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Ed Foundation ready to take on fundraising load

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

SMMUSD HDQTRS The Santa Monica-Malibu Board of Education will hold the second of two meetings tonight to hear public discussion on the topic of districtwide fundraising, a controversial policy which would fundamentally alter the way parents provide supplemental money to their children's schools.

At the heart of the conversation is the Santa Monica-Malibu Education Foundation, a nonprofit organization founded in 1982 with the mission to provide "equity and access to a vibrant educational experience for all students."

The foundation is also the body proposed by district staff to take on the central role in a districtwide fundraising model, making it the exclusive source of outside funds for staff and staff development.

Opponents question the Education Foundation's ability to take on the task of districtwide fundraising, which would involve far greater sums than the $600,000 to $800,000 pots the foundation currently pulls in each year.

They hold that the cost of the foundation dropping the ball could be the decimation of programs that parents have worked hard to build up.

"The (Ed Foundation) is an amazing organization that has been a life-saver in the

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Expo, City Hall haggling over light rail stops

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
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CIVIC CENTER Santa Monica residents can feel pretty certain that they will have access to three light rail stations by 2015 that will connect the city to Downtown Los Angeles through the Exposition Light Rail line.

What that will look like, exactly, is still up for debate.

Santa Monica and the Exposition Light Rail Authority continue to hash out designs and price tags for three light rail stations — located along Colorado Avenue at 26th, 17th and Fourth streets — set to arrive in the city by 2015.

Residents who went to a Tuesday night meeting at the Civic Center were greeted not with certainties, but with "maybes," spelled out in black and white on large pieces of cardboard perched above technical station designs, which onlookers perused like parents at a school science fair.

City Hall and the Expo Authority are negotiating for enhancements to the stations that go above and beyond the features included in the baseline designs offered by the authority, including an additional platform at Bergamot Station on 26th Street and a second entrance on the western end of the 17th Street/Memorial Park station for easy access.

The two organizations are making progress on incorporating the proposed

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LOOKING OUT: **Samohi football players watch practice Tuesday on campus. The Vikings face Channel Islands on Friday.**

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Playoff opponent a mirror image of Samohi

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

CORSAIR FIELD Samohi's first home playoff game in a decade will have a touch of the familiar.

When Santa Monica High School's football team takes the field against Channel Islands in the opening round of the CIF-Southern Section Western Division playoffs on Friday, they may have the feeling that their looking at something very similar.

Both teams like to run the ball between the tackles. Both teams rely on defense to keep games close. And, for good measure, both teams' head coaches can't help but get the impression that they are working from the same playbook.

"They really remind us of ourselves," Samohi head coach Travis Clark said. "It's weird, it's like looking into a mirror."

Considering the similarities, Clark said

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Thursday, Nov. 17, 2011

Digesting the information
Santa Monica Senior Center
1450 Ocean Ave., 11:30 a.m.
Santa Monica College professors and students invite seniors to come learn about gastrointestinal digestive issues. Participants must be members of the Senior Center; membership is free and open to everyone ages 50 and older. For more information, call (310) 458-8644.

Friday, Nov. 18, 2011

Bike it right
1555 Second St., Unit A, 10 a.m.
City Hall, in partnership with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro), will celebrate the grand opening of the brand new, $2 million, full-service Santa Monica Bike Center, the largest bicycle facility of its kind in the U.S. The bike center's two combined locations in Downtown feature 5,300 square-feet of space and nearly 360 secure bicycle parking spaces. The facilities also provide bicycle rentals, showers, lockers, self-service repairs, vending and restrooms.

Toast your teachers
Gilbert's El Indio Restaurant
2526 Pico Blvd., 4 p.m.
Come celebrate the National Education Association's Substitute Educators Day with substitute teachers from the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District. The NEA conducts a "Substitute Educators Poll" each year to bring in a well-known public figure to serve as a substitute teacher for a day. Last year's nominee CNN anchor Anderson Cooper taught at a New York public school for a day, and this year's top pick is Jessica Alba. To RSVP, e-mail vincentbernota@yahoo.com. For more information, call (310) 395-1528.

Jazzing up the music scene
Santa Monica College Performing Arts Center
1310 11th St., 7 and 9 p.m.
SMC's music department hosts a special benefit concert to raise money for its Applied Music Program. The Gilbert Castellaños Quintet will perform and tickets are $10. Additional concerts will be held on Sunday. For more information, call (310) 434-3005.

Saturday, Nov. 19, 2011

Recycled threads
City Yards, 2500 Michigan Ave., 9 a.m.
City Hall's Resource Recovery & Recycling Division is hosting a textiles collection event, helping you to find a new home for all your unusable clothing, towels, bedding and so much more. Residents are encouraged to take reusable goods to any of the many charities benefiting the Santa Monica area. A reuse guide is available at www.smgov.net/r3. This year's clothing/textile recycling event will also feature a mini-workshop on constructing no-sew T-shirt bags and how to reuse cloth instead of purchasing new wrapping paper.

Finding family
Main Library, MLK Auditorium
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 3 p.m.
FOX 11 news anchor Christine Devine has long been an advocate for foster care and adoptive children, and now she visits the library to discuss her new book, "Finding A Forever Family," which helps families navigate the adoption within the foster care maze.

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GOING FOR IT: **Samohi's Samantha Moore reaches down to dig out the ball against Pasadena Poly Tuesday on campus.**

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL

Samohi misses shot at final

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

SAMOHI The Vikings had home court advantage, the gym was packed to the rafters with Samohi faithful, but that didn't intimidate the road team a bit.

Pasadena Poly swept Santa Monica High School's girls' volleyball team in three games (25-18, 25-14, 25-15) Tuesday on campus, ending the Vikings' hopes of reaching the CIF-Southern Section Division 3AA final.

After falling behind briefly in the first game, Poly was able to regroup in a hostile environment and handily end Samohi's season in the semifinals. Poly will face Chadwick on Saturday in the final at Cypress College.

Despite the stinging loss, Head Coach Liane Sato was anything but disappointed.

"It was a tough loss," Sato said. "But, it was a great season. We kept getting better every game."

Sato and the Vikings entered the season ranked No. 1 in Division 3AA. They would slip to No. 3 by the time the playoffs began, but were consistently one of the top teams in the division. That proved true for Samohi, who again dominated the Ocean League en route to the league crown.

Despite the loss, Samohi senior Sarah Krenik, who has been one of the team's primary offensive weapons this season, was pleased with her squad in defeat.

"I thought we came out and fought hard," she said. "It could have worked out better, but I'm proud of the girls."

Krenik, like Sato, felt that the Vikings continued to improve during the course of the season leading to the team's long playoff run.

That maturation was one of the things that Poly head coach Steve Beerman took

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Pacifica, Lighthouse fall in semifinals of playoffs

The girls' volleyball teams from Lighthouse Christian and Pacifica Christian lost their respective CIF-Southern Section semifinals on Tuesday.

Pacifica Christian fell to Hemet in three games on the road in Division 4A action.

Hemet advances to take on Connelly in the final scheduled for Saturday at Cypress College.

Lighthouse Christian was swept out of the Division 5AA playoffs by Sierra Canyon in three games.

The win sets up a final against Desert Christian Academy also on Saturday at Cypress College.

DANIEL ARCHULETA

Google gets into online music business

RYAN NAKASHIMA
AP Business Writer

LOS ANGELES Google unveiled its much-anticipated digital music store Wednesday, opening a new front in its battle with Apple to provide services over mobile devices.

