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Volunteer Kenneth Scopp helps Kevin Vasquez of McKinley Elementary School try on a pair of Converse during the Salvation Army's 25th annual shopping spree at Sears on Colorado Avenue Thursday morning. Each child was given $100 to spend on anything in the store.

New transfer and recycling facility proposed

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL The future of the City Yards could hold less noise and odor for its neighbors.

Those are the plans for a new Resource Recovery Center that will be located at the southern end of the City Yards off Michigan Avenue, housing a new self-haul facility, buy-back center, expanded transfer station and hazardous household waste facility.

The proposal, which was presented to the City Council on Tuesday, represents a piece of a private/public partnership entered last

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Farmers' Markets under quarantine

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

DOWNTOWN At least 17 Farmers' Markets, including four in Santa Monica, are under quarantine after state officials found Mediterranean fruit flies in a backyard on Warwick Avenue near Interstate 10.

Farmers selling fruit and some vegetables within the quarantine zone — which includes Santa Monica, Culver City, Venice, Marina del Rey and Westwood — are now required to cover their products with nets and dispose of or donate any produce that is not sold.

Farmers must also keep produce covered during transport. Fruit that has been exposed only while being handled briefly and actively will be exempt.

Customers are not allowed to take produce purchased at the markets out of the quarantine zone.

The quarantine is expected to last as long as 7 to 9 months depending on how rapidly the California Department of Food and Agriculture can eradicate the pests. The Medfly can infest over 260 types of fruits and vegetables, causing impacts on California's agricultural exports and backyard gardens, resulting in an estimated annual loss of $1.3 to $1.8 billion, said Steve Lyle, spokesman for the department.

News of the quarantine comes as city officials prepare for some of the busiest markets of the year, with hundreds of cooks looking for fresh ingredients for their Thanksgiving meals.

"It will be disruptive and very inconvenient for people, but it is something we all have to do to stop this," said Laura Avery, the Farmers' Market supervisor who met with county, state and federal officials Thursday to discuss steps to eradicate the Medfly and comply with the quarantine. "The farmers know how important this is. No one wants this to spread."

Avery and her staff will be on hand at this weekend's markets in the Pico Neighborhood, Main Street and

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Samohi targets Palmdale's Shaw

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

PALMDALE Sometimes, a playoff game comes down to one player.

Tonight when Santa Monica travels to Palmdale in the first round of the Western Division California Interscholastic Federation Southern Section Toyota Football Championships there is one such figure who has grabbed the attention of Samohi's head coach — Joshua Shaw.

Shaw, who has committed to play for the University of Florida, not only plays quarterback, but he also patrols the defensive backfield and returns kicks for Palmdale. His mere presence is enough to give Samohi Head Coach Travis Clark reason to believe that stopping Shaw is the absolute key to the game.

"[Palmdale] has the best athlete we've seen all year," Clark said of the two-way star. "He's one of the best in Southern California."

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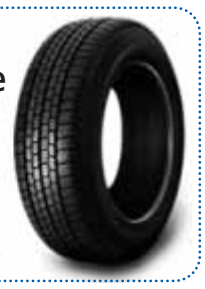
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Malibu Stage Company
29243 Pacific Coast Hwy., 8 p.m.
The Malibu Stage Company presents the musical "I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change" by Joe DiPietro and Jimmy Roberts. The musical is put on every Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 5 p.m. Admission is $35. Call (310) 429-2665 for more information.

Saturday, Nov. 21, 2009

Yoga in the park
Palisades Park
Ocean Avenue and Palisades Avenue, 10 a.m. — 11:30 a.m.
Come every Saturday and start your weekend off right with an energizing and rejuvenating yoga class in Palisades Park, overlooking the ocean. Beginners and all levels are welcome. All you need is a yoga mat and an open heart. If you've always wanted to try yoga, this is the class for you. Suggested donation is $12. Call (310) 560-4317 or e-mail jonathan@alignmentforlife.com for more information.

Mothers' circle
motheringminds
Marine St., 2:30 p.m. — 4 p.m.
Many women want a place where they may talk about both the positive and negative experiences of motherhood, and this group offers a forum where women can speak honestly and openly about the challenges and joys of being a parent. This group provides a relaxed and nurturing environment where all experiences are welcome, and where mothers may feel supported and understood. Call (310) 922-6969 for more information.

