10:15pm

Boxing Gym (NR) 1hr 31min
11:00am

Waste Land (NR) 1hr 38min
11:00am

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Due Date (R)1hr 35min
11:30am, 2:00pm, 4:30pm, 7:00pm, 9:30pm

Social Network (PG-13) 2hr 1min
10:35am, 1:30pm, 4:30pm, 7:30pm, 10:35pm

Megamind 3D (PG) 1hr 36min
10:40am, 1:10pm, 3:40pm, 6:15pm, 8:45pm, 11:05pm

Red (PG-13) 1hr 38min
11:25am, 2:15pm, 5:00pm, 7:50pm, 10:40pm

For Colored Girls (R) 2hr
12:45pm, 4:00pm, 7:15pm, 10:30pm

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Where the action is, Aries

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★★ Remain reserved yet direct. Though you might not be comfortable with a friend's idea, go along with it. A fun gathering will ensue. Deal with a caring relative or loved one. You might be unusually harsh. Tonight: Where the action is.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Take a stand, knowing full well your limits. No matter what you do or where you are, others seek you out. You project a very special, caring aura, making others feel accepted. Tonight: Leader of the gang.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Opt for the new and/or untried. Let your imagination make plans. Meet a friend at a distance halfway. The drive and the change of environment will refresh you. Others will opt to escape to a movie or concert. Tonight: Just don't stick with the here and now.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ Confidently share news with a special friend. This person could provide a strong sense of direction if given the facts. Indulge a family member or roommate; he or she is always there for you. Tonight: Visit with a loved one over a lavish dinner.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ Fortunately, you have an extremely personable style that is spontaneous. A loved one or special person in your life makes an effort to share more. You might not be ready for this type of closeness. Tonight: Be open to different options. Many invitations will appear.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ Pace yourself, knowing that even you have limits to how much you can accomplish. Organization might seem to go to the wayside when dealing with a long-desired goal. Relax and, if you can, take a walk by water. Be aware of your limits. Know when to say "enough." Tonight: Make it easy.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ Toss yourself into the moment. Stay sensitive to someone who really does care. This person can enchant you and at the same time be a friend. Share more of your feelings. Tonight: Let the wild thing out!

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Stay close to home, where you might enjoy yourself more. Invite several key friends over. Your ability to get down the bottom line of a difficult situation could be hard for another person to hear. Tonight: Happy close to home.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ Follow your sixth sense, and you'll draw extremely positive results. Reach out for a friend you haven't seen in a while and make plans, if not for today then for the near future. Listen to a female friend's suggestion. Tonight: Hang out where there is music or by water.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ Express your more positive feelings. Understanding will evolve in a new direction once you start swapping ideas with a boss, parent or respected person. How you express your appreciation changes radically. Zero in on what is important. Tonight: Your treat.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Express your caring and softer side. If possible, get last-minute tickets to a concert or play. You relax when you allow your imagination to wander and in a situation where your body can let go of tension. Tonight: Whatever knocks your socks off.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Step back from a difficult and challenging situation. You don't have all the facts. A caring discussion with a loved one reveals much more. Make plans to be with this person today. Pursue a favorite hobby or pastime. Tonight: Vanish, and remember that you don't have to tell anyone where you were.

Happy birthday

This year, you often will head home with a smile on your face. Your home has become your castle. You might opt to live in an area near water or find dream-come-true digs. Others will remodel their homes, making it the palace they always wanted. If you are single, you will enjoy much more downtime at home, hopefully with someone special. Take a year to decide if this person is the "one." If you are attached, the two of you will enjoy your domestic life together much more than you ever thought possible. AQUARIUS always presents a different idea.