For the first time, Google Inc. will sell songs on the Android Market, its online store for apps, movies and books. The service is available over the next few days to customers in the U.S., but it aims to roll it out eventually to some 200 million Android users globally.

Some songs are free, while others were priced at 69 cents, 99 cents and $1.29 — the same prices as on Apple's iTunes. Artists whose work is available right away include Adele, Jay-Z and Pearl Jam. The store will feature dozens of free tracks from artists like Coldplay, Rolling Stones and Busta Rhymes.

Google is offering 13 million tracks for sale, from three of the four major recording companies — Vivendi SA's Universal Music, EMI Group Ltd. and Sony Music Entertainment — and a host of independent labels. Warner Music Group was the major recording company left out. Warner spokespeople did not respond to requests for comment.

Google is allowing sharing of purchased songs over its social network, Google Plus. Friends will be able to listen to one another's songs once for free.

Once someone buys a song, it can be downloaded and is automatically uploaded for free into an online locker. The song can then be streamed over computer and mobile phone browsers, including the Safari browser, which comes on Apple Inc. devices such as the iPad. People who download the Google music app on devices running Android 2.2 and higher can stream stored songs or download them for offline playback within the app.

Google's director of digital content for Android, Jamie Rosenberg, took a dig at Apple's online song storage service, iTunes Match, which costs $25 a year. Google's cloud storage service is free for up to 20,000 songs.

"Other cloud music services think you have to pay to listen to music you already own. We don't," he said.

Recording company executives said that,

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Extraordinary claims

Editor:

In his letter titled "Settlements obstacles to peace" published in the Santa Monica Daily Press on Nov. 11, Rabbi Neil Comess-Daniels confidently pole-vaulted to the conclusion that the phone call advising the Peace Now office in Jerusalem of a bomb threat and the graffiti death threat splashed on the home of Mr. Hagit Ofran must necessarily have been committed by right-wing extremists because Yitzhak Rabin was killed by one. This is as fine an example of syllogistic reasoning as I have encountered apart from: Socrates is a man; Socrates is mortal; conclusion: all men are Socrates!

Extraordinary claims require extraordinary evidence. The good rabbi fails to provide us with any. There is not one worn-out strand of old chewing gum that connects his premise to his conclusion. Here's a "pretty clear message" for the good rabbi: if he is prepared to indulge his preconceived notions without performing anything in the way of due diligence then he should at all times, whenever called upon to serve, recuse himself from jury duty.

Instead of the U.S. deducting 5 percent of its support for Israel for every new act of settlement construction and every act of violence, or threat of violence, on the part of the settlers, as suggested by the rabbi, perhaps the U.S. should deduct 5 percent from the millions of dollars it provides the Palestinian Authority annually if it persists in its inculcation of Jew-hatred in its schools, media and television, its failure to arrest its citizens who murder Jews, its constant incitement to violence against Jews and its lionizing of terrorist killers who have had sports arenas and public squares named in their honor. In no time at all the U.S. would receive a complete refund, something which so many rabbinical colleges should be issuing to compensate the rest of us for its defective alumni.

By using the word "tout," the rabbi is suggesting that both America's and Israel's claim that Israel is the sole democracy in the Middle East is a false one, in which case he should name another in the region. Both America and Israel are grand experiments in freedom being conducted in a hostile laboratory called the world. Like so many liberals before him, the rabbi has succumbed to the kind of intellectual flatulence that permits him to align himself with Islamic supremacists who subjugate women, hang homosexuals and persecute non-Muslim minorities. It takes some chutzpah for the rabbi to suggest that Israel does not act like a democracy. Chutzpah, as we know, is in old Yiddish word but then so, of course, is putz!

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Life Matters

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In some cases, it's OK to talk to a stranger

DEAR NEW SHRINK,

I am in my early 20s and have been seeing a psychotherapist for about five months now. At first, I wasn't even sure why I was going; I just wanted someone to talk to. I didn't know if or why I needed it. But it has already helped me a lot. I am discovering who and what I am and what I want from life without everyone else trying to influence me. I use to be afraid of it, but have found it to be a big relief and actually think it is kind of fun!

I don't tell everyone because the couple of friends who do know think I am crazy to be doing this. They seem against it without even knowing what it is. They say things like "you pay just to talk to a stranger," or "why can't you just talk to us?"

Can you explain what psychotherapy is a little more clearly so that others and I can understand it?

Thanks,
Therapy Fan

DEAR THERAPY FAN,

You definitely have friends who do not understand. They clearly do not know what it is or perhaps they are scared of it like you were.

First off, psychotherapy is not always fun, but it can be. This is especially true when you are discovering yourself and all the possibilities of your life. But for others, it may mean facing things that they have avoided their entire lives. This can be painful until the freedom of being honest with someone sets in and the new possibilities become apparent.

Psychotherapy has different brands and styles. However, most would agree that its purpose is self discovery and the opportunity to change the way that you are psychologically organized, the beliefs you hold about yourself, and the story you tell yourself about yourself. Some people want to say that this is self-indulgent. It is not if you are lost or headed down the wrong path.

A good therapist will not tell you what to do with your life. Instead they will help you to figure out what is right for you.

Psychotherapy is not just for crazy people. Ironically, there is a saying that it is for those who want it rather than those who need it. This is obviously not entirely true, but there are those people who really need it and never get it. It is easy to look around and see great numbers of people who might have benefited from it but never received it. They were too scared, too proud or too psychotic to recognize their need for it. It really is for the people who want to feel better, improve the quality of their lives and avoid problems in the future.

To address the concerns of your friends, psychotherapy has three distinct advantages to consider. Yes, you are talking to a stranger but it's a stranger that you become relatively comfortable with fairly soon or you should choose someone else. But the advantage of these strangers is that they do not have agendas for you. This stranger is someone who is interested in helping you find health and happiness and nothing more.

Unfortunately, our friends and family do have agendas for us, sometimes unconsciously, and they will push us in a particular direction. As you already mentioned, someone wants to influence your decisions and what you do with your life. A good therapist does not care what you choose; they only care about your welfare. Another critical factor is that your conversations are entirely confidential. You do not need to worry about gossip or others talking behind your back.

Finally, psychotherapists have at least six to 11 years of college education. Then there is a minimum requirement of 3,000-plus hours of supervised experience before they can take their boards and become licensed to see patients and clients on their own.

This does not make one perfect, but it does guarantee some level of knowledge and expertise that your friends and family most likely do not possess.

If you are feeling disturbed by some aspect of your life, or if you are feeling unhappy and perhaps lost in your life, unhappy in a relationship, or experiencing grief over a loss, past or present, you should do yourself a favor and at least give these talks (that are so much more) a chance.

And to you, Therapy Fan, I congratulate you on going to therapy at such a young age. Most people wait until they have exhausted all other options and sometimes this is unfortunate because they do pay a price for having waited. Having said that, in my experience it is never too late. People of all ages have benefited from psychotherapy.

But since you did not wait for a crisis and found it sooner than later, my hat is off to you.

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Mommie Brain

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Standing up for preemies

I HAVE BEEN MISSING FROM THE PAGES of this paper for a little over a year now, ever since I had my second son, Eli. The last Mommie Brain column I wrote chronicled Eli's arrival and the scare he gave us all by being a little over five weeks early. And so as I am about to return to writing my column (look for it soon!) it seemed only appropriate that my reintroduction to you be about something similar. And it is something very important to me.