Sunday, Nov. 22, 2009

'Cinderella: The Musical'
Santa Monica Playhouse
1211 Fourth St., 12:30 p.m. — 1:30 p.m.
Audiences help romance bloom in this delightful Rudie-DeCarlo musical for kids and adults of all ages, featuring a charming prince, a zany fairy godmother, silly stepsisters and a zealously well-meaning stepmother. Birthday and tea parties are available with every performance. Admission is $10.50 — $12.50. Call (310) 394-9779 ext. 2 for more information.

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

Lifeguard stumbles on anchor

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

SM BAY Lifeguard Andrew Greger was making a routine training dive near Will Rogers State Beach three weeks ago when he spotted something out of the ordinary — a giant anchor.

While finding an anchor at the bottom of the ocean is nothing new for the rescue boat captain, this anchor is believed to be at least 100 years old, a relic from the days when the area was a major shipping port.

Greger, a 20-year veteran of the Los Angeles County Fire Department, was about two miles up the coast from the Santa Monica Pier when he made the discovery. The anchor now rests in a garden at the county lifeguard station on Ocean Front Walk.

"It's not every day you find something like that," Greger said Thursday. "When I saw it, I thought, 'Wow, that's really cool.'"

On Tuesday, with the help of a few 55-gallon drums to raise it to the surface and a tractor from City Hall's beach maintenance crew to drag it onto the sand, the anchor, which resembles an old Admiralty anchor, was pulled from its resting place, giving lifeguards a chance to get a closer look.

The anchor, which was covered with rust, seaweed and barnacles, weighs in around 300 to 500 pounds, Greger estimates, and is 6 feet wide and 6 feet tall.

Lifeguards normally don't spend time excavating, but the anchor provided a good training scenario, said Greger, who is called on to raise downed airplanes.

The discovery occurred around the former site of the Southern Pacific Railroad Long Wharf, a shipping center that served Southern California from 1892 to 1913.

The Long Wharf, also known as Port Los Angeles, was built by railroad tycoon Collis Huntington. At the time, it was the world's largest and became a tourist attraction. Huntington wanted to make Santa Monica the region's main port, but Los Angeles city leaders eventually chose San Pedro.

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CONVERSATION STARTER: **Lifeguards Jon Van Duinwyk (left) and Tex Ribera talk with Britt Greenlee about the discovery of an historic anchor that now rests in the garden outside the lifeguard station just south of the Santa Monica Pier.**

State of the Schools event addresses financial woes

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

OCEAN PARK BLVD. First the bad news about the local public schools.

A financial predicament is about to become even more problematic for the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District, which is projecting an operating deficit of $10 million this year and is sure to feel a big hit from an estimated $21 billion state budget shortfall.

The good news is despite the fiscal woes of the district, students are continuing to show improvement in academic achievement, scoring high marks on advanced placement and mandatory state tests.

The update was delivered during the annual State of the Schools presentation on Wednesday night at the John Muir Elementary/Santa Monica Alternative School House campus, hosted by the Community for Excellent Public Schools, the Santa Monica-Malibu Council of PTAs and the SMMUSD.

For many the financial state of the school district didn't come as a surprise, a battle that officials have been fighting for more than a year as the state, which ranks in the bottom tier for per-pupil funding in the country, has been cutting revenue and is expected to make more for the 2010-11 fiscal year.

In the current fiscal year, the district is receiving about $6,258 per student from the state, the same level of funding as the 2004-05 school year.

"So we're receiving less than we had in the past," Superintendent Tim Cuneo said.

The district receives an additional $2,257 per student from local sources, which includes parcel tax measures and money from both the cities of Malibu and Santa Monica.

The national average for per pupil spending last year was approximately $10,850, while the average for California was $9,921. On the higher end of the spectrum is New Jersey where the per pupil spending was around $16,000.

Approximately 72 percent of the district's revenues comes from the state.

"So when the state economy is in the tank, so are we," Cuneo said.

Approximately 84 percent of the district's budget is spent on personnel, includ-

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Pleading for Purple Hearts

Editor:

When Veterans for Peace first began placing crosses on the beach north of the Santa Monica Pier shortly after the Iraq war began, the SMDP published a few lengthy letters I wrote condemning this. At that time it was clear to all that the crosses were not a true memorial to our brave soldiers. I pointed out that it was really just a glorified protest against George W. Bush and his administration. The most blatant piece of evidence for my claim was that for about a year into our invasion of Iraq, Veterans for Peace had not placed a single white cross to represent the American forces killed in action in Afghanistan (one can keyword my name into the SMDP search engine to find these letters). But the field of crosses has now become as much a memorial as any honoring our war dead.