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



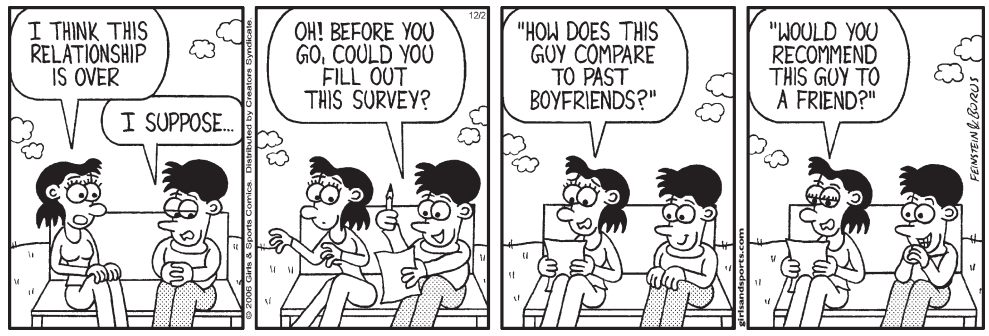
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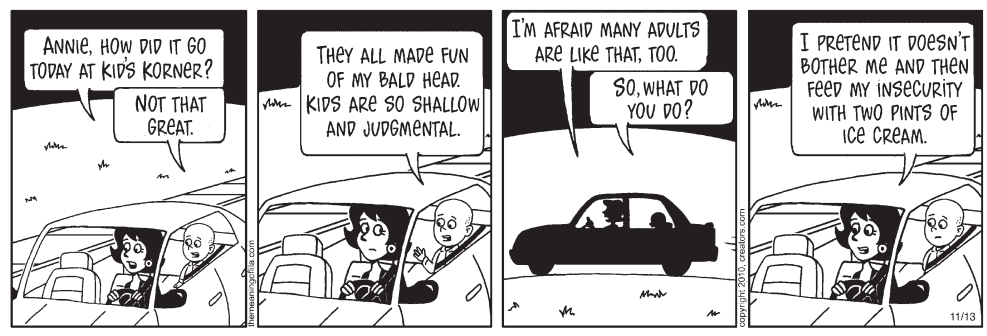
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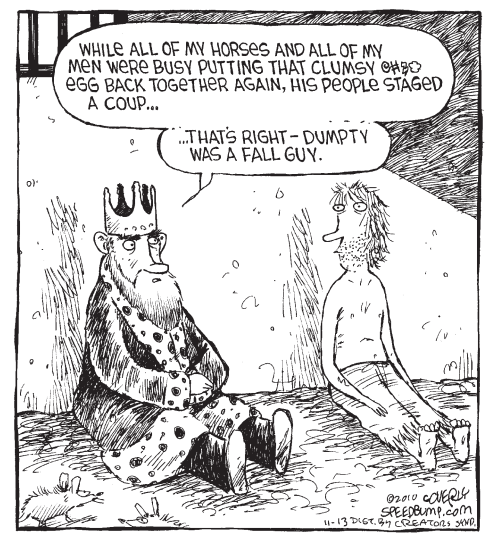
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Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★★★

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GETTING STARTED

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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



CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Wanders (about)
5 Mediocre
9 Frenzied fear
10 Bring on
12 Rags-to-riches writer
13 "Keen!"
14 Electrical measure
16 Joplin tune
17 Before, to bards
18 Mailing cost
20 Sonnet end
22 "Yeah, right!"
23 Sean of "The Lord of the Rings"
25 Electrically flexible
28 Cast makeup
32 Film editor's material
34 Father's pride
35 Overly
36 Summer house
38 Town leader
40 Yard worker
41 Austrian poet
42 Separated
43 Course needs
44 Longings

DOWN

1 In ample quantity
2 Viewpoints
3 Losing scheme
4 Tough spots
5 Trig functions
6 Unbroken
7 Egyptian emblem
8 Power problem
9 Makes a lot
11 Man of many words
15 "I'm outta here!"
19 Shade
21 Diplomacy
24 Cube containers
25 Subsequently
26 "Calm down!"
27 Quick sketch
29 Hideo Nomo, for one
30 Astaire's partner
31 Hägar's dog
33 Farm measure
37 Race finish
39 Squeeze (out)