This article is to bring attention to the fact that today, Nov. 17, is World Prematurity Day, and November is Prematurity Awareness month.

A few days before I had Eli, I was heavy and uncomfortable. Miserable. I announced with a grand whine, "I am so ready for this to be over." But when my water broke the next day, I felt nothing but fear and confusion. I did everything right. I saw my doctor regularly. Yet, this was what we were facing. We got lucky though. Eli was a nice big size. He had slight respiratory distress, but nothing terribly serious.

Earlier this year my husband and our sons took to the streets near Downtown and helped raise over $2,000 for the March of Dimes' March for Babies. It felt great. I felt proud of us, of our friends and family for sponsoring us and of our children, each of whom had spent time in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU). As we pushed Benjamin and Eli in their strollers, I became emotional, perhaps from the energy of the fellow walkers around us or from the knowledge of the bullet we dodged with each of them. Though my time as their mother has been spent differently from how I expected it with multiple therapy appointments a week for each of them, they are healthy, lovely and vibrant children. Blessings.

I looked around and saw many wearing homemade shirts honoring those babies who were not as lucky. Those that did not make it. But what got me also were those that did make it, like Benjamin and Eli. I remember a little boy, I think his name was Zachary, being pulled in a little red wagon and taped to the side was his premature story. To look at him, you would have no clue. This was a thriving, smiling child. I do not know if his family struggles with any issues for him, but he was riding along like a king, happy and waving, his parents enjoying showing him off.

And I felt proud of those who helped him and helped my children too. Both Benjamin and Eli were in the NICU. Both have benefited from and needed subsequent therapies to get their bodies stronger from various issues. I know the long-term effects of not carrying a pregnancy to term or from something going wrong.

And so, when I got a call a few months back asking me to join the Family Team Committee for The March for Babies, I said of course.

So now I have a cause.

The March of Dimes and I want you to honor the millions of babies who have died this year because they were born too soon and the 12 million more who struggle to survive. As it says on their website, 1 in 8 babies is born premature in the United States. "Every year, more than half a million babies are born too soon in the United States. Our country's premature birth rate has risen by 36 percent over the last 25 years. That's serious cause for concern. Premature birth costs society more than $26 billion a year and takes a high toll on families. Babies born just a few weeks early are at risk of severe health problems and lifelong disabilities. Premature birth is the number one killer of newborns."

Benjamin was not premature, but his stay in the NICU, due to a different kind of birth trauma, was made possible by the work over the years of The March of Dimes. Eli was premature. Almost 35 weeks. So again my child went to the NICU. It is not anywhere you want to be. But the doctors and nurses at Saint John's (Thank you Pearl) took care of us. They got my sons strong enough to come home. What a tremendous gift.

And it is a gift I want to share.

So if it means pestering my friends and family for donations or reminding some readers of the good work of a good organization, then so be it. So allow me to ask you to learn just a little about The March of Dimes. Sponsor a walker in The March for Babies or walk yourself (marchforbabies.org). Be the voice of premature infants and their families in the halls of Congress. Urge your members of Congress to cosponsor the PREEMIE Reauthorization Act (S. 1440/H.R. 2679). Because as The March of Dimes says, "Every family deserves to celebrate a second birthday."

And then some.

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The Q Line

Life on two wheels

The Planning Commission recently approved the ambitious Bicycle Master Plan, a 400-page document that spells out the future of bikes in Santa Monica. Within its pages, it hopes to have 14 to 35 percent of all trips made on bicycles by 2030.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
Do you think 14 to 35 percent is possible, or do you think it's unrealistic?

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SAMOHI
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that he's devising a few wrinkles for his game plan to keep Channel Islands guessing.

He was mum on what those alterations would be, but insisted that the Vikings will approach the game very much the same way they have all season in building a 9-1 overall record and impressive 5-0 mark in Ocean League play.

Samohi's style of football has been carefully molded to mimic its coach's intense style and emphasis on physical play. They run the ball with a stable of running backs led by senior Kori Garcia. When Garcia needs a breather, they answer with another tough runner in London Lewis, who is returning after missing the season finale due to a sore knee. If that's not enough, they also look to fullback Donovan Citrowski to continue to punish defenses that have learned that they have to stack the box to slow Samohi's roll.

For a change of pace, the Vikings answer with Miguel Cardiel and Will Taylor, who have been asked to provide depth at a position so key to the Vikings' success.

Channel Islands on the other hand is more of a feature back type of offense, relying on Richard Gray to get the bulk of the carries.

Like Samohi, Channel Islands is certainly run-first, but they aren't averse to airing it out at times.

When in passing situations, quarterback Steven Gutierrez is prone to target tight end Jeremiah Valoaga, a towering presence who has caught more than 50 passes this season.

Clark considers Valoaga Channel Islands' top big play threat and is game planning accordingly.

Samohi's defensive backfield has been a strength all season, but there are no players tall enough to obviously matchup with the 6 foot, 7 tight end. Clark said that linebacker Chris Collins is somebody who may be up to the tall order. Collins, who has been recruited by Boise State among others, stands 6 foot, 2 and is physical enough to handle the difficult assignment.

"Who can you put on a guy like that?" Clark said. "He's the kind of guy who can box you out to make the catch. We'll have a challenge all night."

For Channel Islands head coach Gary Porter, the challenge will be keeping up with a Samohi squad that, while similar, has more overall team speed.

After watching tape on the Vikings, Porter said that his defense will have its hands full with Samohi's play makers.

"We're just looking to stop the whole offense, not just the run," Porter said. "They like to run between the tackles, but they like to take a shot deep every once in a while."

Samohi junior Sebastian LaRue has emerged as quarterback Christian Salem's favorite target, but guys like Anthony "Animal" Hernandez and Collins have, at times, been used to surprise defenses with big gains.

"We'll have to play solid defense if we're going to keep up," Porter said of his 7-3 Raiders, who finished the season in second place in the Pacific View League. "They are all pretty talented."

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case of (Save Our Schools), as an example," Seth Jacobson, a Malibu parent and member of Advocates for Malibu Schools, wrote in an e-mail. "However, if it is to take on this very important task, there must be significant changes to the organization and how it operates."

Jacobson said that the foundation adds too little money to its various endowments to justify the 13 percent of its budget spent on administrative and fundraising costs.

In a speech before the PTA Council Tuesday, Gross called SMMEF "the most operationally efficient Education Foundation in Southern California," and promised the leadership that if the board decides to put programmatic fundraising on the foundation's shoulders, it could deliver.

At present, PTAs at each school site provide the district with money specifically to hire staff to bolster the educational programs at each school.

Because of the diversity within the district, fundraising capacity can vary greatly from school to school, leading to substantial inequities that negatively impact the education of socioeconomically disadvantaged students, proponents of the districtwide model say.

Empowering the Education Foundation to raise money specifically for staff and programming would ensure that each child in the district would have equal access to a high-quality education, supporters of districtwide fundraising said.

Linda Gross, executive director of the Education Foundation, said with a few tweaks her organization will be up to the task.

The foundation recently completed a strategic visioning process, which it presented to the Board of Education in September, before the matter of districtwide fundraising was raised.

During that reorganization, the foundation brought in 40 new volunteers of various professional backgrounds and hired a part-time public information officer to strengthen its connections with the community and boost fundraising.