I see that Veterans for Peace included the 13 soldiers (one was a civilian retired from the military) killed at Fort Hood. This is the right thing to do, for these soldiers were indeed killed and wounded by an enemy combatant in the War on Terror, moreover, by a seditious traitor with ties to Islamic terrorists. So, America, why is it that President Obama and the generals commanding Fort Hood have not awarded the Purple Heart to these honorable men and women who were gunned down by the enemy? When Bill Clinton was commander in chief, there was an incident in 1999 at the Yugoslav-Macedonia border where a sergeant and several of his men (serving as peace keepers) took a wrong turn and got lost. They were taken prisoner by the Yugoslav army for 32 days. Film footage of them at the time shows they had been beaten. When released, one was found to have a broken nose; another had broken ribs, but otherwise they were in relatively good health. They were hailed as heroes and awarded the Purple Heart. When many veterans and veterans groups protested this as unwarranted, Army spokeswoman, Maj. Shelly Stellwagen, defended the army's decision and said, "You don't have to be shot to get a Purple Heart. It's pretty clear from the treatment they got that they deserve recognition because of their injuries."

In covering the Purple Heart angle of this story for USA Today, Andrea Stone noted, "... in 1962, the eligibility requirements were changed to include 'individuals wounded while prisoners of foreign forces.'" Stone ends by reminding us, "Ten years later, victims of terrorist attacks were included."

It is clear, Commander in Chief Obama will not award Purple Hearts to Fort Hood's killed and wounded because to do so would have his record tarnished with the fact that a terrorist attack took place on American soil. Treating the battle of Fort Hood as a crime is a crime. So, if the victims of the battle of Fort Hood are not war causalities, then Veterans for Peace better damn well remove the 13 crosses of these "crime victims" or else sound off to the White House like they have a pair! Awarding the Purple Heart to soldiers like those in the Yugoslav incident (where no shots were traded) but not to combatants killed and wounded in the Fort Hood firefight, is the only real crime here, Mr. Obama. Hoowah!

James Zeruk, Jr.
Santa Monica





Write Rachel

Rachel Iverson — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Desperately seeking sanctity of marriage

DEAR RACHEL,

My boyfriend and I had an unspoken agreement when we started dating that we would be getting married soon. It's now been four years and we're not even engaged. I turned down a job promotion to stay local for him, now I feel it's time for him to uphold his end of the bargain and set a date. I never would have made sacrifices to my career had I known we wouldn't be married by now. I try to hold my tongue when it comes to wedding talk, but every once in a while I let a snide remark slip out. My boyfriend insists he'll propose when the time is right, but I've been waiting for four years. On top of it, my biological clock is ticking and I don't have time to mess around. How can I get my boyfriend to pop the question?

Signed,
Pop The Question!

DEAR POP THE QUESTION,

Unspoken agreements commonly cause misunderstandings in relationships due to their unspoken nature. Speaking of the unspoken, you may think that holding your tongue on the topic of marriage is easing the tension between you and your boyfriend, when in reality, it's aggravating it. Hostility in the form of snide remarks only widens the chasm between you and the marriage proposal you desire. Meanwhile, a candid conversation between you and your boyfriend could do wonders to alleviate the pressure he feels — and he does feel it — even when you don't say a word.

You need to speak up and be honest. It's the only way the two of you will ever break free from your current, unsatisfying holding pattern. Your desperation for a speedy proposal works against you, as it's most likely pushing your boyfriend away. Even if the two of you once shared a common goal, you now need to call a timeout to reassess your game plan. After four years together, it's reasonable for you to ask your boyfriend for an estimate of when he'd like to tie the knot. Once you open the floodgates of communication, you'll both have a clearer idea of how you'd like to proceed.

In terms of your biological clock, while it may be a real concern, be careful not to get ahead of yourself. One of the best gifts two parents can give their child is a foundation of stability and harmony. If your boyfriend's definitely the man you want to have a child with, now is the time for the two of you to plan out your future according to a timeline that takes into consideration your ability to conceive children. Make your relationship with your husband-to-be your first priority and you will give your future child the gift of a happy home.

DEAR RACHEL,

After I dumped my ex, he hooked up with another woman within weeks. Yet his new girlfriend wasn't enough to keep him from calling me to get back together with him behind her back, as recently as a month ago. Now she's pregnant and they're engaged. I just received an invitation to their wedding. Although I no longer have romantic feelings for my ex, I still care about him as a person. I can't believe this rebound marriage will last. He isn't even married yet, and he's already headed for a divorce, just like his parents. He never got over their split, and now he's on track to repeat the same pattern. Should I intervene, or am I naive to think I can protect him from himself?

