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THE LEFT OUT ONCE AGAIN ISSUE

## Districtwide fundraising model heads to vote

**BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD**
Daily Press Staff Writer

SMMUSD HDQTRS The Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Board of Education on Thursday agreed to move forward with a vote that could change the face of fundraising, despite calls from parents to wait until the details of the proposal are worked out.

The decision came after more than four hours of public testimony from approximately 100 speakers, a Board of Education record, school district officials said.

The vote, scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 29, will determine whether or not the district moves to a centralized fundraising model and prohibits Parent Teacher Associations from raising money to pay for personnel and programs at school sites instead of just educational supplies and assemblies.

At present, PTAs at each school site pro-

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ON THE LOOKOUT: **Sunset Park resident Lloyd Saunders observes prop planes from Santa Monica Airport-based flight schools practicing take-offs and landings on Friday.**

## Not flying so high

### Groups of residents work to shut down SMO as 2015 approaches

**BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD**
Daily Press Staff Writer

SMO On a clear day, when the sun shines brightly over Southern California and glints cool blue off the Pacific Ocean, an observer can likely find Lloyd Saunders at Santa Monica Airport.

Saunders, a Sunset Park resident, finds a rare bit of shade and watches as the small planes that populate the general aviation airport come and go.

If a plane touches down, scoots along and noses its way back into the air, he marks down the number displayed prominently on the plane's tail along with the time.

He brings a pair of binoculars with him, in case the number is tough to make out.

"That's the third one," Saunders said last month, writing down the number

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## State Parks puts dog beach plan in the kennel

**BY KEVIN HERRERA**
Editor in Chief

SM BEACH Officials with California State Parks are not going to allow City Hall to establish a dog beach in Santa Monica where canines could play in the surf and sand without a leash, city officials said.

In a report to the City Council published on City Hall's website this week, Beach Administrator Judith Meister said during a telephone conference with key members of State Parks it became clear that they would not change a policy that bans off-leash dog areas on state beaches.

While Santa Monica State Beach is operated by City Hall, it is still owned by the state. A California code prohibits unleashed dogs on state beaches without an order from a California State Parks superintendent.

"State Parks staff offered to continue discussions with the city about this issue; however, in light of staff reductions and budget cuts at the state level, it was made clear that there was no chance for a pilot program to move forward at this time," Meister wrote in her report. "While this is disappointing news for dog beach advocates, staff have determined that further work on this issue will not result in a positive outcome … ."

Roy Stearns, a spokesman with State Parks, told the Daily Press Friday that a telephone conference with Deputy Director Tony Perez and Southern Division Chief Ronie Clark and city staff did take place and their concerns still remained the same as those stated during a previous attempt in 2005 to establish a dog beach.

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# What's Up Westside

## OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

### 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.

### Sunday, Nov. 20, 2011

**Holiday concert**
First United Methodist Church in Santa Monica
1008 11th St., 4 p.m.
The Verdi Chorus opens its 2011-12 season by traveling musically to "Spain and Beyond." The Santa Monica College Chamber Choir will present their holiday concert "Gloria" with music from Baroque throughout the performance. Tickets are $10. For more information call (310) 434-3005 or visit www.smc.edu/eventsinfo.

**Music in black and white**
Santa Monica High School
600 Olympic Blvd., 4 p.m.
The Los Angeles Youth Orchestra with Russell Steinberg present "Eagles and Dragons: Music Exploring Light and Dark, Heaven and Hell." This construct of contrasts presents symphonic arrangements of a variety of pieces, from Beethoven's "Symphony No. 2" to Paul Simon's "America." For more information, call (310) 571-5296 or visit www.losangelesyouthorchestra.org.

### Monday, Nov. 21, 2011

**A guest at the guest house**
Annenberg Community Beach House
415 Pacific Coast Hwy., 11 a.m. — 1 p.m.
Explore the grounds, and the history, of the Marion Davies Guest House in this weekly tour, guided by a Santa Monica Conservancy docent. Cost: free. Tours are approximately 30 minutes. For more information, call (310) 458-4904 or visit www.annenbergbeachhouse.com.

**Shall we dance?**
Senior Center
1450 Ocean Ave., 2 p.m. — 4 p.m.
Senior Center ballroom dances always feature live music and refreshments, but most importantly, it's the friendly folks who just want to dance that will make sure you have a good time. Cost: $2.50. Must be a Senior Center member to participate. Membership is free to all ages 50 and up. For more information, call (310) 458-8644.

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## CORRECTION

In the story "Santa Monica-UCLA hospital goes smoke free" that appeared in the Nov. 18 edition of the Daily Press, Dr. Timothy Fong should have been identified as a member of UCLA's smoke-free transition team.

# Vegan eateries play down the 'v word'

**KELLI KENNEDY**
Associated Press

MIAMI When vegan bakery BabyCakes NYC recently opened a satellite shop in downtown Disney World, honesty wasn't a virtue. The shop's teal signs touting their dairy- and egg-free treats proved too much for the mostly middle American, indulgent vacationers passing by.

"It was more of a repellant," said owner Erin McKenna. "People were just walking away."

Within a few days, the scary 'v' word on the sign was made much smaller. And soon, unsuspecting walk-in customers were gushing over agave sweetened vanilla cupcakes with lemon frosting and chocolate whoopie pies, unaware they were made sans eggs, milk and butter.

McKenna took the same approach when she opened her New York bakery in 2005 — letting the desserts, rather than the vegan message, speak for themselves.

"I didn't want people to automatically write us off and not come in," said McKenna, who also has a bakery in Los Angeles. "I was confident the stuff I was making was good enough to compete with other stuff on the market."

Celebrity vegans like Lea Michele and Alicia Silverstone might help boost the lifestyle as a sexy new food trend, but for many Americans veganism remains a turnoff, conjuring images of political zealots, hippie lentil loaves and hockey puck pastries.

It's one reason vegan restaurants and bakeries are increasingly finding success by downplaying what they don't include on the menu.

But vegan food also has evolved, with vegan cupcakes taking top prize on Food Network's "Cupcake Wars" and restaurants like Candle 79, an upscale New York vegan eatery, serving Moroccan spiced chickpea cake with red pepper-coconut curry and date-apricot-ginger chutney.

It doesn't matter if the "meatloaf" or cake is vegan so long as it tastes amazing, said Harry Balzer, chief industry analyst for The NPD Group, a consumer marketing research firm. Marketing a delicious cake or promoting that your restaurant offers the most diverse flavors will grow a business, not hocking them as vegan.

When Ann Gentry opened Real Food

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LOCKED UP: **Bike riders on Friday check out the new, $2 million Santa Monica Bike Center located on the corner of Colorado Avenue and Second Street.**

# Downtown home to largest bike center in U.S.

**BY KEVIN HERRERA**
Editor in Chief

SECOND STREET Those who use their bikes to get to work Downtown will be able to safely secure their wheels and freshen up before heading to the office thanks to the new, $2 million Santa Monica Bike Center, the largest, full-service bike facility of its kind in the nation.

City and county officials held a ribbon cutting ceremony Friday to celebrate what they called a "major new amenity" for bike commuters and recreational riders. Two ground-floor bike center locations in the Santa Monica Place parking structures feature nearly 5,300 square feet of dedicated space and nearly 360 secure bicycle parking spaces, plus bathrooms, showers and lockers.

Not only will people be able to park their bikes, visitors will also be able to repair them. And those who do not own a bike can rent one for the day or for just a few hours, depending on the need. Prices range from $20 for two hours to $55 for an entire day, depending on the type of bike desired. There are mountain bikes, handcycles and tandems by Trek, one of the world's most trusted bike manufacturers.

Those who already have a bike and commute regularly can become members of the center for a monthly or yearly fee ranging from $15 a month to $299 a year, which includes a locker and clean towels.

"Santa Monica is rapidly transforming itself into a world-class city of bicycling," said Mayor Richard Bloom. "This new bike center, built from scratch into a major development site will provide commuters and recreational riders with all the amenities they need to better access Downtown Santa Monica car-free."

The two bike center locations are located near the planned terminus of the Exposition Light Rail Line Phase II, scheduled to open in 2015, and major Metro and Big Blue Bus stops, as well as popular tourist destinations like the Santa Monica Pier and Third Street Promenade. The Santa Monica Bike Center is a key piece of the transportation puzzle, officials said, as it will help move people through the city without having them add to traffic congestion and parking woes.

"The Santa Monica Bike Center fulfills Metro's mission to fund bikeway projects that establish key linkages to transit hubs throughout Los Angeles County," said L.A. Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, Metro Board chair. "It is exactly the type of project our region needs to help make L.A. a more bike-friendly community."

The project received $1.5 million from Metro as part of its 2007 Call For Projects Program, which allocates discretionary federal, state and local transportation funds to improve all modes of surface transportation, including bikeway improvements.