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Yesterday's answer

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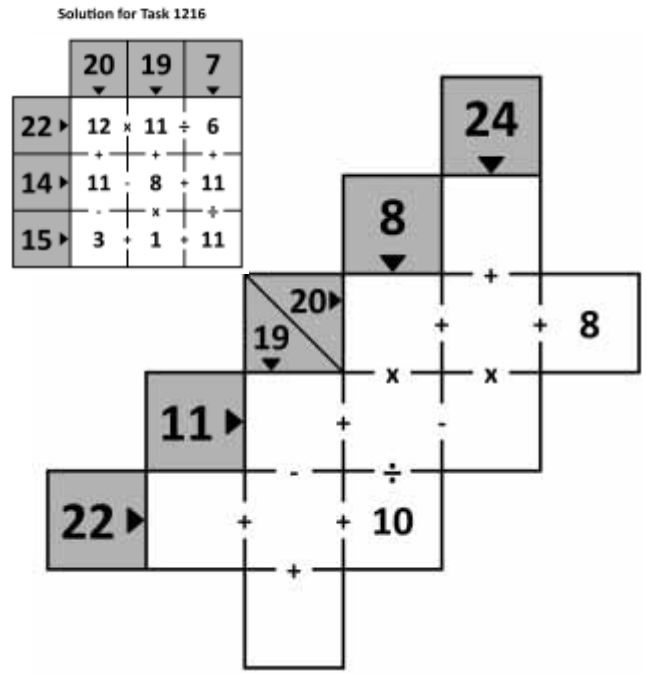
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Executive Brigitte Stevens announced in September that her perpetually underappreciated advocacy institution, Wombat Awareness Organization, had just been pledged $8 million by a single donor. According to Stevens, the $1 million annually she will receive in each of the next eight years is about 13 times the previous annual budget for the Mannum, South Australia, organization. The U.S. donor, who demanded anonymity, became interested in 2008 when, on an onsite visit, he was enthralled with "southern hairy-nosed" wombats.

■ Signs of the Times: (1) A 24-year-old Muslim woman was strangled in Newcastle, Australia, in April when the bottom of her burqa became tangled in the wheels as she was driving playfully at a go-cart track. (2) A 45-year-old, out-of-town man was killed in a street robbery in Oakland, Calif., in July after he became distracted while typing a location into his cell phone's map program to find his way to a job interview. The appointment was at Google Inc. (3) Horatio Toure, 31, was arrested in San Francisco in July after snatching an iPhone from a woman on the street and bicycling away. Unknown to him, the woman was conducting a real-time demonstration of global positioning software, and thus Toure's exact movement was registering on her company's computers. He was arrested within minutes.

■ In September (1991), the Avon, Colo., town council resorted to a contest to name the new bridge over the Eagle River, linking Interstate 70 with U.S. Highway 6. Sifting through 84 suggestions (such as "Eagle Crossing"), the council voted, 4-2, to give it the official name "Bob." "Bob The Bridge" is, still, a theme for several local festivals.

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Obituaries

Charles W. Hanley, Santa Monica,CA



Charles "Chuck" Hanley passed away on November 6, 2010 at St. John's Hospital. He had suffered a sudden stroke on October 29 and fought hard for 8 days, but the Lord took him home at 12:30 AM early Saturday morning.

Charles leaves his beloved brother, John Jo-seph Hanley, 90, whom he lived with for 50 years on San Vicente Blvd. Almost every day, John and Charles would walk from their apartment to Palisades Park where they would enjoy talking and watching the neighborhood life. The two brothers were known and treasured by many friends.

There will be visiting hours and a wake to remember Charles on Sunday, November 14 from 2PM to 4PM at Gates Kingsley Gates, 1925 Arizona Ave, Santa Monica, CA 90404. Visitors can use the main entrance on Arizona.

The Funeral Mass will be held at 10AM on Monday, November 15, at Saint Monica's Catholic Church, 725 California Ave, Santa Monica, CA 90403.

Internment will be at Calvary Cemetery in Youngstown, Ohio with the Hanley family.

In lieu of flowers, friends are taking up a collection for funeral and care expenses. Make any checks to John Hanley in remembrance of Charles.

Charles Hanley was born in Youngstown, Ohio in 1923, son of James Francis Hanley and Margaret McGarry. The two families came from Ireland and immigrated to Steubenville, Ohio between 1863 and 1869. They had 10 children. Charles was the youngest.
Chuck's Dad worked in the steel mills that built America.

After graduating from Ursuline High Academy in 1942, Chuck worked at Youngstown Sheet and Tube, and then General Fireproofing. He attended Youngstown State University, taking courses in Pre-Med and Accounting. Chuck was a devout member of Saint Columba's Catholic Church in Youngstown.

In 1943, Chuck joined the Army Air Force to fight for his country. Due to a severe hearing loss, he had to return to Ohio. With his talent for math and honest reputation, he was hired by the Youngstown Post Office.

As the youngest of the big Hanley family, Chuck continued to help his aging parents at home on Woodbine Avenue. In 1958, he moved with his mother to the San Vicente apartment in Santa Monica. He cared for his mother at home during the rest of her life.