Signed,
Guilty Conscience

DEAR GUILTY CONSCIENCE,

While it may be naïve to think that you can permanently protect any adult from his or her own destructive behavior, it's certainly an altruistic notion. I empathize with your protective tendencies. It's always painful to watch someone you care about engage in harmful behavior. In my experience, feeling sorry for other adults and meddling in their private affairs usually backfires on the meddler and only adds to the drama. He most likely wouldn't heed your relationship advice if you gave it to him and it's not your responsibility or your place to stage his wedding intervention. Your ex must deal with the consequences of his new relationship and future child on his own.

Should you attend the wedding? No. I think you're right to steer clear of the whole fiasco. As for repeating patterns, it's a common human trait to repeat patterns in order to learn life lessons first hand. Some people are kinesthetic learners, who can only learn by trial and error. Give your ex space to make his own mistakes. Wish him and his family well and focus on managing the only life you can — your own.

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Without his two kids, it's no Thanksgiving

Damon Duvall looks like a middle-aged surfer as he stands in front of the Santa Monica Courthouse leaning against a large, green sign, "A Father Has A Rite [sic] to Parent." Riding my bike to the Daily Press, I look over at Damon and he gives a friendly wave. Not wishing to be rude (also curious about his spelling of "right") I wave back.

At the office I tried to transfer my columns to a single link but with no luck. I've written approximately 200 columns, but if you enter my name in the search box you only get 46. Riding home and seeing Damon again, I biked over to his sign, thinking that maybe the day wasn't a total loss. I suppose we'll find out soon enough.

For the past 11 months, Damon has been traveling to the courthouse almost daily and displaying his sign 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Divorced, he's protesting having been denied the right to see his daughter and son, Maya and Jazz, ages 5 and 8 respectively.

People say there's always two sides to a story. I say there's usually three: his, hers and the truth. But Damon seemed open and honest so we chatted. Anybody who has gone through a divorce (these days that's almost everybody) knows how emotionally devastating it can be. Add kids to the equation and it can be infinitely worse.

Damon's problem may be that he can't afford an attorney. Lawyers are fond of saying, "Anyone who represents himself has a fool for a client." (Are they fonder of saying it than doing pro-bono work?) Despite the over 1,000 hours Damon has logged in front of the courthouse, and the hundreds with whom he's conversed, no attorney has volunteered his or her services. (Hint, hint, counselors.)

Shared custody of the kids was fine until Damon's ex-wife moved to El Segundo. Soon, he started noticing behavioral issues with his children and immediately arranged for them to get counseling at school.

The judge wasn't pleased that he hadn't consulted the court, Damon told me. And things got more intense when Damon's daughter volunteered that she was allegedly being inappropriately touched by her mother's live-in boyfriend. Incensed, Damon filed a police report but the investigation was "inconclusive," Damon said.

The judge considered Damon's actions as evidence that he was the one who needed psychotherapy. After two evaluations (pro-bono), renowned psychiatrist Dr. William C. Wirshing testified for over an hour that Damon was emotionally stable.



Photo courtesy of Douglas Field

PLEADING HIS CASE: **Damon Duvall tries to get visitation rights with his kids.**

For some reason, Damon said the judge ordered that until he completed six months of therapy (which he can't afford) there'd be no visitation, supervised or otherwise. Even criminals get supervised visitation! Damon is allowed to phone his kids but only for 10 minutes and only every other night. That seems so harsh.

To get "the other side of the story," I phoned attorney Amy Neiman, who represents the children's interest. She was very pleasant, but busy with a client. Regardless, one thing is definite. This Thanksgiving, while we're all with our families, Damon will not be with his kids.

At Damon's Web site, www.bigdaddyjazzandmaya.com there's a video "Let Right Be Done: A Loving Father's Story." Admittedly, I don't know what the real truth is. (I wish I had the court stenographer's transcripts but they're incredibly expensive.) It's just that something feels terribly wrong when a seemingly devoted father can't see his kids, especially during the holidays.

Meanwhile, in trying to create my "global link," I've gone over most of my 200 columns. (Too much free time, you say?) Soon, I hope to get one of these right. I doubt, however, that many in the "family law industry" will consider this the one.

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The Q Line

Be-all and end-all

The Route 66 Alliance last week named the Santa Monica Pier as the official end to the famous Route 66. This designation has angered some historians who say that the pier is not the time-honored end of the Mother Road and feel that the alliance and others are just trying to make a buck.