The Bike Center is recycled from auto parking: 27 auto parking spaces were previously located in the areas that now house the Bike Center.

Perry's bike rentals will help run the center along with Segway Los Angeles and Bike & Park, a national organization that encourages people to get out of their cars and on their bikes. It has partnered with three bike centers, including one in

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### No-fly zones over schools

**Editor:**

This past Saturday, I was at water polo practice at Santa Monica High School with my 7-year-old son. At 10:34 a.m., an extremely low-flying jet flew right over Samohi. I was unable to hear other people speaking, and who knows what pollution/exhaust was dropped on us.

It seems completely irresponsible for any plane to fly over Santa Monica public schools, impacting the kids' ability to hear their lessons, exposing them to leaded fuel/jet exhaust, and creating an unnecessary safety risk. I'm shocked that the pilots are not working harder to avoid flying over public schools. Surely there are additional things the city could do to incentivize these pilots to behave better. Maybe a "pilot awareness" program needs to be implemented at Santa Monica Airport. Perhaps the pilots are unaware of what they are doing. I'm sure that most (maybe all) pilots want to avoid exposing public school children to unnecessary risk and jet exhaust/leaded fuel pollution.

**Lisa Hughes**
Santa Monica

### Close the California border

**Editor:**

I am writing about the article that appeared in the Nov. 14 edition of the Santa Monica Daily Press entitled "Singing for his supper."

For too long people have seen California as the Golden State. Overpopulaton, illegal immigration and people from other states have ruined California. Those of us that have lived all our lives here and lost jobs to illegals and others are fed up. It is time for the CHP or state National Guard to close out borders and say no more. This is where we get a lot of the homeless, from outside of California.

**Bob Johnson**
Santa Monica

### Good riddance

**Editor:**

Paul Schnee suggests cutting funds to the Palestinians every time they attack Israelis ("Extraordinary claims," Letters to the Editor, Nov. 16). He is partly right. We should eliminate funding to the Palestinians completely. As well as eliminating it to the Israelis. Both sides claim the same lands, insisting their God gave it to them. Until a voice booms out from the sky saying who gets which land, they are both lying about what God says.

These idiots have been killing each other for centuries, they are not worth the money, our tax money. Cut our losses once and for all. If people want to give them their own money, let them, but remove any tax deductions they may get out of it. If those idiots of both sides still insist on killing each other, let them, good riddance to both of them.

**Mike Kirwan**
Venice, Calif.




## On the Beat

**NRO Artis Williams** — **Send comments to editor@smdp.com**

# Not a happy camper

Q: FOR THE PAST THREE WEEKS I HAVE noticed a car parked on my block and there is someone sleeping in it overnight. During the day, the owner leaves the car parked on the street and returns to it in the evening. I have walked by the car several times and I can see a sleeping bag, clothing and food in the car. The car has been parked in the same place for three weeks and only moves when the street sweeper comes by. I think this person may be living in his car; is this illegal in Santa Monica?

I've heard there was a "camping law" in Santa Monica but what exactly constitutes camping? Is there a difference between someone camping in a vehicle versus someone camping on the beach or in the park? How does the Santa Monica Police Department handle this issue?

A: Unfortunately, many cities across the country have seen an increase in individuals (and sometimes families) that have recently lost their homes due to financial reasons. Many people have been sleeping in their vehicles while parked in public lots or on the street in certain areas. The Santa Monica Police Department looks at a call like this as an opportunity for outreach, and would more than likely seek to first find out if the person in the car could benefit from resources to help him/her get into a shelter. We actually have a unit of six officers and a sergeant who work the Homeless Liaison Program (HLP) Unit who dedicate themselves to working with city staff and other service providers to help the homeless get much-needed resources. They can be reached at (310) 458-8953.

Your questions deal with several different laws here in Santa Monica. First, City Hall has an ordinance that prohibits camping in public places.

Santa Monica Municipal Code 4.08.095 states:

1. No person shall camp in a prohibited public place.

2. For the purpose of this Section:

1. "Camp" means to erect, maintain or occupy a camp facility for the purpose of living accommodations.

2. "Camp Facility" means one or more of the following: tents, huts, other temporary physical shelters, cots, beds, sleeping bags, hammocks or bedrolls.

3. "Prohibited public place" means any of the following: the public parks listed in Section 4.08.091*, public beaches, the Santa Monica Municipal Pier, public streets, public alleyways, public parking lots, public passageways, public rights-of-way, publicly-owned landscaped areas or greenbelts, public educational institutions including properties owned by the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District or Santa Monica College, or other government-owned properties located within Santa Monica.

Now let's look at what you are experiencing on your block.

For the example you gave, the person may be in violation of the camping ordinance. An officer can be called to make that determination, and also can use that opportunity to refer the person to resources that can assist him or her with their particular situation.

Now, not everybody sleeping in a vehicle is in violation of the camping ordinance. There may be some instances where a person may become stranded (due to mechanical issues) or may be too tired to drive and may pull over to get some rest before continuing on their drive. When an officer responds to a citizen complaint of camping or observes what he/she may be someone camping, the officer takes the totality of the circumstances in account when enforcing the camping ordinance.

There is another issue that has to be considered in this example — a vehicle that is parked or left standing on a public street for more than 72 or more consecutive hours may be impounded. California Vehicle Code 22651(k) states:

"When a vehicle is parked or left standing upon a highway for 72 or more consecutive hours in violation of a local ordinance authorizing removal."

The Santa Monica Municipal Code 3.12.990 states:

"Any vehicle which had been parked or left standing on any street, alley or public way for a period longer than 72 consecutive hours may be removed."

In this case where the car only moves on days of street sweeping, there is another ordinance to possibly enforce as well.

If you have someone in your neighborhood who you believe may be in violation of the camping ordinance, give the SMPD a call at (310) 458-8491. The Santa Monica Police Department not only enforces the ordinance (advise, cite or arrest when necessary), but officers also work with other agencies to connect people with various programs and services when available. The SMPD has teamed up with St. Joseph's Center, West Coast Care, OPCC and the CLARE Foundation to connect individuals with services and shelters to assist them in getting back on track to healthier, more productive lives.

*Public parks listed in Section 4.08.091 are:

Ashland Park, Beach Park 1, Beach Park 4 (Lifeguard Headquarters), Clover Park, Crescent Bay Park, Douglas Park, Hotchkiss Park, Joslyn Park, Christine Emerson Reed Park, Los Amigos Park, Marine Park, Memorial Park, Ocean View Park, Ozone Park, Pacific Street Park, Palisades Park, Park Drive Park, Schader Park, Stewart Park and Virginia Park.

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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.**

This past week, Q-line asked:
**Do you think 14 to 35 percent is possible, or do you think it's unrealistic?**
Here are your responses:

"I HOPE THAT 14 TO 35 PERCENT IS possible and realistic. The real problem is, do you feel safe riding a bike in Santa Monica? As a whole, lifelong bicycle rider, and now an older bicycle rider, I don't feel safe on the streets yet. Maybe it will come to pass, maybe things will improve. We should be able to have 14 to 35 percent of all trips made on bicycles by 2030. Let's go for it!"

"THIS ISN'T AMSTERDAM. BIKES ON main thoroughfares are a hazard to cars, to pedestrians, because they ride on the sidewalk, and especially to themselves."

"LET ME GET THIS STRAIGHT: BICYCLISTS and City Hall want to cause more gridlock by adding bike lanes for the few, while causing the majority to be even later, pollute more, and waste more fuel and resources? I'll remember that."

"HEY BIKE RIDERS, BELIEVE IT OR NOT, some of us live in the real world, have real jobs we need to hold on to, and need to get to our exact destination as quickly as possible. We can't be tootling around aimlessly with our head in the clouds at will like you do."

"BIKE RIDERS ARE PROVEN TO BE UTOPIAN dreamers, elitists and blatant law breakers. They dub themselves as saviors of the environment, and therefore, allowed to do and act however they want. No one seems to realize that light rail buses and bicycles will never ever be able to get you from point A to as near to point B, provide convenient cargo capacity and give you and your family climate control like a personal automobile. The senior citizen population and number of handicapped are skyrocketing, the vast majority of which will never be bike riders. The city and its wild, out-of-control development make it more dangerous for bike riders every day. Give it up and face it, the dream of Santa Monica being a quiet, bike-friendly beach town, failed long ago thanks to big money."

"IF THE PLAN IS DONE RIGHT BY INCLUDING advice from people who use bicycles and input from the ones that think that they are too dangerous, 14 percent would be the highest number that I would predict, as we do not know how many residents we will have by 2030. There are many things to consider. First the bicycle was new technology in the latter part of the 19th century. So are we progressing back to the 19th century? Will horses come next? Council members would set a great example if they would bike to meetings starting at the next council meeting. Then you would have them on the front page and we would all be inspired to think about it seriously. It is only the time-honored value of expecting them to practice what they preach. Also are our many seniors over 60 expected to bike also? It seems impractical even in the most objective sense. But it is worth a try."