Already, the beefed up foundation launched an event for its athletics endowment, its annual fund campaign, began exploring prospects for a major gift campaign and updated its financial accounting policies and procedures, Gross told the PTA Council Tuesday night.

If the Board of Education chooses to make the Education Foundation the main fundraising organization for the district, still more changes would be necessary, Gross said.

"We're going to have to revisit that," Gross said. "There would be more activity, and it would be great to bring on a development officer to help lead successful campaigns and coordinate."

The foundation's role in the proposal, which would limit PTA spending to supplies and restricts corporate gifts over $2,500, has been met with some confusion, Gross said.

The Education Foundation would be responsible only for collecting the money, not distributing it or determining where it would be spent.

That's different than how PTAs operate now, by assessing the desires at their school sites and trying to raise money to pay for them.

Not only would the Education Foundation be raising money for all schools, its team thinks it can outstrip current fundraising levels within a few years, Gross said.

As of 2009, the last year for which tax documents are available, PTAs for district elementary and middle schools raised a cumulative $3.3 million.

That does not include high school PTAs, nor does it include various funds like the Malibu Shark Fund, which raises hundreds of thousands of dollars specifically for sports in Malibu.

"I think we could raise $6 to $8 million all together," Gross said. "That would depend on the parents."

The foundation already has one hugely successful campaign under its belt, namely the 2010 Save Our Schools drive which raised roughly $1.6 million in 60 days to save 20 positions in the district.

While detractors have applauded that effort, they say it's a one-off that the organization may not be able to replicate.

WORKING ELSEWHERE

For proof of longevity, district officials and foundation staff point to other districts that use the districtwide fundraising model with a foundation at the helm.

One such body, the Manhattan Beach Unified School District, made the switch 10 years ago. Fundraising has consistently increased, said Susan Warshaw, executive director of the Manhattan Beach Education Foundation.

"The Education Foundation said we're going to pay for the positions and PTAs are going to fund the things on campus," Warshaw said. "It didn't prevent them from fundraising, or adding special things. It's kind of getting the best of both worlds."

There are some major differences in the Manhattan Beach model and that proposed by SMMUSD.

The Manhattan Beach foundation is the only source of outside funding in the district — it has no parcel tax or sales tax to help bolster programs. Although the schools did fundraise at different levels, the disparity was not so great as what is seen in SMMUSD, Warshaw said.

The biggest difference, however, may be in how the district chooses to spend the money gathered by the foundation.

In Manhattan Beach, the money buys the same program for all schools. SMMUSD proposes providing resources that then buy site-specific programs in order to maintain the individuality of each school.

Success in fundraising will be based on teamwork, Gross said.

"We hope, should the school board pass the new policy, that every one of you will partner with the Ed Foundation to create the success we know is possible," Gross told the PTA Council.

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NEW VIEW: **A rendering of the future Exposition Light Rail stop at the intersection of Bundy Drive and Exposition Boulevard. Santa Monica officials are currently contemplating the look of their stops.**

EXPO
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changes, said Monica Born, a project manager with Expo.

"The majority of the things that the city requested, we were able to meet in design," Born said.

Expo already planned to invest $1.5 billion in the creation of the second leg of the 15-mile light rail corridor, which will link the first phase, which ended in Culver City, to Downtown Santa Monica.

Any extras, like the betterments described, will cost City Hall.

"We're in the process now of making sure the estimated costs are reasonable," said Kate Vernez, deputy city manager for special projects.

The City Council already approved an additional $245,000 to plan the improvements for Bergamot Station, and $120,000 for the plan changes to 17th Street/Memorial Park Station, Vernez said.

Now it's a matter of reviewing individual line items on the ledger with Expo and the design-build team Skanska-Rados to make sure the construction costs, personnel costs and equipment costs stay within the proposed budget.

The hard numbers for both of the easterly stations will be presented to the City Council on Dec. 6.

Even larger changes are expected for the terminus station at Colorado Avenue and Fourth Street, which city officials felt was poorly oriented for future train riders.

Santa Monica planners came up with an entirely new design for the terminus, which would rotate almost 90 degrees to allow residents and visitors easy access to the main shopping areas to the north and parks to the south.

City Hall will pick over the costs associated with the baseline design offered by design-builder Skanska-Rados to make sure the new design is priced fairly.

As the big pieces of the project come together, it's the details that left some attendees discomfited.

Mark Goldman is an instructor of architecture at the University of New Mexico Toas campus. He grew up in Santa Monica, and stopped by the meeting expecting to "be wowed by something amazing."

That didn't happen.

"It's missing an element of creativity, and thinking outside the norm," Goldman said, and went on to compare the incoming light rail design to the Los Angeles freeway system.

The stations lack a certain individuality, Goldman said, unlike those in other major metropolises like New York City or Chicago.

One possible solution lies in the hands of former Planning Commissioner and architect Gwynne Pugh and Cultural Affairs Manager Jessica Cusick, the city representatives on the Urban Design Committee who will help guide what public art will adorn local stations.

Whatever their final appearance, the stations will represent 22 years of work to create a light rail line that planners expect will carry 64,000 people per day by 2030.

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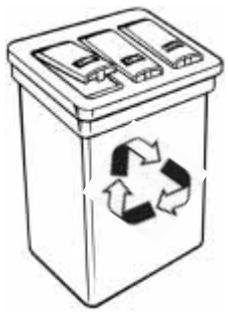
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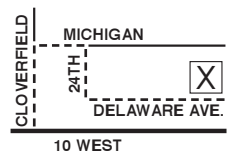


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NO WAY: **Samohi's Abby Southam (right) blocks the spike of Pasadena Poly's Alexis Genske Tuesday at home. Poly defeated the Vikings in three games and advanced to the finals.**

VIKINGS
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away from the Panther's meeting with Samohi.

"They have a nice team," he said amid Poly's post-game celebration. "Santa Monica is always a good team. We knew it wouldn't be easy."

He attributed the win to Poly's ability to keep the Vikings off balance. It showed on the court as Samohi struggled to set up kill opportunities all night. His team's ability to make the Vikings scramble to regroup wound up being the difference in the match.

Sato agreed with Beerman's assessment.

"They forced us to get out to a slow start," Sato said. "They just kept hitting it where we weren't."

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GOOGLE
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although some of Google's features go beyond what is offered at iTunes — specifically the one free listen for friends, the concessions were worth the benefit of reaching new customers.

"How many people do you know have both an iPhone and an Android device?" said Universal's president of global digital business, Rob Wells. "I encourage any new entrant into the digital music space who is going to help us reach a broad audience and sell legitimate songs."

Mark Piibe, EMI's executive vice president of global business development, said Google's plan to bring legitimately sold music to people in new ways "can only be good for the market as a whole."

Although Google and the recording companies hope sharing of songs helps sell more tunes, some observers were skeptical.

Adam Klein, chief executive of discount digital music store eMusic, said that for his customers, buying music is more a considered, personal decision that is often not influenced by friends' tastes.

"A Google-Plus tie-in will not make it a game changer," he said.

T-Mobile USA, which brought Google's first Android-enabled smartphone to market in 2008, also was a partner in the Google music launch. The cellphone carrier said it would offer other free songs to its customers and soon allow them to pay for music purchases through their phone bill.

Google also appealed to independent artists who release their own music, allowing them to upload songs, biographical information and artwork to the store after paying a one-time $25 fee. Artists would be able to keep 70 percent of all sales.