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

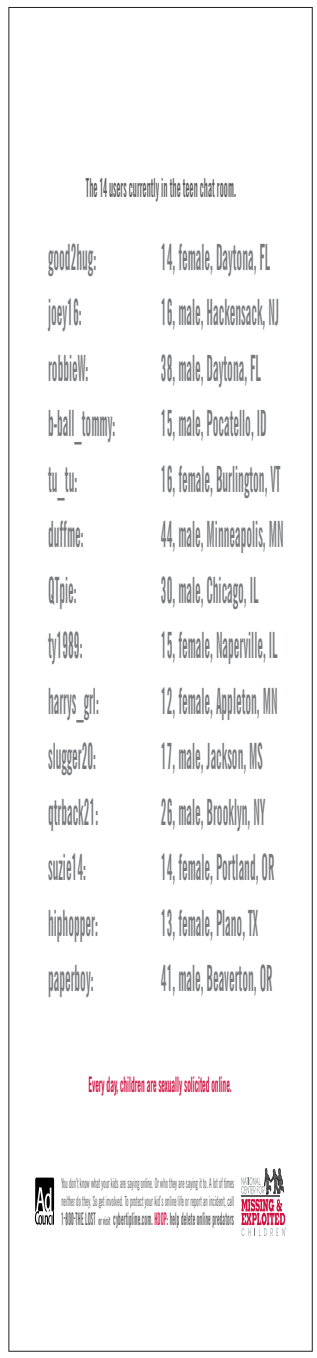
Do you think the pier should be considered the end of Route 66 or should history prevail? Do you even care?

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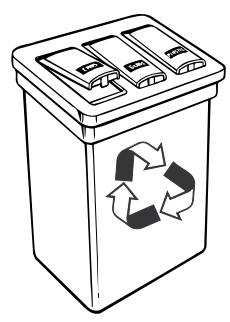
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CRIME WATCH
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Crime Watch is a weekly series culled from reports provided by the Santa Monica Police Department. These are arrests only. All parties are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

SUNDAY, NOV. 8, AT 10 P.M.,
Santa Monica police officers responded to the 1400 block of the Third Street Promenade regarding a report of vandalism. When officers arrived, they made contact with witnesses who told them that the suspect became upset and obnoxious when he was told by employees at a local bar that they would no longer serve him alcohol. The suspect was asked to leave the business. Upon leaving, he allegedly picked up a chair and threw it at a window, resulting in several scratches. The suspect was located a short distance away. He was placed under arrest for vandalism. He was identified as Guy Falzone, 28, of Simi Valley. His bail was set at $20,000.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 11, AT 4:20 P.M.,
Officers responded to the 1400 block of Ocean Avenue regarding a report of domestic violence. When officers arrived, they made contact with those involved and had reason to believe they were under the influence of a controlled substance — heroin. The suspects were placed under arrest for being under the influence. They were identified as Brittany Letrent, 19, of Santa Monica and Brandon Blackley, 20. Blackley was also arrested for domestic violence. His bail was set at $50,000. Letrent's bail was set at $2,5000.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 11, AT 8:59 P.M.,
Officers responded to the 1200 block of the Third Street Promenade — Zara — regarding a forgery. When officers arrived at the clothing store they learned that the suspect used a forged credit card to purchase $1,410.18 worth of clothing. Officers were able to locate the suspect a short distance away. Further investigation revealed the suspect was in possession of the items fraudulently purchased. Officers placed the suspect under arrest for burglary, forgery, and a probation violation. She was identified as Jaqueline White, 49, of Hawthorne. No bail was set.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 11, AT 10:42 P.M.,
Officers responded to the 2400 block of Pico Boulevard regarding an assault that just occurred. When officers arrived, they made contact with the alleged victim who said that the suspect crossed the street and accused the victim of taking his money. The suspect then struck the victim, a female, several times in the body and back of the head. The suspect stood up behind the victim and struck her in the head with a duffel bag, police said. The force of the blow resulted in the victim falling off a bus bench. Officers were able to locate the suspect and place him under arrest for assault and battery. He was identified as Merlin Coleman, 53, a transient. His bail was set at $20,250.

THURSDAY, NOV. 12, AT 3 P.M.,
Officers were on routine patrol in the 800 block of Cedar Street when they saw individuals that were on parole and are known drug users. Officers made contact with the suspects and conducted a parole search. One suspect allegedly had rock cocaine in his rolled up pant leg. The suspect, Jerry Simpson, 47, of Los Angeles was arrested for possession of a controlled substance and a parole violation. He was not eligible for bail.