"NO — BIKES WILL NEVER BE 14 TO 35 percent of all trips, but buses could be. If City Hall really wants to decrease car trips, they need to improve public transportation within the city. Bicycles are not the answer — many people cannot ride bicycles. But when bus stops are moved away from corners where people need to get off, or to make connections to other bus lines, and moved to inconvenient and unsafe areas, bus riders will look for other means of getting around. Cutting bus service within the city to residents of Santa Monica will make residents use cars, and thus, take their business out of Santa Monica. Bus riders are not organized and vocal like bike riders, and thus they are being ignored. Bus stops have also been removed from in front of Santa Monica Place Mall and replaced with valet parking on all four sides, indicating cars are very welcome, but bus riders are not."

"ALL WE HEAR IS COMPLAINTS ABOUT bikes. Bikes are always riding on sidewalks or on the wrong side of the bike path. Our ridiculous city can't seem to put up any sensible signs on the bike path at the beach. Pedestrians, dogs and children walk at the beach in fear of being hit. Sometimes they are racing along the sidewalks oblivious to little old ladies walking. After dark there are so many bike riders riding around our town already with no lights. Sometimes they have a back light with no front light, but usually they have no lights. This is dangerous for both bike riders and cars who swerve around trying to avoid them. Many bikers seem to ignore stop signs and even red lights. Our city is so incompetent at everything and now they want many more bikes! Before our City Council of clowns pushes for lots more bikes, we need to solve all the bike problems we already have."

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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.

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## Tour De Feast

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# Wolf sighting on Abbott Kinney



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OWNERS: **Kris Tominaga and Brian Dunsmoor.**

WITH A KALEIDOSCOPIC ARRANGEMENT of food trucks, trendy clubs, and upstart restaurants, Abbot Kinney Boulevard in Venice, just outside of Santa Monica, is a great place to venture and try something new. Catching wind of a restaurant opening was enough to ride the bike over to see what was going down.

The name of the restaurant, in a total departure from the über trendy, one word, one syllable, seemingly obligatory spectacle that has overtaken the restaurant and club scene, business partners, head chefs, and longtime friends Brian Dunsmoor and Kris Tominaga went with something totally opposite — Wolf In Sheep's Clothing. The cuisine is a departure from both chef's backgrounds as well, which is in fine dining. Both chefs agree that foams and purees in the shape of swans are not in this restaurant's future.

Chef Brain explained to me that Wolf In Sheep's Clothing can be best described as non-pretentious, country-style comfort food, as he breaded a piece of head cheese ready for the fryer.

"It's not fat kid food, either," chimed in Chef Kris

He elaborated having a good relationship with local growers, Farmers' Market vendors, and never flying in produce is essentially the restaurant's mantra. With almost all of their wine and beer coming from California, the restaurant is keeping their libations in state as well.

"The soul of our food is good, simple ingredients, and keeping it super local," said Chef Brian.

Over countless coffees, beers, and years of collaborating, their dream has finally come to fruition. For these two Venice natives it was really Abbot Kinney or bust. With the soft opening, November showcases a taste of what is to come. Their full menu and official opening will happen in December. If you want to take a bite out of Wolf In Sheep's Clothing, come on down to Venice and they will be happy to find you a seat.

**MICHAEL** can be seen riding around town on his bike. To reach him visit his Twitter at twitter.com/greaseweek or his website at tourdefeast.net

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# Providing warmth through the holidays

**BY KEVIN HERRERA**
Editor in Chief

OCEAN AVE Keith Roberts, the executive chef at Loews Santa Monica Beach Hotel, is someone whom I have been following over the last year or so as he has added his own flavor and strict standards to the hotel's kitchen and restaurant, Ocean & Vine. He has a real passion for food that always seems to come through when we chat. He's genuine and very giving of his time, which I appreciate.

I recently had the pleasure of speaking with him the other day at the book signing for "The Culinary Canine," which is chock full of recipes by local chefs, including Roberts, who craft gourmet meals for their dogs. He agreed to provide me the recipe for one of his favorite dishes for the holidays — an apple and cheddar soup.

"The soup reminds me of holiday ski trips with my family when we would have hot apple cider and warm cheese soup," said the soft-spoken chef, who can often be seen at one of the local Farmers' Markets stocking up on fresh, organic ingredients. "I blended the two together and added some new touches to play with the flavors."

In addition to the cheddar soup, Roberts hooked me up with the recipe for one of my favorite dishes — Santa Monica chili — now available on the hotel's lunch menu. If you haven't tried it, you are missing out.



Photo courtesy Loews Santa Monica

FRESH: **Loews Santa Monica Beach Hotel Executive Chef Keith Roberts samples strawberries at the Downtown Farmers' Market.**

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# Let someone else slave over a hot stove

**BY DAILY PRESS STAFF**

CITYWIDE The weather outside is far from frightful in Santa Monica where beachfront hotels, world-class restaurants and award-winning Farmers' Markets make it an ideal place to celebrate the holiday season.

With farm-to-table cuisine and cocktails, it's no wonder Zagat has named Santa Monica the best place for dining in all of Southern California for two consecutive years.

So this year, instead of slaving away in the kitchen cooking Thanksgiving dinner, check out a local hotel or restaurant and spend more time chatting with the family instead of wrestling with the bird.

Here's a list of some of what's available in the city by the sea:

• Locanda del Lago (www.lagosantamonica.com) has been situated on the Third Street Promenade for over 20 years, giving the restaurant front row views of the two weekly Downtown Farmers' Markets for years. It's no wonder Locanda del Lago will feature an apple tortelloni at Thanksgiving dinner made with apples from the market — $49 three courses, $59 four courses, $20 optional wine pairings; tax and gratuity not included. Offered from 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.

• Catch at Hotel Casa del Mar (www.hotelcasadelmar.com) offers gluten-free menus to enjoy with ocean views from their dining room, and Casa Del Mar will feature gluten-free holiday cookies for diners this season. Catch's Executive Chef Jason Bowlin, who is also a surfer, has created menus for the holidays featuring sustainable seafood and Farmers' Market fresh ingredients.

• At Loews Santa Monica Beach Hotel (www.santamonicaloewshotel.com), guests can enjoy breathtaking ocean views and holiday cheer in the lobby lounge with an inspired menu of small bites like roast pork taquitos, candy cane and peppermint shrimp, turkey rhubarb and roasted pumpkin seed on lavash crisps. On Thanksgiving Day, indulge in an exquisite Champagne brunch with made-to-order omelets and waffles, gourmet eggs Benedict and grilled cheese stations, sushi and raw bar selections, carving stations featuring Thanksgiving favorites, a lavish dessert display and more. $74 for adults, $37 for children. Reservations available from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Its restaurant Ocean & Vine will also be serving a four course, prix-fixe dinner with maple roasted turkey and seasonal favorites — $44 per person. Reservations available from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.

• To toast the season, Santa Monica celebrity chef Michael McCarty has a new Farm-to-Glass mixology program at the newly renovated dining bar/lounge at Michael's (www.michaelssantamonica.com). Mixologist Jason Robey features fresh seasonal herbs and fruits grown on the new rooftop garden along with fresh produce from the Santa Monica Farmers' Market, which celebrated it's 30th anniversary this year.

• FIG restaurant at Fairmont (www.fairmont.com/santamonica) will encourage diners to manage portion sizes with a "leftovers first" Thanksgiving menu featuring creative twists on traditional dishes — think turkey tacos, quinoa stuffing and potato and chorizo empanadas.

• On the oceanfront, Santa Monica's legendary restaurant The Lobster (www.thelobster.com) offers guests pairs of the freshest catch alongside vegetables and legumes from area farms. Dishes like steamed American lobster with sautéed Swiss chard and Weiser Farms heirloom potatoes and grilled wild Alaskan king salmon with Rutiz Farms fava beans and fiddlehead ferns celebrate the many flavors of Santa Monica.

• At Santa Monica Place's newly opened True Food Kitchen (www.truefoodkitchen.com), new seasonal dishes developed in partnership with Dr. Andrew Weil have been introduced. Tempting appetizers like roasted beet and mozzarella agrodolce, gluten-free harvest chopped salad and vegan organic tomato, roasted kale pizza provide a healthy complement to the holiday shopping experience.

For those who still would like to cook, but need some assistance, check out The Market at Santa Monica Place.

• The Gourmandise School of Sweets & Savories inside The Market will have its baking hotline available — (310) 656-8800 — for all those Thanksgiving emergencies! They will also offer a gluten-free class on Nov. 22 at 6:30 p.m. For $75, you can learn gluten-free recipes from pastry Chef Hadley Hughes. There will also be two pie workshops on Nov. 23. Just bring two pie tins and they'll teach you the rest.

For more information, go to thegourmandiseschool.com.