By launching the store, Google is opening its music service widely. It released the service as an unfinished beta in May to about a million people in the U.S. who requested an invitation and got one. That version of the service, which essentially uploaded your digital songs for online storage and allowed playback on computers and Android devices, proved to be a hit: Testers were streaming music on average 2.5 hours every day.

Celebs sing praises of going vegan

JOCELYN NOVECK
AP National Writer

NEW YORK Walk into Pure Food and Wine on Manhattan's chic Irving Place and back into its spacious, luxurious garden, and you might spot actress Katie Holmes. Or Alec Baldwin and his new girlfriend, whom he met at the restaurant.

Or football player Tom Brady. Or radio host Howard Stern. Or Bill Clinton and daughter Chelsea, who've made a number of visits together, enjoying the sweet corn and cashew tamales with portabella or a mint sundae for dessert. Or any number of Wall Street moguls.

It could be any trendy New York eatery, but Pure serves only vegan and raw food, with nary an egg nor an oven in sight. Its upscale clientele is a mix of vegans, vegetarians and just plain foodies, but clearly a sign of how the image of veganism has changed in recent years.

Call them the big-time vegans: The celebrity standard-bearers for a vegan lifestyle aren't just wispy young actresses. They include talk-show host Ellen DeGeneres, along with wife Portia de Rossi. (Or Oprah Winfrey, who isn't vegan but led her staff on a public 21-day vegan cleanse.) Or men like Ozzy Osbourne and Russell Brand, who in recent weeks both declared themselves vegans. Athletes like Carl Lewis and Mike Tyson. Even NFL player Tony Gonzalez, tight end for the Atlanta Falcons and 245-plus pounds — attributes his longevity to a largely vegan diet.

And then there are the moguls, like billionaire publisher, real estate developer and recent avowed vegan Mort Zuckerman, and Steve Wynn, the Las Vegas casino magnate, who's hired a vegan chef and put vegan options in all his resort restaurants. Biz Stone, the co-founder of Twitter, also has spoken of his veganism.

Of all the high-profile vegans, though, Clinton is the biggest "catch." Advocates were thrilled and stunned when he talked about it on CNN last year, telling host Wolf Blitzer that his impressive, 24-pound weight loss was due to a largely plant-based diet — a regime he believes will prolong his life.

"I fell off my chair when I heard him talking about his almond milk smoothie," says prominent vegan chef and cookbook author Tal Ronnen, who has worked with celebrities like Winfrey and DeGeneres, and is a collaborating chef for Wynn's two Las Vegas resorts. "Someone like Bill Clinton who grew up on southern comfort food talking about his vegan diet — it shows how things are changing."

The question is, of course, how much those changes have influenced ordinary Americans. "All the exposure is absolutely having an influence," says advocate Joseph Connelly, editor and publisher of VegNews. "People can pronounce the word 'vegan' now! Five, 10 years ago they couldn't. It's nothing but positive."

But what about hard numbers? The Vegetarian Resource Group, a nonprofit education and advocacy group, does polling on the issue that indicates veganism in America is either remaining steady or, more likely, slowly rising.

The group says its latest figures show that about 5 percent of American adults are vegetarians — saying they never eat meat, fish, seafood or poultry — and that half of these vegetarians are also vegan, meaning they don't eat dairy or eggs, either. (Strict vegans also don't eat honey.)

In addition, the proportion of vegans to vegetarians seems to be going up, says Charles Stahler, co-director of the group.

"It seems to all add up," Stahler says. "It comes from different angles — the public campaigns of animal rights groups, the emergence of the health rationale, the environmental movement." There is also the issue of supply — more vegan options available in supermarkets all the time.

"There are a lot of ways that people come to it," says Ronnen, the vegan chef, who catered DeGeneres and de Rossi's wedding and supervised Winfrey's cleanse. "But I've been doing this a long time and I have never seen such a shift.

"It's no longer seen as a diet of hummus and alfalfa sprouts on some really dry healthy bread," he says. "It's not hippies preaching peace and love. Now, you have a crossover of mainstream business people and good-looking celebrities."

De Rossi certainly falls into that latter category. The actress has written about her struggles with eating disorders. Now, she says, she wants people to know about the vegan lifestyle she's adopted with DeGeneres, her wife of three years, one they've chosen out of concern for animal welfare.

In an interview, De Rossi said she had been essentially vegan when she met DeGeneres, who was a fan of meat, especially burgers. De Rossi went back to meat, but later, together, they became vegans.

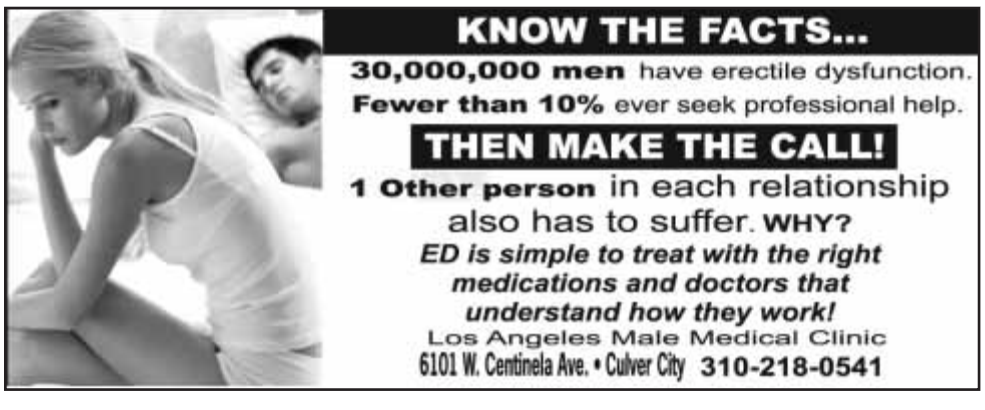
"It took a couple years, but we realized we didn't feel comfortable ethically eating meat," de Rossi says. "For animal lovers, something kind of clicks. But it doesn't really matter how you get to it, as long as you believe in why you chose a vegan diet."

De Rossi is encouraged that prominent figures like Wynn and Clinton are throwing their weight — even 24 pounds less of it, in Clinton's case — behind veganism.

"I think men in particular are taking note of Steve Wynn and Bill Clinton," she says. "They're really powerful men that people want to emulate." As for entertainment figures like herself, "we can do our part too," the actress says. "The more we can demystify the word 'vegan,' the better." She notes that all cooking segments on Degeneres' show are vegan.

But what about the cost argument — that shifting to a vegan diet is expensive and time-consuming, and often simply untenable for average Americans who, unlike stars and billionaire moguls, don't have their own private chefs?

"I get some of that," acknowledges de Rossi. "But look at the diet. Foods like beans and rice are staple foods in so many cultures. And there's so much you can buy in supermarkets now. Being vegan is not an exclusive thing. I think for people to say, 'Well, it's fine for you' — that's kind of an excuse."





NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA CITY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: Consideration of Adopting an Ordinance Amending Santa Monica Municipal Code Section 9.56.050 and Section 9.56.060 to Authorize the Establishment By Resolution of Compliance Monitoring Fees Based on the Reasonable Regulatory Costs of Ensuring Compliance with the City's Affordable Housing Production Program and of Annually Monitoring Affordable Housing Units and Consideration of Adopting a Resolution Establishing the Monitoring Fees

The City Council will hold a public hearing to consider an ordinance which would by resolution authorize the establishment of compliance monitoring fees to recover the City's reasonable regulatory costs of performing investigations and audits to ensure that affordable housing units developed in accordance with the City's Affordable Housing Production Program ("AHPP"), Santa Monica Municipal Code Chapter 9.56, comply with that Program. These compliance monitoring fees are necessary to permit the City to offset the reasonable regulatory costs associated with ensuring compliance with the AHPP and monitoring the affordable housing units when the affordable housing units are initially rented or sold, when the annual reports required by the AHPP are submitted to the City, and when the units are being reoccupied or resold. The City Council staff report accompanying the proposed ordinance and resolution will detail the tasks that City staff must undertake, the time for performing these tasks, the classification of the employees performing these tasks, their hourly rate, and the overall staff costs of ensuring compliance with the AHPP and monitoring affordable housing units. The specific compliance monitoring fees that would be established by the proposed resolution, which would be effective upon the effective date of the proposed ordinance, are as follows:

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DATE/TIME: **TUESDAY, November 22, 2011 AT 6:30 P.M.**

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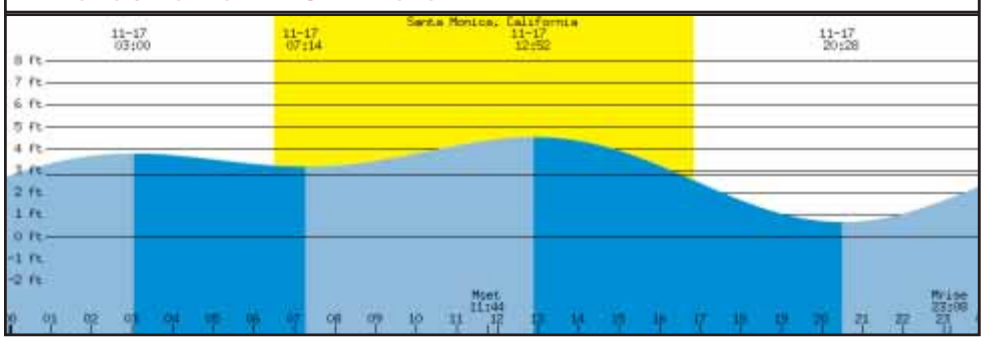
Swell Forecast

Looks smaller, about knee to maybe waist high most everywhere.

Long Range Synopsis

Is looking to start out small, but as the day progresses NW swell should fill in, possibly chest high mid day, then near head high after nightfall around west facing breaks.

Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica



BEACH REPORT CARD

NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous 30 days up to the ending date of **November 8, 2011**

HEAL THE BAY - 1444 9th Street, Santa Monica, CA 90401 - www.healthebay.org - brc@healthebay.org - 800 HEAL BAY

QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)

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

The Beach Report Card is made possible by: The Diller – von Furstenberg Family Foundation, Grousbeck Family Foundation, simplehuman, LAcarGUY, SMA

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
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	A	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	B	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	A	D
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	A+
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	B	A+
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	B	F
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	B	F
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A+	A+
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	A+
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	D
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A	ns
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A	B
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St..	A	F
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower.	F	D
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	C	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 DWW jetty).	A+	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	C	F
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant.	A	A+
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	F	F
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A	A+
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A	A+

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Los Alisa creeks.	A+	ns
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).	B	A+
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	F	A+
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A	A+
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	F	A+
Solstice Canyon at Dan Blocker County Beach.	F	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A+	A+
Marie Canyon storm drain at Pearce Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	F	A
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	A	A+
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	F	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	F	A+
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	A+
Los Flores State Beach at Los Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	A+
Big Rock Beach at 19949 PCH stairs.	F	A+
Pena Creek at Los Turnos County Beach.	A+	A+
Tuna Canyon.	A+	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	F	F
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	A+
Pearce State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	A+

LEGEND

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

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

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

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My Personnel File: Why Do I Want it and How Do I Get a Copy?

The permanent record from our youth may have been a ruse cooked up to keep children in line, but these days, we are close to having permanent records due to our rapidly all encompassing digital world. Thankfully, personnel files are not yet in digital format. While we still can, we should at least always be prepared to have access to these records to check and to fix any wrong information. We may also want access when we think we should get a raise and want to use former evaluations, client letters, or training records to get it.

The Why:

More often than not, employees do not even know how to access this information until they talk to a lawyer. And if you are talking to a lawyer about work, something's already gone wrong. Lawyers want to see what your performance record is, any personnel actions and the basis, or any other records that could help determine whether, say, a termination was legally wrongful or justifiable in light of the bigger history. Most of these employment cases turn on performance, the reason the employer gives for the termination, versus whatever you as a plaintiff will show. For example, one good way to maintain better records in your file is to put in writing what you disagree with, such as in a negative evaluation. Later when these are reviewed, and the employee has these notes, it will be more difficult for a bad employer to justify their wrongful behavior through performance issues.

Another reason to keep track is that personnel records can be subpoenaed by a third party, which is something that could happen in any type of legal action where you are involved. The law does require that you are given a notice and opportunity to object to the subpoena. If any of it is relevant to whatever legal action is happening, not necessarily even an employment case, then usually the subpoena is allowed.

The How:

There are no federal laws about these records, but California has very clear laws. Still, some employers do not know them or follow them properly so it is better to know your rights and educate your employer if needed. Here are the types of records that you are legally entitled to get: Pay Records: Employers have to keep for at least three years of your pay records and give their employees a copy within 21 days of request or face civil penalties (Labor Code 226). Personnel Files: Employers have to keep records and give you access to them within a reasonable time (Labor Code 1198.5). All documents you signed: These are the ones signed at hire or as continuing term and condition of employment (not documents signed in the course of conducting business). (Labor Code 432).

Tips: Though these requests do not have to be in writing, it is usually better so that you can keep track of the response time. Employers may have part of your personnel file in different offices. Be sure to know where yours is kept so when the time comes you know how to find it without being given the run around. Ask for or make copies of all personnel documents as they come up and hold on to the hiring paperwork so that you have your own set for comparison later.

Unemployment Benefits: Do I Qualify?

The news is not getting better about the economy and the unemployment office has to be really picky when it comes to claims. You were not laid off, but instead quit or were terminated. How can you file for unemployment and be approved? This is one of the most often asked questions from my clients. Some who are still working want to know if they should quit or wait to be terminated. The decision will vary from person to person to situation. The decision can also be personal or health related or that you just want to be out of there. Here are some legalities to consider in your decision.

The Quit:

In a situation with a quit, there is generally just one type of circumstance that will get you these benefits. If you can show that you quit because the work conditions were such that no reasonable person could be expected to work there, then you can still qualify for the benefits. This is a high standard limited to what the law requires of the workplace, such as safe conditions, free from harassment, being paid, and free from retaliation. This is not an easy showing to make and so arguments based on personality, rudeness, bad bosses, etc, will not fly.

The Termination:

Most people think that if you have been terminated, there is no unemployment for you. However, there are exceptions to this. Of course, if you have been terminated based on policy violations, gross misconduct, and other severe actions, then you are disqualified. One way to overcome that, if the facts are there, is the exception that the conduct may not have been appropriate but it was an isolated instance of poor judgment, or something excusable that happened the one time for a good reason. Criminal activity at work or assault or harassment is never excusable.