Chuck worked at the Santa Monica Post Office for 23 years, and was known for his integrity and work ethic. People who knew Charles Hanley would say he was one of the nicest guys you could meet, easy-going, and even-keeled. He took hardships in stride and knew how to get along with everyone.

Chuck's strong faith and Saint Monica's Church were vital to him. He was intensely curious about life, the world around him, and the future. Charles was a truly generous man. He watched out for people and always tried to help others first. Chuck was the kind of guy you could trust and count on. We will miss him, and will remember him always.

Chales was preceded in death by his mother and father, and 7 brothers and sisters, Robert, Francis, Catherine, Duke, Margaret, James and Bob. A brother Ed, of Las Vegas, has been missing since 1945. He leaves his best friend and brother John, his nephew, Bruce (and Angela) Walker, DDS of Rolling Hills Estates, CA, great niece and nephew, Jeffrey and Jennifer Walker, nephew, James "Biff" (and Nancy) Hanley of Lancaster, Ohio, Patty Smith and Elaine Hanley of Canal Winchester, Ohio, along with many great nieces and nephews who never got a chance to know the great guy Chuck was.

We ask the Lord to watch over his brother, John, and keep him safe, until they meet again.

Obituaries

JEANNE MATTEN 1943 - 2010



Jeanne, 67, died at home in Santa Monica on Oct. 28. She had valiantly fought colon cancer for almost 5 years.
Born in Chicago, she was raised in Homewood, IL. After working in Chicago and Homewood, she went on a 2-week vacation and stayed 5 years, working at Canlis Restaurant. Jeanne then moved to Santa Monica and worked at L.A. and local restaurants, including Hakata Sushi Bar, the Round Table, the Brentwood Inn, and the Boathouse on the Santa Monica pier. One year ago she retired from bartending at Casa Escobar, where a party in her memory will be held.

Jeanne leaves behind many friends, including Barbara Levitt of Redondo Beach, Gail Mackey of Pacific Palisades, and Bill and Diana Nash of Mokena, IL. In her final days, her caregivers George Lopez of Granada Hills and Gladys Ramos of North Hollywood provided unparalleled support.

She is survived by her mother Margaret of Escondido, her brother James of Cranford, NJ, and her sister-in-law Naomi (Liz) of Queens, NY. She was predeceased by her father Bruno of Homewood. Jeanne's ashes will be scattered at sea.

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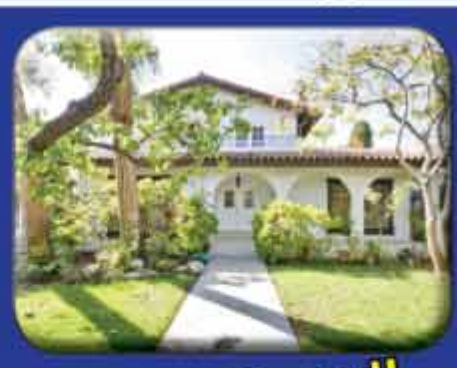
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Please Call for Private Showing!





Price Reduced!

317 Marguerita Avenue
For Lease! 5 Bed, 3.75 Bath
$10,900 / Month
North of Montana!
Roosevelt School District
Lagoon Pool & Spa
Open Sunday November 14th
From 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Median Price of ALL Santa Monica Listings from ALL Agents from ALL Companies Listed for Sale As of Mid November 2010

	Single Family Homes	Condos & Townhomes
Santa Monica Canyon	$1,975,00	$2,350,000
North of Montana	$3,172,500	$1,345,000
Between Wilshire & Montana	$1,700,000	$729,000
South of Wilshire	$799,000	$569,000
Sunset Park	$1,190,000	$508,000
Ocean Park	$1,382,450	$844,900

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Back on the Market & READY TO SELL!
Ocean View Rooftop Deck!
934 2nd Street # 3
2 Bed, 2.5 Bath
$939,000
Open Tuesday, November 16th
11:00 am - 2:00 pm



11687 Montana Avenue #208
2 Bed, 1.75 Bath
$469,000
Open Sunday, November 14th
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm



1325 Washington Ave Unit E
1 Bed, 1 Bath
$409,000
Open Sunday, November 14th
1:00pm - 4:00 pm



1425 Stanford Street #6
2 Bed, 2.5 Bath
$639,000
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1141 26th Street #B
1 Bed, 1 Bath
$379,000 or $1,900 for Lease
Open Sunday, November 14th
1:00pm - 4:00 pm

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