• The Curious Palate will be making delicious sides to help you out as well. Enjoy staples like mac-n-cheese, sweet potatoes whipped with maple rum butter and buttermilk biscuits. Call (310) 395-2901 to order.

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## RECIPES
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### Apple and cheddar soup
Ingredients:
3 Gala apples, small
1 1/2 Granny Smith apples, large
2 1/2 tablespoons butter, unsalted
3 stalks celery
1/2 teaspoon, fresh thyme, chopped
1 1/2 tablespoons vegetable bouillon powder
3 cups extra sharp white cheddar cheese, grated
2 teaspoons salt
1 cup heavy cream
1 cup apple cider
3/4 teaspoon Champagne vinegar
Yield: 6

Method:
Place all ingredients in a large stainless steel sauce pot and bring to a boil on high heat, simmer on low heat for 10 minutes, stirring occasionally to prevent burning. Puree with a hand mixer in pot until smooth. Ladle into bowl and garnish with white cheddar crisp.

### White cheddar crisps
Ingredients:
12 tablespoons all-purpose flour
1 cup extra sharp white cheddar cheese
pinch of salt
pinch of ground cayenne pepper
pinch of ground nutmeg
8 tablespoons butter, unsalted

Method:
Heat the cheese until almost melted then blend with all other ingredients. Roll dough into 1.25-inch wide tube and refrigerate until firm. Slice very thin and place on baking sheet and bake at 350 until brown on edges.

### Santa Monica chili
Serves 1 portion
Ingredients:
2 oz shrimp — rock
3 oz (one each) scallops — Day Boat
1 oz jumbo lump crabmeat
1/4 tsp. garlic peeled, minced
2 oz chablis cooking
1 oz butter unsalted
5 each fava beans, peeled and blanched
1/4 tsp. salt
1/4 tsp. black pepper, ground
1 tsp. (1/2 large lemon) lemon juice
pinch of crushed chili flakes
1/2 oz olive oil

Method:
Heat olive oil in medium fry pan and sear scallops until well browned on both sides, transfer to tray or pan and place in medium oven to complete cooking while stew is finished. In same fry pan sauté rock shrimp and salt pepper and chili flakes over high heat for 30 seconds, add crab, fava beans and white wine and simmer for 1 minute then remove from the heat and stir in butter. Pour into soup bowl or tureen and top with the seared scallop now cut in half. Serve with toast point or crouton.



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## FUNDING

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vide 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 parents to in effect hire staff comes fraught with difficulties, including personnel that don't fit into the broader picture of the district's educational mission, said Superintendent Sandra Lyon.

"It's not necessarily in line with whatever the district's educational services department piece in," she said. "The other issue is that you do create permanent employees."

Instead, large-scale fundraising for staff positions would occur through the Santa Monica-Malibu Education Foundation, a 29-year-old nonprofit that already raises money for programs throughout the district.

Under the new proposal, districtwide fundraising will apply first to elementary schools, and later expand to include secondary schools, Lyon said.

The change would alleviate problems with corporate giving and funds committed for existing projects at some high school campuses, Lyon said.

If accepted, Lyon would create an advisory committee by January 2012 to meet with districts who successfully made the transition and study issues and details of implementation.

Suggestions would be presented for consideration by spring 2012, with full implementation expected by fall 2013.

Although the committee will be looking at districts who have had success with the model, SMMUSD and its advisory committee will have room for flexibility.

"There are enough creative minds in Santa Monica and Malibu to come up with something better than other districts," Lyon said, eliciting applause from the audience which had long since filled up the main chamber and two adjacent rooms.

Speakers fell into four categories: those vehemently opposed to the proposition and want it scrapped, those in favor and urge passage post haste, and those either for or against the basic proposal who want to see the details of the plan before the board launches the policy.

Opponents warned board members that requiring parents to give to the Education Foundation rather than individual schools would have a chilling effect on donations, sapping schools of much-needed funding.

Worse, it could alienate large donors, who could choose to instead send their children to private schools.

The top 6 percent of Malibu fundraisers account for 50 percent of the funds raised, Malibu parents told the board.

Furthermore, the district hadn't proved its ability to manage the Equity Fund, a smaller pot of money established in 2004 with the idea of creating parity between the schools.

"If we can't trust you with 15 percent, how can we trust you with 100?" asked parent Charlene Underhill-Miller.

Proponents, like land use attorney and former district parent Chris Harding, framed the question as a matter of civil rights, and one that couldn't be stalled to plot out the details.

"With respect to the issue of the policy before you, it's critically important that you vote your core values," Harding, who is married to school board member Laurie Lieberman, told the board. "This is a progressive city, a progressive school board and this is a core civil rights issue. We didn't delay in implementing civil rights policy until all the details had been worked out."

He urged the board to adopt the policy and begin crafting implementation.

Forces within the district were not as supportive.

Cynthia Torres, a member of the district's Financial Oversight Committee (FOC) and chair of its revenue enhancement ad hoc committee, told board members that the FOC may be "concerned" with a policy change that could impact revenues.

"We are very concerned about the implementation of the proposed policy change and caution the board against adopting a policy without knowing how it would work in practice," she said. "The details are critically important and need to be fully vetted by knowledgeable stakeholders via an advisory committee that includes school sites and others with experience to offer, including the FOC."

She also suggested that the timeline for implementation be a full two to three years, and that the district build a contingency fund in case the effort failed.

At midnight, board members took over the conversation.

Vice President Ben Allen questioned Lyon about her proposed timeline.

"(Other districts) did not do it as you're proposing, and in others they did," Allen said. "What was your rationale in terms of the timeline proposal?"

It's momentum, Lyon said.

"The hardest thing is to get moving," Lyon said. "My feeling and my sense is that to get that directionality going, we would start with policy and change the thinking about how to organize centralized fundraising."

After adoption is when the community outreach part will take place.

The district isn't trying to force absolute equality on schools. Even if the district enforces parity of programming on schools, PTA funding will still create differences between the schools, Lyon told board members.

"We're not eliminating parents' ability to raise money for individual schools," Lyon said. "They will have inequities."

Board members agreed to bring the item to a vote, which will be held at a special meeting on Nov. 29.

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## VEGAN
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Daily in Santa Monica nearly 20 years ago, the menu advertised it's offerings as organic vegetarian, even though everything they served actually was vegan. Vegetarians generally avoid meat, but will consume dairy and eggs.

"Nobody was using the word 'vegan'," said Gentry.

When she opened a second restaurant in West Hollywood five years later, the sign boldly showcased "organic vegan cuisine."

"I came out and said it and really it didn't change anything," said Gentry, who is expanding to another location at Los Angeles International Airport and is refurbishing the West Hollywood storefront. Gentry is considering dropping the vegan tag because the restaurant name "says it all and we have a reputation and we don't have to justify who we are."

"Most of who we serve are people that aren't necessarily vegan or vegetarian. They're looking for really good healthy food in a great environment," she said.

Recently, Ingrid Newkirk, president of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, stumbled upon a Las Vegas bakery with decadent looking sweets in glass cases. But she assumed few, if any of the options would be dairy-free.

"There was no sign that noted anything at all about the v word," said Newkirk, who happily discovered many desserts at the Red Velvet Cafe were vegan and promptly devoured some tiramisu.

"I don't hold it against businesses who are trying not only to sell to the choir... but are trying to sell to ultra-conservatives that are hesitant ever to try Ethiopian food or a samosa or a vegan anything because that's not what they're used to," said NewKirk.

Ronald's Donuts in Las Vegas serves a mix of regular and vegan doughnuts, but doesn't advertise the vegan options. The eatery, which opened nearly 20 years ago, has developed a cult-like following in the vegan community.

"We've developed a lot of vegan customers. They come from everywhere, out of country, out of town," said Janie Kang, whose husband owns the restaurant. Her vegan brother experimented with a doughnut recipe using soy shortening and swapping fresh yeast for eggs to help the doughnuts rise.

Balzer says diners are dietary explorers, "but only new versions of things we already know, not things we don't know."

That's why Christopher's Kitchen in South Florida reworked classics like barbecue flatbread with caramelized onions, thyme, avocado, red pepper, creamy nut "ricotta" and hunza raisins are popular. The zen-decorated eatery is perfect for the ladies-who-lunch crowd in ritzy Palm Beach Gardens and is a favorite of tennis stars Venus and Serena Williams.

And chef Christopher Slawson is about to open an upscale restaurant in South Beach. He says lux decor, perfect plating and exceptional service are just as important as what is in the food.

"When you're trying to influence people to consider a different lifestyle you have to really put elegance on it and approach it a different way," he said.

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## BIKES

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Millennium Park in Chicago and another in Cincinnati. Sustainable Streets will also be on hand to educate people about safe cycling, and Bike & Park will conduct classes and tours.

Josh Squire, the founder of Bike & Park, said Santa Monica is the perfect community for cycling given its year-round moderate climate, relatively flat terrain, a robust tourism industry, and the number of major employers situated in Downtown who are committed to alternative forms of transportation.