The Wrongful Termination:

If you have been "wrongfully terminated" in the legal sense, you may still qualify for unemployment. Most employees who file lawsuits have been terminated. If the facts are there for a lawsuit, then they should be there to qualify you for unemployment. You need to show that the termination was not based on whatever the employer is claiming, but because of some legal violation they have committed. For example, if you complain of sexual harassment, then a week later, you are terminated for some work issue that happened two months ago, then the termination was retaliation. When an employer retaliates for your report of a prohibited workplace activity, that employer just violated anti-retaliation laws.

Tip: If you are unemployed but develop a disability and you can't work, then you no longer qualify for unemployment. At this point, apply for State Disability Benefits. Again, these is not easy to get and you will need medical proof, but it is one safety we are lucky to have here in California.

This column was prepared by Sara Eliot, an Employment attorney. She can be reached through the Legal Grind at 310-452-8160 or referral@legal-grind.com

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4:00–5:00pm	(1st & 3rd Monday/Month) Criminal, DMV & Traffic Law: Felony and Misdemeanor Crimes, with former Deputy D.A. and Attorney Jacob Glucksman
5:00–6:00pm	(1st & 3rd Monday/Month) Tenant Rights, Auto accidents, Products Liability, Insurance & Business Disputes, Personal Injury & Small Claims with Attorney Mark Palmer
TUESDAY	
9:00-12:00noon	Patent, Trademark and Copyright Law with Attorney Marcus Risso (By appointment only)
1:00-4:00pm	Employment Law: Wrongful Termination, Sexual harassment, Disability Accommodation, Leave Law, Discrimination, Retaliation, Whistle Blower, Wage & Hour disputes with Attorney Sara Eliot
4:00-5:00pm	(1st and 3rd Tuesday/Month): Civil and Criminal Law with former Deputy District Attorney Hart Levin. Hart has expertise in all criminal and traffic issues, and he also has extensive knowledge in many areas of civil law including business disputes, fraud, personal injury and employment law.
WEDNESDAY	
5:00-6:30pm	Divorce and Legal Separation; Domestic Partnerships; Child Custody, Support and Visitation; Spousal Support; Prenuptial Agreements & Mediation with Family Law Specialist Attorney Elizabeth Fields at the Novel Café located at 2901 Ocean Park Blvd. in Santa Monica, 90405.
THURSDAY	
12:00-2:00pm	Immigration and Family Law with Attorney Galorah Keshavarz (By appointment Only)
5:00-6:00pm	Chapter 7 and 13 Bankruptcy Filings, Debt Negotiation and Personal Injury cases with Attorneys Paul Mankin and/or Jeff Hughes (By appointment Only)
4:00–5:00pm	(2nd & 4th Thursday/Month) Landlord/Tenant Rights & Obligations, Small Claims, Restraining Orders/Domestic Violence & General Practice Law with Attorney John Wittig
FRIDAY	
4:00-5:00pm	(2nd & 4th Friday/Month) Criminal, DMV & Traffic Law: Felony and Misdemeanor Crimes with former Deputy D.A. and Attorney Jacob Glucksman
4:00–5:00pm	(2nd & 4th Friday/Month) Small business start-ups, Corporations, Contracts, Non-Profit Organizations, Green Law, Employment Law, Green and Sustainable Business Practices with Attorney Becki Kammerling.
SATURDAY	
10am-12noon	(1st, 3rd, & 5th Saturday/Month) Estate Planning, Trust & Will Contests Probate, Elder Law, Business Litigation, Formation & Dissolution, Contracts, HOA & Personal Injury with Attorney Richard Ruman
10am-11:30am	(2nd & 4th Sat/Month) Employment/Labor Law including wrongful termination, sexual harassment, wage & hour claims, severance issues; and Family Law/Divorce including support, custody, & prenuptial agreements with Attorney Todd Smilovitz.

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MOVIE TIMES

Aero Theatre
1328 Montana Ave.
(310) 260-1528

Rudy (PG) 1hr 54 min
7:30pm
Discussion following with Sean Astin, Jon Favreau and director David Anspaugh.

AMC Loews Broadway 4
1441 Third Street Promenade
(888) 262-4386

Anonymous (PG-13) 2hrs 10min
5:00pm, 8:00pm

Tower Heist (PG-13) 1hr 44min
2:30pm, 5:00pm, 7:45pm

Like Crazy (PG-13) 1hr 29min
1:00pm, 3:20pm, 5:40pm, 7:50pm

Big Fix (NR) 1hr 52min
12:00pm, 2:30pm

Immortals 3D (R) 1hr 50min
2:15pm, 5:15pm, 8:15pm, 11:00pm

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

Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn - Part 1 (PG-13) 1hr 48min
12:01am

Jack and Jill (PG) 1hr 31min
11:30am, 2:00pm, 4:25pm, 7:00pm, 9:30pm

Tower Heist (PG-13) 1hr 44min
10:50am, 1:40pm, 4:15pm, 7:15pm

Puss in Boots (PG) 1hr 30min
11:15am, 1:30pm, 4:30pm, 6:45pm

Puss in Boots 3D (PG) 1hr 30min
12:05pm, 2:30pm, 4:45pm

Immortals 3D (R) 1hr 50min
10:45am, 1:45pm, 4:45pm, 7:45pm, 10:30pm

J. Edgar (R) 2hrs 17min
11:00am, 1:15pm, 2:00pm, 4:30pm, 5:00pm, 7:30pm, 8:00pm, 9:35pm

Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Sequel Event (PG-13)
9:30pm

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

Pete Smalls Is Dead (NR) 1hr 22min
1:50pm, 4:20pm, 7:00pm, 9:30pm

Margin Call (R) 1hr 49min
1:40pm, 4:30pm, 7:20pm, 9:55pm

Women on the 6th Floor (Les femmes du 6eme etage) (NR) 1hr 44min
1:55pm, 7:30pm, 10:00pm

Skin I Live In (La piel que habito) (R) 2hrs 00min
1:20pm, 4:10pm, 7:10pm, 10:00pm

Revenge of the Electric Car (NR) 1hr 30min
5:00pm

AMC Criterion 6
1313 Third St.
(310) 395-1599

Rum Diary (R) 2hrs 00min
11:55am, 2:50pm

Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn - Part 1 (PG-13) 1hr 48min
12:01am

Jack and Jill (PG) 1hr 31min
12:30pm, 3:00pm, 5:15pm, 7:45pm, 10:15pm

In Time (PG-13) 1hr 49min
10:50am, 1:30pm, 4:15pm, 7:00pm

Martha Marcy May Marlene (R) 2hrs 00min
11:30am, 2:00pm, 4:35pm, 7:10pm

Ides of March (R) 1hr 42min
11:15am, 2:10pm, 4:50pm, 7:30pm

Very Harold & Kumar 3D Christmas (R) 1hr 29min
11:45am, 2:15pm, 4:40pm, 5:30pm, 7:15pm, 7:45pm, 9:30pm

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Dinner for two tonight, Cappy