FRIDAY, NOV. 13, AT 12:12 P.M.,
Officers responded to the 2500 block of Arizona Avenue regarding a report of a bicycle theft. When officers arrived, they made contact with the reporting party who told them that they saw the suspects riding in a car. One of the suspects jumped out of the car and clipped a bicycle lock using bolt cutters. The suspect then jumped on the bike and rode away. Officers located the suspects in the 1300 block of Yale Street in possession of the stolen bicycle. Officers also found bolt cutters in plain view in the back of the car. The suspects were placed under arrest for grand theft, conspiracy and possession of burglary tools. They were identified as Theodore Vasquez,19, and Frank Pineda, 19; both of Los Angeles. Bail was set at $20,000.

SATURDAY, NOV. 14, AT 2:21 P.M.,
Officers responded to the 1400 block of Wilshire Boulevard — Bank of America — regarding a report of a forgery in progress. When officers arrived, they made contact with bank employees who said that a suspect attempted to pass a fraudulent check in the amount of $5,600. Officers were able to detain the suspect, who was identified as Lisa Lukas, 37, of San Bernardino. During an interview with the suspect, she told officers that another person gave her a ride to the bank and was the one who arranged the attempt to pass the bogus check, police said. Officers were able to locate the second suspect as he was driving around the area waiting for his alleged accomplice. He was identified as Esean Morris, 37, of San Bernardino. Both suspects were arrested for burglary, passing a fictitious check and conspiracy. Bail was set at $20,000.

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CLEANING UP: **The Santa Monica Waste Transfer Station will finally be enclosed when a new facility is built to replace it. The new facility is scheduled to open in 2012.**

Pico residents concerned about health impacts from City Yards

FROM **FACILITY** PAGE 1

year between City Hall, Southern California Disposal and the Allan Company for the latter two to provide transfer and recycling services, respectively. The construction cost for the Resource Recovery Center was not available in the city staff report from the council meeting as officials are assessing a capital financing plan for the project.

The new center will come with various mitigation measures, including covering various facilities that currently operate without a roof, and a new soundwall with landscape to provide a buffer for residents at the Mountain View Mobile Home Park.

"We are essentially proposing a much more aesthetic and functional site plan that will greatly improve efficiency without increasing tonnage that is entering this site," Lee Swain, the public works director for City Hall, said.

Under the proposal, Southern California Disposal will expand its existing 9,600-square-foot transfer station to the north to accommodate the city's transfer needs. While the floor area will increase, the total tonnage limit will remain at 1,056 tons a day, allowing the company to achieve a higher diversion rate — meaning trash not going to landfills — thanks to a greater sorting area coupled with a more efficient storage system.

A new self-haul facility will be located east of the transfer station, receiving items such as construction materials and green waste. It would also serve as backup for the transfer station.

The buy-back center will be an open-air operation that will have a separate public access driveway off Delaware Avenue. A modular building will accompany the buy-back center, conducting cash transactions. The hazardous waste facility will also be accessed off Delaware Avenue.

Approximately 4 acres are used for recycling and waste processing at the yards today.

The project has drawn concerns from the Pico Neighborhood where residents have claimed environmental injustice from the I-10 Freeway and the City Yards.

Maria Loya, the co-chair of the Pico Neighborhood Association, said that while she is appreciative of the effort to improve the facility, she called on officials to ensure that there is an adequate environmental impact assessment of the site, claiming that there is a "cancer cluster" at the Mountain View Mobile Home Park where more than 10 residents have died or are suffering from the disease in the past 10-15 years.

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> **Lee Swain**
> Public works director, City Hall

"In a city that prides itself on being environmentally responsible, we must not forget the most vulnerable segments of our community — the poor and the elderly," she said. "I believe that being environmentally responsible should go beyond whether a building is green or not. I believe being environmentally responsible should also include being responsible and protecting the residents of these kinds of developments."

The project will go for LEED — Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design — designation, which is awarded for green buildings. Councilmembers urged that the property be as sustainable as possible.

"We are already talking about this being a showpiece for children to come and tour and learn about recycling," Councilman Richard Bloom said. "There is an opportunity with the flat roofs and the size of the site and the large blacktop areas and just the versatility of the site to be thinking about photovoltaic panels and all kinds of stormwater controls and runoff measures."

The project will be presented at a community workshop followed by an Architectural Review Board hearing in January. It's scheduled to open in February 2012.