"It's very unique and I expect it to be very successful," he said.

The percentage of commuters who travel by bicycle in the city is 3.4 percent, which is higher than most other California cities. What's more, the share of people accessing work by bicycle in Santa Monica has increased by almost 30 percent from 2007 to 2010, city officials said.

According to a citywide survey of residents, two-thirds of those who live here already own a bike and 75 percent of bicycle owners ride at least a few times per month.

To accommodate the growing demand, City Hall has made several street improvements to help cyclists and make them feel more comfortable while on the road.

The Bike Center is part of a comprehensive array of projects called for in City Hall's Bike Action Plan to increase bicycle use in the city from 3.4 percent to 14-35 percent of trips.

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## DOG
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Those concerns are: the risk to threatened species, such as the snow plover, and to sensitive ecosystems; the possible threat to safety of visitors, wildlife and other dogs; interference or displacement of recreational users; and health issues related to dog feces and dog urine in the water and sand.

"There will be no change to allow dogs on this beach," Stearns said.

The City Council in October asked city staff to work with State Parks to establish, on a pilot basis, an off-leash area for dogs on the beach and down to the waterline. The pilot program was to include monitoring of the beach and water for any adverse environmental effects.

In his blog, Mark Gold, president of environmental watchdog Heal the Bay, seemed relieved that State Parks would not provide the necessary approvals.

"Heal the Bay took a position on dog beaches in the late 1990s and it hasn't changed since," Gold wrote at spoutingoff.wordpress.com. "We oppose any dog beach that allows canines to frolic from the surf zone to the high tide line. Also, we oppose any dog beach located near endangered or threatened wildlife … .

"I just hope the next dog beach proposal is for a fenced enclosure far away from the shoreline, children or sensitive wildlife."

Supporters say a dog beach would promote exercise for dogs and their owners and provide a space for dog owners to meet, share information and form community bonds. They say dogs would be able to socialize and therefore be less aggressive, and the beaches would make it less likely that owners would let their pets loose in other areas, like secluded sands in Malibu.

Georja Umano with Unleash the Beach (www.unleashthebeach.org), a Santa Monica-based, grass-roots organization formed to create a dog beach in the city, said she wasn't surprised by the state's reaction to the proposal and that the next step will be to lobby legislators in Sacramento to make a policy change.

"According to the people in the city that I've talked to, as soon as we find somebody [in the Legislature to sponsor a policy change], they will be right there helping every step of the way," Umano said. "But the initial contact has to come from us."

Most of the 1,100 miles of beaches along the California coast are officially closed to dogs, however, beach-goers can legally bring their dogs to over 60 beaches up and down the coastline, according to a report by the California Research Bureau entitled "Dogs on the Beach: A Review of Regulations and Issues Affecting Dog Beaches in California." (For the state report on dog beaches, go to library.ca.gov/crb.)

There has been no evidence of higher bacteria levels or other water quality problems relative to other city beaches, according to the report.

The report was commissioned in 2006 by then Assemblyman Ted Lieu and found nearly 20 off-leash dog beaches in California, including four in San Francisco and three in San Diego, but just one in Los Angeles County, located in Long Beach.

"All the city is asking is to study it here," Umano said. "It's just a regulation that needs tweaking, a regulation [State Parks] could easily work with if they wanted to be in tune with the public and the city, which is now standing up for the public. This is what the public wants and it is, after all, a public beach."

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## SMO
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353MV onto the worksheet.

Saunders is a member of a team of residents that volunteer their time to collect data for quarterly reports about flight operations at SMO that don't get captured in the monthly reports presented to the Airport Commission.

The plane in question, possibly a student pilot or just a private owner practicing maneuvers, completed three "touch and goes," a maneuver that residents like Saunders find particularly offensive.

The propensity of private pilots to practice touch and goes and fly in loops through what residents call the "flight pattern" angers locals who complain that the sound of planes constantly overhead ruins their quality of life and rains dangerous lead down over their homes.

Although figures presented to the Airport Commission show a steady drop in overall airport operations, residents have become more agitated in their desire to put a stop to the flight schools or shut the airport itself down for good.

It's become a touchstone issue in Santa Monica, which is assessing its options for the future of SMO in preparation for the arrival of 2015, a year that holds special significance for residents and City Hall alike.

That year, most leases at the airport end and City Hall believes its obligations to the Federal Aviation Administration will also expire, giving it wider latitude over the 227 acres of prime real estate in the heart of Santa Monica.

At the same time, outside political forces have begun marshaling against the airport in the form of L.A. City Councilman Bill Rosendahl and more restrained State Sen. Ted Lieu.

With that light at the end of the tunnel, residents are ramping up their research and advocacy in an attempt to take their fates into their own hands.

### SUNSET PARK

Saunders and his wife live on a quiet street in the Sunset Park neighborhood with two dogs.

Saunders, a retired Navy man who ran a maintenance shop on an aircraft carrier is retired. His wife still runs an interior design business out of a home office in their backyard.

Sometimes the sounds of the airplanes flying overhead make it impossible to make phone calls, and the leaves on their orange trees bear a black grime that the couple attributes to plane exhaust.

While Saunders holds no ill will for the airport, he blames the flight schools for the large number of flights that disrupt his peace.

"Why can't they go farther afield?" he asked, referring to nearby airports like Whitman Airport, Hawthorne or others without the dense residential population immediately around the runways.

### VENICE

Santa Monicans aren't alone in their dislike of the flight schools.

Judi Russell and Lies Kraal, Venice residents who live near Lincoln Boulevard, created a garden paradise in their backyard since they moved into their home in the early 1990s.

Edible plants grow in raised beds and squirrels dart through tall stands of bamboo

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# AIRPORT

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grown to block the view of their neighbor into their haven.

It's difficult to enjoy, however, when planes buzz over in what the women describe as an endless cacophony, punctuated by gut-wrenching moments when the noise ceases and they fear that a plane will drop out of the sky.

Kraal has gone before the Santa Monica City Council and Airport Commission, inviting the members to her home to eat lunch in the garden and hear it for themselves.

"None of you have accepted," Kraal, in a clipped tone, told the council and commission during meetings held over the past few months.

Venetians and other West Los Angeles residents are unwilling to compromise on the airport. It must be shut down, they say, particularly since they get all of the pollution and share in none of the $187.5 million in direct economic benefit generated by the airport.

Engaging the general aviation pilots in discussion to reduce the negative impacts is also out of the question.

"How do you talk to someone who's ruining your life?" Russell asked.

### SMO SOLUTIONS

On the other side of the fence, pilots and flight school owners feel under attack, and unable to communicate with the residents so keen to shut them down.

"The ones that are voicing their opinions are working with emotion," said Robert Rowbotham, a pilot and president of Friends of Santa Monica Airport (FOSMO).

Part of the struggle comes when residents complain about airplanes, but don't know the name of the activity that's bothering them.

The term "pattern flying" has become troublesome as a result of the neighbor reports, Rowbotham said.

"Because of that report, people in the neighborhood believe everything is a pattern flight, so they blame everything on the flight schools," Rowbotham said.

In fact, of the 17 arrival and departure routes only two — one arrival and one departure — are associated with the flight pattern.

While he and other pilots believe the airport will stay put, 2015 or no, FOSMO is willing to work with neighbors to understand their concerns and mitigate them where possible.

They've already convinced flight schools to reduce pattern flying by bringing their students in after 8 p.m. standard time and 9 p.m. in daylight savings time, Rowbotham said, and are working with City Hall on ways to make SMO more neighbor-friendly.

"We are working on understanding the concerns of the residents, and working with operators of the airport to see if there are ways to reduce concerns," said Martin Pastucha, public works director at City Hall.

His department recently took over responsibility for SMO.

One possibility is ground wiring for jets, which would allow the planes to plug into an electrical network to start up their computer systems before passengers board. Now, plane operators accomplish the same goal by burning fuel to create electricity, which is both expensive for them and harmful to neighbors living on the east end of the runway.

"It would take a lot of design, electrical loads etc.," Pastucha said. "But it's an idea we're looking into."

### STORM'S BREWING

As City Hall plans, other political forces are at work.

L.A. City Councilman Bill Rosendahl represents 285,000 Angelenos that surround Santa Monica.

"There are people in my district who are fed up with that airport," Rosendahl said.

The airport had a place in 1917 when it was surrounded by orange fields and not homes, Rosendahl said, but "its time has run out."

"First I want to see the flight schools go, the jets go, and then the whole airport shut down," Rosendahl said.

If the congressional redistricting process that just finished stands up in court, Rosendahl believes he will have a powerful ally in Washington, D.C.