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Communication and caring merge. Nearly everyone gets it. Just don't make more of a bond than exists. If you're looking for a solution, it simply comes out of the blue. If you are single, you could be quite the flirt. Tonight: Only where the fun is.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Your home, family and security continue to be high priorities. You cannot minimize the importance of a child or loved one in your daily life. The kinder you are with an associate, the better off you will be. Visualize a desire. Tonight: Happily heading home.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ You have a very unique communication style. You cannot minimize the impact of your words and choices. Return calls; initiate meetings. You accomplish a lot with very little effort. Tonight: Hang out with friends.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ Be aware of what you have to offer. Don't underestimate yourself, which you tend to do frequently. Use an innate ability to draw others to your way of thinking. Let them find a secure you. A gesture toward a friend or loved one is much appreciated. Tonight: Treat yourself, too!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ You have impact! Your plate is full, too. Your ability to home in on the goal and the greater good helps direct a meeting and its different supporters. You have a special way of expressing your words so that others can hear them. Tonight: Make sure plans suit you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ Much is going on that isn't apparent. You might sense it, or you just might plain know. What you need to follow through on is instrumental in the long run. Do you really need the limelight? You will have it soon enough! Tonight: Much-needed time.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ Where you are is certainly where others want to be. You need to understand exactly what is happening with a key friend or loved one. Until you are at that point, a discussion might not be possible. Don't eliminate a far-out idea just because it is unusual. Tonight: Where your friends are.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Sometimes you might want to check out what it feels like to be someone else. Whether identifying with a boss or taking advantage of an opportunity to play his or her role, you gain a new perspective. Now you can use more effective ways of relating to this person. Tonight: Could go to the wee hours.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ Keep reaching out for others and gaining different ideas. As many people as you know is as many ideas that can come forward. Be open to the process. Think outside the box. Look at where you have restricted your thinking. Only then will you soar to success. Tonight: Discuss weekend plans.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ Deal directly with a key associate or a series of important people in your life. Though you might be able to do nearly the same in a meeting, you energize and connect with each person. Tonight: Dinner for two.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ Listen to others. Know that saying a simple "no" might not be as effective as letting another person try out his or her idea. You have a way of understanding the dynamics that others don't. Tonight: Say "yes."

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Toss yourself into work and see how much you accomplish. Don't settle for less than what you are capable of. Tonight: Say "yes" to an offer.

Happy birthday

People experience you at your most dynamic. You attract many people, and often the unexpected occurs. You cannot always predict a new personality. If you are single, a friend could become more, or you could meet someone through your associations. If you are attached, the two of you need to be as conscious about your friendship as you are about your love connection. LEO always adds drama to the moment.

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



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Morgan Genser *news@smdp.com*

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Speed Bump
By Dave Coverly



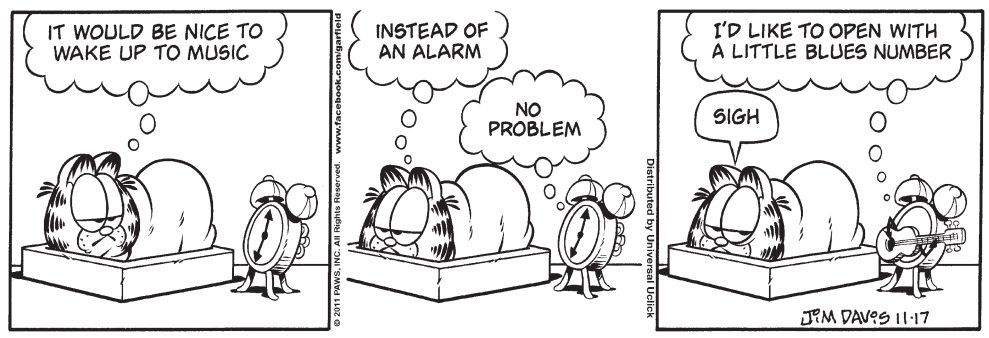
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By John Deering



Dogs of C-Kennel
By Mick and Mason Mastroianni



Garfield
By Jim Davis



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



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

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Fountain orders
6 Writer Carr
11 Alaskan native
12 Musical drama
13 Golf feat
14 Meat shunner
15 "Batman" butler
17 Dijon dance
19 Oxygen: Prefix
20 Old PC display
23 Choosing
25 Former home of the Mets
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28 Potter's stuff
29 Dog star
30 Skirt part
31 By the unit
32 AARP members
33 Useful gizmo
35 Wrinkle-treating drug
38 Notions
41 Similar
42 Slow mover
43 Drive off
44 Overly theatrical

DOWN

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3 Defendant's group
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5 Singer Gwen
6 Book feature
7 Mimicked
8 Trip segment
9 Important time
10 Outlaw
16 Entertained
17 "Garden of Earthly Delights" painter
18 Tell target
20 School board users
21 Broadcast again
22 Breaks
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25 Ave. crossers
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31 Screen dot
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34 Writer Ferber
35 Soap unit
36 Pamplona cry
37 Pointer
39 Prepare to fire
40 Crafty

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Yesterday's answer

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• Each empty square dictates the math operation that must be performed to meet the demands.

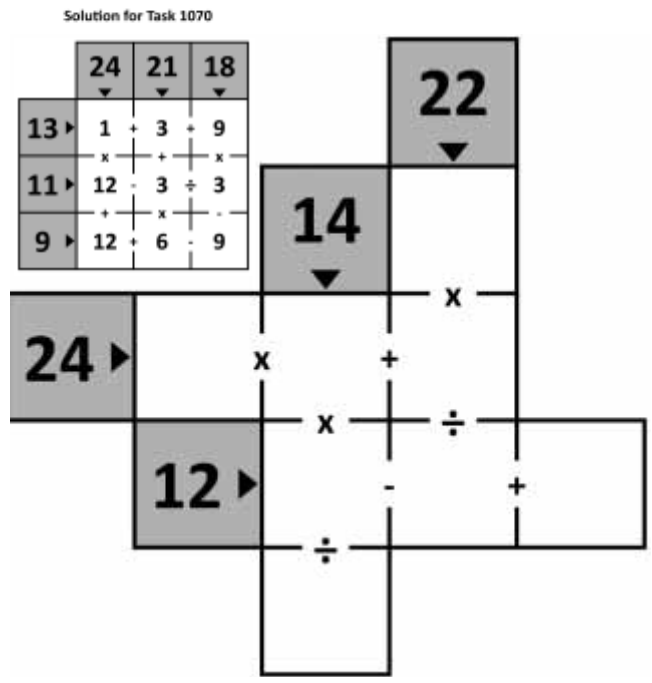
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Fill in the empty fields with the given numbers so when calculated together they satisfy all Equas in the gray boxes:

1, 6, 6, 7, 11, 11, 12, 12

Solution for Task 1070



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SUPER LOTTO PLUS: 21 22 25 28 43 Meganumber: 12 Jackpot: $7M

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Too Soon? An 11-year-old California boy and a 7-year-old Georgia girl have recently decided -- with parental support -- to come out as the other gender. The boy, Tommy, wants more time to think about it, said his lesbian parents, and has begun taking hormone blockers to make his transition easier should he follow through with plans (first disclosed at age 3) to become "Tammy." The McIntosh County, Ga., girl has been living as a boy for a year, said father Tommy Theollyn, a transgendered man who is actually the one who gave birth. Theollyn petitioned the school board in September (unsuccessfully) to allow the child to use the boys' bathroom. Theollyn said the girl first noticed she was a boy at age 18 months.

■ Recurring Theme: Italian men are notorious "bamboccionis" ("big babies") who exploit doting mothers by remaining in their family homes well into adulthood, sometimes into their 30s or later, expecting meals and laundry service. Many mothers are tolerant, but in September an elderly couple in the town of Mestre announced (through a consumer association) that if their 41-year-old, gainfully employed son did not meet a deadline for leaving, the association would file a lawsuit to evict him. (A news update has not been found, perhaps indicating that the son moved out.)

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