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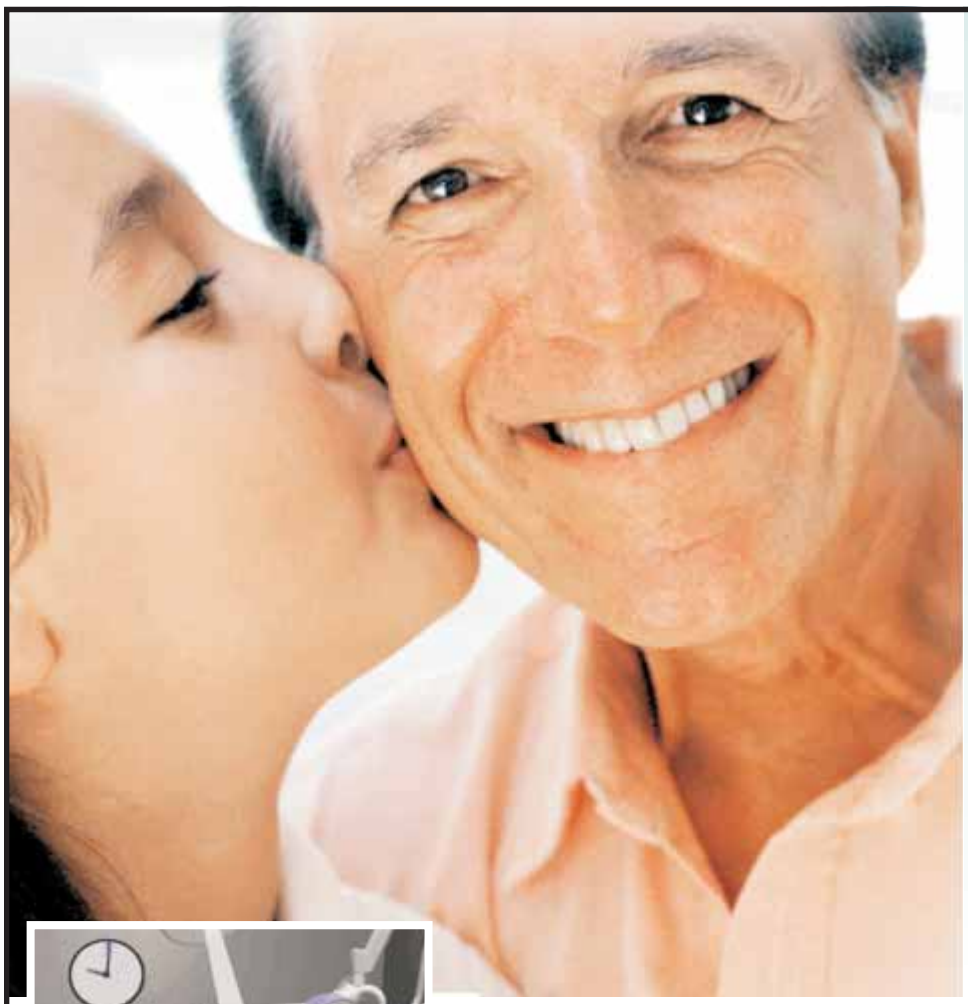
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Samohi hopes to extend season

FROM SAMOHI PAGE 1

Although 11 men line up on either side of the line, the athleticism and play-making ability of Shaw is relied upon nearly every play to spark Palmdale (8-2 overall, 7-0 in Golden League play) on both sides of the ball.

Clark's game plan is to put pressure on Shaw when he's on defense, where Florida has recruited him to play next year. Shaw's ability to shut down wide receivers has often led opposing offenses to throw away from his side of the field, but that isn't exactly what Clark has in mind.

While winning one-on-one matchups against the ball-hawking Shaw won't come easy, Clark believes that targeting him is the best way to wear him down so he can't be as active on offense, where he does most of his damage. Armed with the ability to scramble, and a cadre of wide receivers capable of making big plays, Shaw usually makes short work of opposing defenses. But, if he's tired from chasing the likes of Samohi wide receivers Chris Featherstone and Mike Smith around the field all night, Clark believes his defensive unit may find stopping him a bit easier.

"I'm going to make [Shaw] work," Clark said. "He's going to be in for a football game."

If Samohi is successful in slowing Palmdale's offense, Clark likes his team's chances with senior quarterback Garrett Safron leading the charge.

Safron may not be the physical specimen that Shaw is, but his knack for spreading the ball around has Palmdale Head Coach Jeff Williams devising ways to slow Samohi's passing attack.

Williams also likes the play of Samohi running back Kori Garcia, who also plays defensive back.

"We have to try to stop the run against anyone we play," Williams said. "That is what we have to do this week [against Garcia]."

Aside from keeping Samohi's offense in check, Williams said that the real battle will be on the offensive and defensive lines. He flatly believes that dominating the point of attack will decide the game.