"It appears that Rep. Henry Waxman's district will now include Venice, so the

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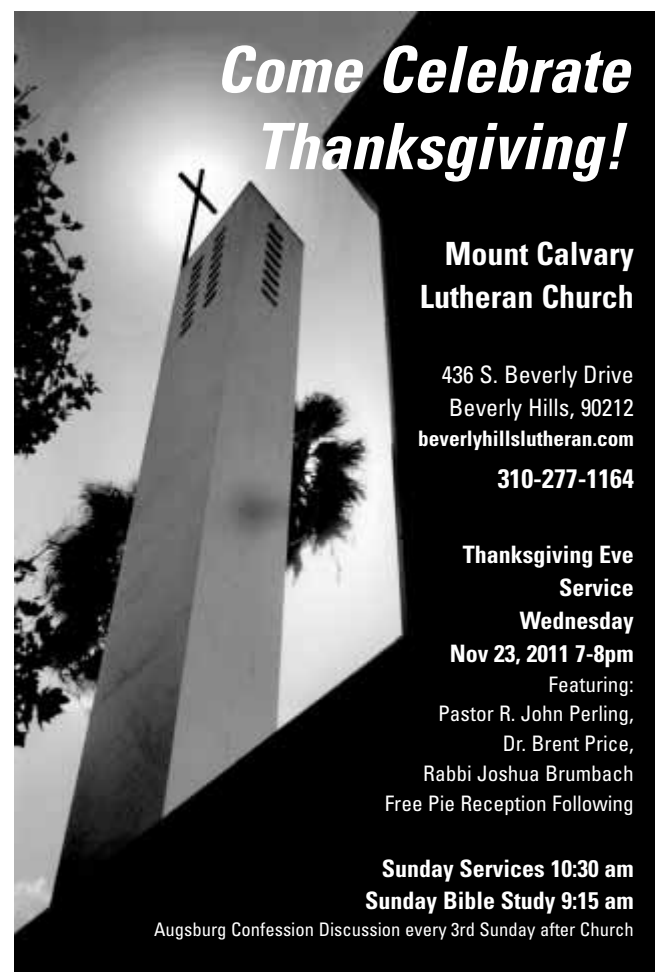

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## FLIGHTS
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Venetians will now have a congress member that knows this is an issue to them," he said.

On the state level, Lieu has made SMO an issue as well.

It first came to his attention while walking precincts for his State Assembly run.

An airport neighbor came to the door when Lieu knocked, left, and returned with a black ball.

"I said, 'What is this?'" Lieu said. "He told me it was an orange, turned black with soot from the pollution from SMO. The homeowner described what they were breathing in, and what the effects were."

Lieu himself had to call off his walk due to the pollution.

On Nov. 30, he will hold a Senate select committee hearing for residents to comment on four studies examining pollution at SMO and other general aviation airports.

"I want to let people come in and do exactly that, provide their experiences with SMO, good or bad," Lieu said.

**HERE TO STAY?**

City Hall will embark on the second phase of its airport study soon, and is hosting an open house at SMO on Saturday, Dec. 10 to give neighbors a chance to "get to know the airport a little better."

The slant of that study, which in its first phase precluded discussion of closing SMO, angered many residents who believed City Hall wasn't working hard enough to rid them of what Rosendahl calls "a blemish on our face."

FOSMO doesn't believe the airport is going anywhere either, Rowbotham said, which is why the organization will try to work be a good neighbor to Santa Monicans and Angelenos alike.

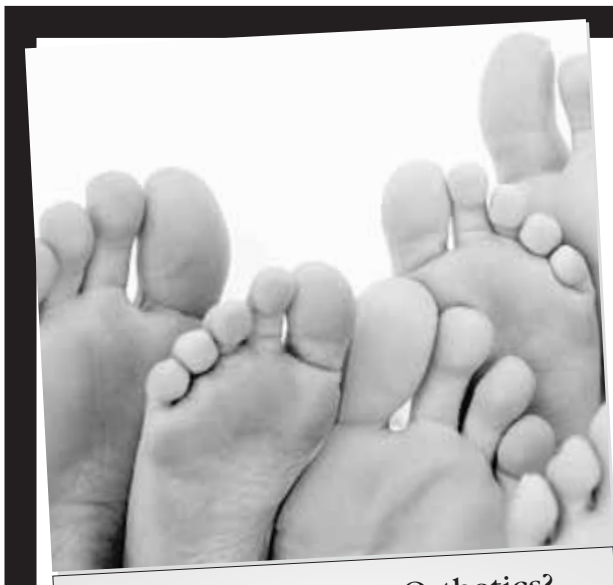
"There are things that we can do, if they want to help us," he said.

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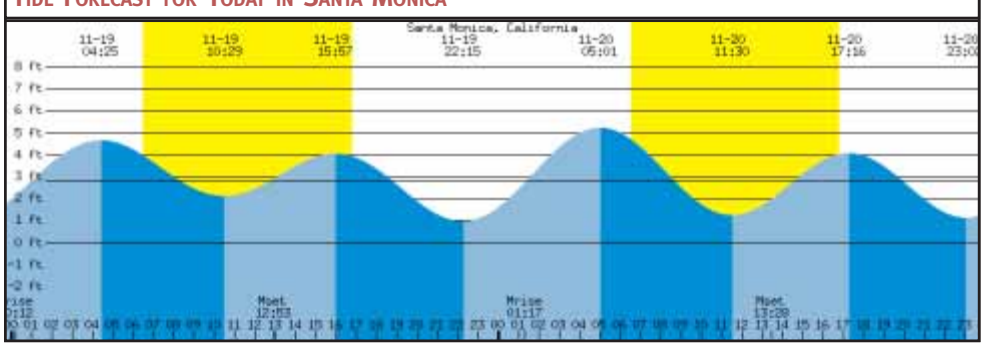
### Swell Forecast

**Looking like a chest to head high day for west facing breaks, but winds are expected to pick up early and there are slight chances of rain in the forecast (mainly before sunrise, and very slight at that).**

### Long Range Synopsis

NW swell is expected to back off to chest max at west facing breaks. Rain chances increase and are more likely on Sunday. Winds though, should improve from Saturday.

### Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica




MLB

# Kemp signs $160M deal to stay a Dodger

**BETH HARRIS**
AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES Matt Kemp and the Los Angeles Dodgers staked their futures together Friday, finalizing a $160 million, eight-year contract that matches the seventh-highest deal in baseball history.

Kemp and general manager Ned Colletti each signed the agreement during a news conference at Dodger Stadium, with lame duck owner Frank McCourt looking on.

"This is very special for me," Kemp said. "It's a joy to be known as a Dodger."

It's the richest agreement in club history, topping pitcher Kevin Brown's $105 million, seven-year deal before the 1999 season.

Brown proved to be a bust, while Kemp is coming off a career season.

The 27-year-old, a favorite to win the NL MVP award next week, led the league in homers (39) and RBIs (126), while finishing third in batting average at .324 and stealing 40 bases.

"Another eight years in LA. That sounds good. I love this city and the fans," said Kemp, dressed in a bowtie and three-piece suit, his voice sounding froggy from a cold.

"I definitely want to spend the rest of my career here. I know how unbelievable LA is when you're winning baseball games."

Kemp's agreement trails only the last two contracts of Alex Rodriguez ($275 million and $252 million), and deals for Derek Jeter ($189 million), Joe Mauer ($184 million), Mark Teixeira ($180 million) and CC Sabathia ($161 million) and matches the agreement Manny Ramirez signed with Boston before the 2001 season.

Kemp will receive a $2 million signing bonus payable on April 15, and a $10 million salary next year, of which $2 million is deferred until April 15, 2013.

He will get $20 million in 2013, followed by $21 million in both 2014 and 2015, and $21.5 million in each of the final four years.

"A lot of people tried to put pressure on me this past year and I just rode with it," Kemp said. "Now it's something that I love, the pressure."

Kemp could have become a free agent after the 2012 season, and Colletti said the team wanted to lock up a known commodity with proven numbers.

"He does everything, including playing every day," the GM said. "In this day and age, finding somebody that's got power and speed is one of the toughest things to find."

Kemp's signing came a day after left-hander Clayton Kershaw won the NL Cy Young Award.

McCourt said one of his priorities when he bought the team in 2004 was to resuscitate the farm system so it would better feed the big league club.

"One of the things the Dodgers were missing was that homegrown talent," he said.

"What the last couple of days have really demonstrated is that we have a development system that is doing extremely well and producing the types of individuals that can bring consistent winnig back for this franchise and sustain that over the long term because that's what our fans deserve."

The Dodgers filed for bankruptcy protection in June, and McCourt has reached agreement with Major League Baseball to sell the franchise by April 30, which would give him the funds to pay his divorce settlement.

"I just want to tell you I'm proud of you," McCourt said, turning toward Kemp. "You really see that opportunity which a lot of young people don't do and you seize that opportunity.

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| LOCATION | DRY | WET |
|---|---|---|
| Los Cerrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth. | D | F |
| Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth. | F | F |
| El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Las Alisos creeks. | ns | 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). | A | 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 Don Blocker County Beach. | F | A+ |
| Puerco State Beach at creek mouth. | A+ | A+ |
| Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.. | F | A |
| Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fences. | A | A+ |
| Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily. | F | F |
| Malibu Pier - 50 yards east. | F | A+ |
| Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon. | A+ | A+ |
| Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero). | A+ | A+ |
| Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs. | D | A+ |
| Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach. | A+ | A+ |
| Tuna Canyon. | ns | ns |
| Topanga State Beach at creek mouth. | F | F |
| Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach. | A+ | A+ |
| Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach. | A | ns |
| Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain). | A+ | A+ |

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

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

Saturday, Nov. 19, 2011

**The Adventures of Baron Munchausen (PG) 2hrs 6min**
**Time Bandits (PG) 1hr 50min**
7:30pm

Sunday, Nov. 20, 2011

**The American Friend (NR) 2hrs 5min**
**Alice in the Cities (NR) 1hr 50min**
7:30pm

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

**Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn - Part 1 (PG-13) 1hr 48min**
9:15am, 12:15pm, 3:15pm, 6:15pm, 9:15pm

**Like Crazy (PG-13) 1hr 29min**
11:45am, 2:15pm, 4:50pm, 7:30pm, 10:10pm

**Ides of March (R) 1hr 42min**
11:00am, 1:45pm, 4:30pm, 7:15pm, 10:00pm

**Immortals 3D (R) 1hr 50min**
10:00am, 1:00pm, 4:05pm, 7:00pm, 9:45pm

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

**Happy Feet Two in 3D (PG) 1hr 45min**
11:15am, 2:00pm, 4:30pm, 7:15pm, 10:00pm

**Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn - Part 1 (PG-13) 1hr 48min**
10:00am, 11:30am, 1:00pm, 4:00pm, 5:30pm, 7:00pm, 8:30pm, 10:00pm, 11:30pm

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

**Puss in Boots (PG) 1hr 30min**
11:15am, 1:30pm, 4:30pm, 6:45pm, 9:15pm

**Puss in Boots 3D (PG) 1hr 30min**
2:45pm

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

**J. Edgar (R) 2hrs 17min**
10:10am, 1:30pm, 4:45pm, 8:00pm, 11:15pm

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

**Take Shelter (R) 2hrs**
11:00am

**Being Elmo: A Puppeteer's Journey (NR) 1hr 16min**
11:00am

**Midnight in Paris (PG-13) 1hr 28min**
11:00am

**Revenge of the Electric Car (NR) 1hr 46min**
11:00am

**Heir Apparent: Largo Winch (NR) 1hr 48min**
1:00pm, 3:50pm, 7:00pm, 9:40pm

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

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

**Into the Abyss (PG-13) 1hr 46min**
1:10pm, 4:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:45pm

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**Jack and Jill (PG) 1hr 31min**
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**Tower Heist (PG-13) 1hr 44min**
11:15am, 2:00pm, 4:45pm, 7:30pm, 10:15pm

**Very Harold & Kumar 3D Christmas (R) 1hr 29min**
10:35am, 11:45am, 1:00pm, 2:15pm, 3:15pm, 4:40pm, 5:40pm, 7:15pm, 8:00pm, 9:30pm, 10:30pm

**Happy Feet Two (PG) 1hr 45min**
11:55am, 2:45pm, 5:30pm, 8:00pm, 10:55pm

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# Flow with the plans, Pisces

### ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ You are always happy to be of service to others. It seems natural to you to lead. Be willing to transform a difficult situation that could be absorbing too much of your energy. Tonight: Make it easy.

### TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Your creativity opens up to new possibilities. Allow your imagination to play a role in plans. Go a little off the beaten path. A change of environment, even for several hours, can rejuvenate your body and mind. Don't hesitate to hop in the car for a drive. Tonight: Let your mind be entertained.

### GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ While others get "heavy," you try to understand what is happening. A partner is changing. Don't give up on him or her. Trust your instincts on a personal matter. Recognize the importance of attaching significance to an object or situation. It is up to you. Tonight: Happy at home.

### CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ Take a hint from Gemini. Yes, someone might be difficult and controlling, yet that same person could be trying to break this pattern. A discussion helps both of you relax and understand what is happening. Keep your sarcasm in check. Tonight: Visit with friends.

### LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Your strong drive carries you over a financial hurdle. You know the right answers and can handle nearly any situation. You also might want to adapt to a changing budget and different needs. In fact, you must adapt. Tonight: Living it up.

### VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You are full of fun and enjoy wherever you are. Stay light and easy when dealing with others. A little laughter goes much further than a serious talk. Your ability to enjoy life and be in the moment comes out, helping others move out of the doldrums. Tonight: Whatever knocks your socks off.

### LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ You don't like being a backseat driver. Who would? No one likes a backseat driver, either! Make it a point to move forward and deal with a situation directly. The situation will change before you know it. Tonight: Not to be found.

### SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ You could be far more direct. In a group of friends, what might be said in jest could carry a lot of legitimate concerns. Surround yourself with favorite people and pursue a hobby or event that you love. Observe different styles of communication. Tonight: In the moment.

### SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You might want to open up to a different idea. You are not sure you will enjoy it, but you will know nothing until you participate. You are in the process of reviving your thinking about what you like and want to offer. You could be surprised. Tonight: Stay cool.

### CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ You will drift away mentally. No matter what, staying present in the here and now could be hard. Perhaps you need a day where your mind lets go and your thoughts float from one topic to the next. Tonight: Not anything humdrum.

### AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ Plan on spending a day with a special person. This person might have disappointed you or has changed his or her tune. Don't worry -- make the adjustment; let go of your fears. You will find that when you let go, the other person has a change of heart. Tonight: Let someone else draw you in.

### PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You could find a partner still demanding and a little pushy. You can handle the flak, but do you want to? Take off for a walk. Enjoy yourself. A friendship could be changing. Tonight: Flow with plans.

## Happy birthday

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

Use wisdom in expressing your anger. Don't hold it in, but also don't blast others away. Express your hurt before it turns into anger. A more evolved communication style could transform many of your relationships. If you are single, a relationship is most likely to develop through a friend or a hobby. If you are attached, the two of you need to share a new goal or major interest. The process alone will add to your relationship. VIRGO can be picky.



## MYSTERY PHOTO

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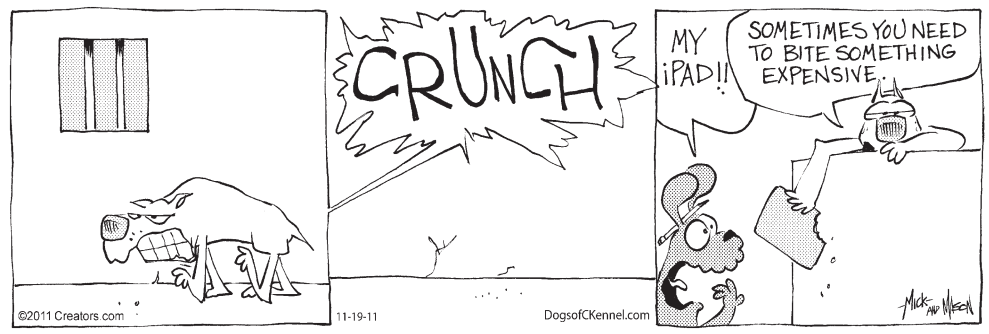

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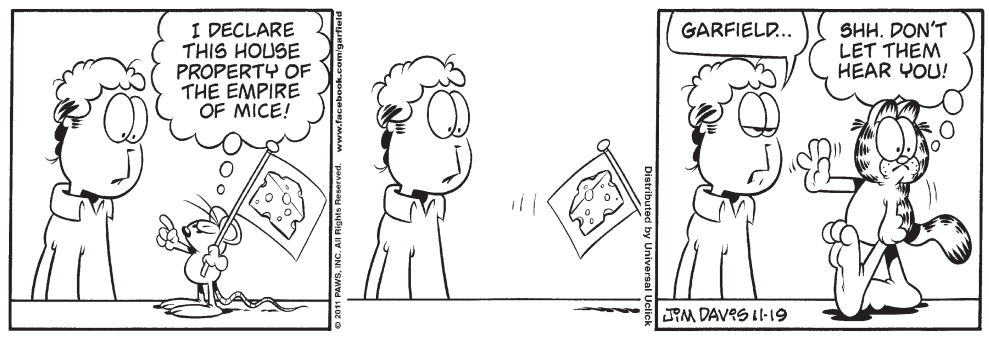

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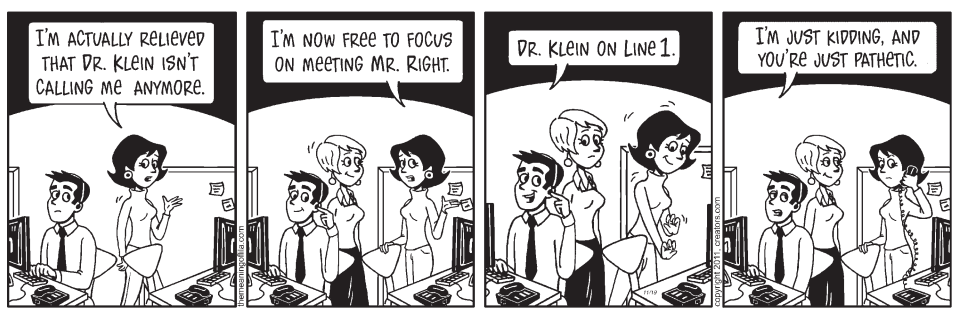

## Garfield

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** Rhythmic dance
**7** Sediment
**11** Arrive by car
**12** Swiss river
**13** Hire
**14** Sax great Getz
**15** Flies like an eagle
**16** Bank job
**17** Nest setting
**18** Eliot's miser
**19** Math course
**21** Essay
**22** Historic test site
**25** Painter Vermeer
**26** Differ
**27** News hour
**29** January event
**33** Boca —
**34** Vestige
**35** Make bootees
**36** Midday break
**37** "You've got a friend —"
**38** Clay, for one
**39** Demand
**40** Hampers

**DOWN**

**1** Family symbol
**2** Accolade
**3** Pond growth
**4** Red wines
**5** Embraces
**6** Kong, for one
**7** Surgical tool
**8** Corrode
**9** Classroom needs
**10** Gate tender
**16** Comics Viking
**18** "Last Supper" setting
**20** Baltimore pro
**22** Fitness whiz Jack
**23** Former
**24** Generous words at the restaurant
**25** Leather jacket
**28** Went to the polls
**30** Rashness
**31** Ham, e.g.
**32** Puts on
**34** Bike part
**36** Lawn material

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DAILY 3: MIDDAY: 9 4 4 EVENING: 9 3 0

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## NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ In Malone, N.Y., in September, Clyde Gardner, 57, was sentenced to five to 15 years in prison for trying to murder his ex-girlfriend twice. Initially, he was going to dress in a recently skinned bear's hide -- walk on its paws, so as not to leave shoe prints, and "maul" her with the claws. After abandoning that plan, he promised a friend $15,000 to kill the woman in a car crash, and since Gardner was a demolition derby driver, he offered expert instructions (though the friend turned Gardner in).

■ Awesome! The ingenuity of drug smugglers is never to be underestimated, as one ABC News report from Nogales, Ariz., in October demonstrated. Smugglers had dug tunnels from Nogales, Mexico, underneath the border to Nogales, Ariz., engineered perfectly to end along International Street's metered parking spaces. Vans with false bottoms were parked in certain spaces (and meters were fed); smugglers in the vans broke though the pavement to meet the tunnelers, and the drugs were loaded. Still parked, the vans' crews repaired the pavement, and the vans departed. "(U)nbelievable," said the Arizona city's mayor.

## TODAY IN HISTORY

**1990** Pop group Milli Vanilli are stripped of their Grammy Award because the duo did not sing at all on the Girl You Know It's True album. Session musicians had provided all the vocals.

**1994** In the United Kingdom, the first National Lottery draw is held. A £1 ticket gave a one-in-14-million chance of correctly guessing the winning six out of 49 numbers.

**1996** Lt. Gen. Maurice Baril of Canada arrives in Africa to lead a multi-national policing force in Zaire.

**1998** Lewinsky scandal: The United States House of Representatives Judiciary Committee begins impeachment hearings against U.S. President Bill Clinton.

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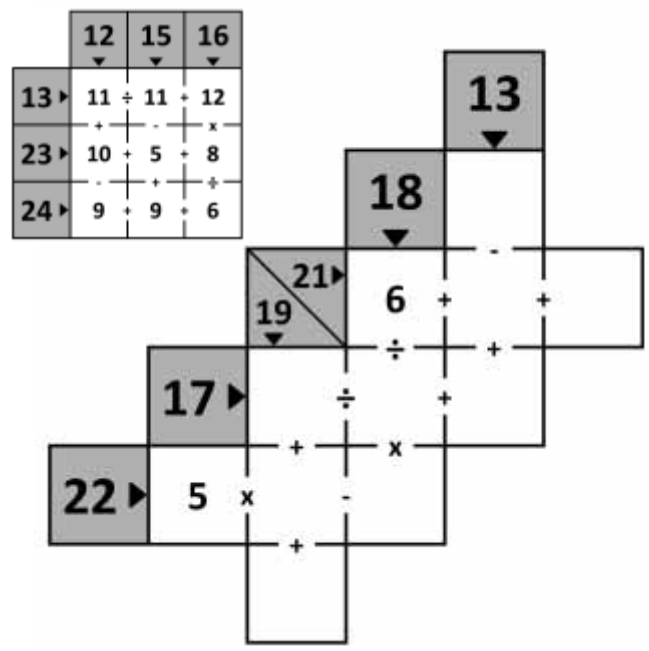
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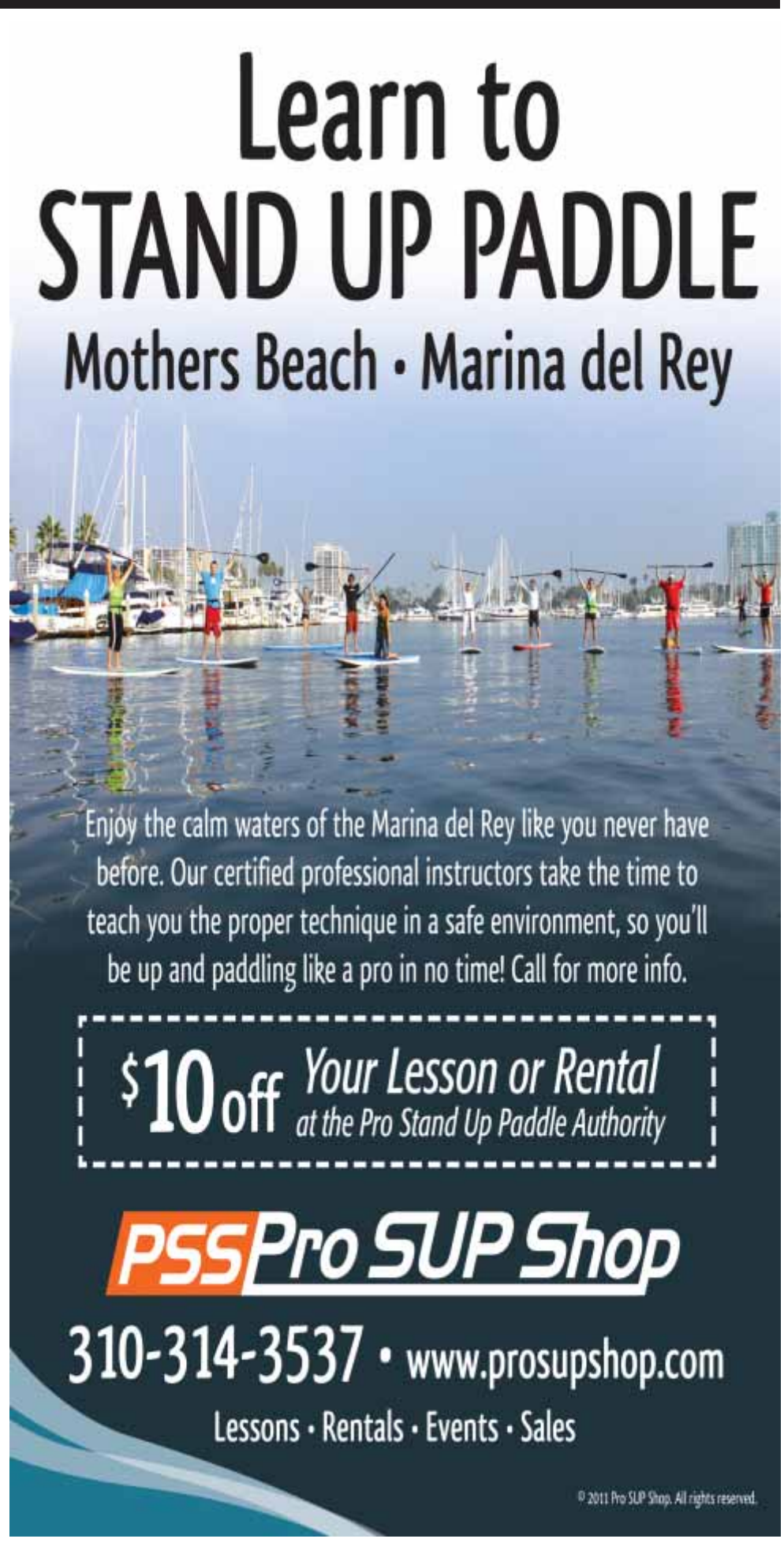
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