For Samohi (4-6 overall, 3-2 in Ocean League play), the defensive line has been somewhat problematic. Senior Jose Perez has been in and out of the lineup all season forcing Clark to move linebackers Luke Zelon and Keelan Malone to man the defensive front.

Clark said that their senior leadership, and that of the other seniors hoping to extend their final season of high school ball, will go a long way toward a victory.

This week, he asked his seniors, "if you knew that this is the last high school football game and possibly your last game ever, how would you play it?"

He said that it rang true to his graduating class, forcing them to have some of their best practices of the season this week.

"It has been a long season for those players," Clark said. "I appreciate those guys."

He singled out seniors AJ Perez, Jared Onouye, Zelon, Safron and Smith for their dedication to the program for the past four years and appreciates that they made his first year coaching the team all the more enjoyable.

"I look forward to the seniors playing a good game [tonight]," he said. "Hopefully, this isn't their last game.

"We'd love to send Mr. Shaw to Florida early."

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A long list of notable alumni for Samohi

FROM SCHOOLS PAGE 3

ing 49 percent for certificated staff, 15 percent for classified employees and 20 percent for benefits.

District officials are currently negotiating with bargaining groups, including the Santa Monica-Malibu Classroom Teachers Association, SEIU and administrators, to make adjustments in salaries and benefits.

"If we don't make changes in our expenditures we won't be able to survive because we can't bank on Sacramento right now on providing us with the kinds of funds we need," Cuneo said.

The presentation included speaker Pam Brady, who is the immediate past president of the California PTA and served 12 years on the SMMUSD Board of Education. She called on parents in attendance to continue fighting for education and demand that the state funding cuts are not acceptable.

"I ask you to be the dream keepers and make sure they understand that to build California and to be strong again, we need to invest in our children," she said.

The evening wasn't filled with just bad news.

SMMUSD students outscored their peers again on the state Academic Performance Index and California High School Exit Examination.

They also continue to score well on the advanced placement tests. More than 1,000 students took at least one AP course last year, 146 of whom passed three exams with a score of three or better. A half dozen students scored a four or five on eight AP tests.

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SMMUSD superintendent

SAMOHI THEN AND NOW

The presentation featured a slide show on notable alumni — both celebrity and non-famous — who have gone on to achieve success in their respective fields.

They include astronaut Randy Bresnik, who graduated in 1985 and left for a space expedition on Monday. There's also actor Sean Penn, 1978, Everclear lead guitarist Art Alexakis, '79, Vermont house representative Kesha Ram, 2004, talk show host Carson Daly, 1991, and Nobel Peace Prize winner Jeremy Pal, 1988.

The list also includes two current school board members — Oscar de la Torre and Ben Allen.

de la Torre, who is also the executive director of the Pico Youth and Family Center, said he came from a family of eight children with parents who immigrated from Mexico and didn't have higher than a sixth grade education completed. Many of his siblings went on to college and de la Torre was the first to receive a master's degree — from the University of Texas.

"That right there says a lot about our school district where we can take people from hard backgrounds, not the wealthiest families with not a lot of education in those families, but because of the support of teachers, educators … we can support young people and have them reach their dreams," he said. "For me that is something that is every important that we remember we're not just teaching children to read and write, we're also inculcating values."

The evening concluded with a panel of Santa Monica High School educators and students who talked about their experiences on campus.

The panel included a special education teacher, administrator, Spanish teacher, an up-and-coming student rebounding after a challenging year, a student enrolled in the Advancement Via Individual Determination program for minority, low income and first generation college students, and an honors student who is involved in many extra-curricular activities.

Lisa Johnson, a special ed teacher whose children attended the school, said being on the campus has been a gift for her to watch her kids flourish.

"The community there is a community that my kids have been able to thrive on," Johnson said.

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Medfly outbreak could lead to billions in losses

FROM MEDFLY PAGE 1

Downtown to inform farmers about the steps they need to take to protect their crops. Avery said the city will have nets and piping on hand for farmers to create barriers for their produce.

Local markets have dealt with Medfly quarantines before, Avery said. The biggest issue for farmers will be creating structures to hang insect-proof netting. Farmers cannot simply drape their products with netting because the flies can still land on the fruit and penetrate it. Once that happens, the flies lay their eggs. The larvae or maggots begin eating the fruit, destroying it.

As a result of the quarantine some farmers said they will bring less fruit to the markets. Avery said leftovers can be donated to local nonprofits as long as those organizations do not take the produce out of the quarantine zone.

There are three quarantine zones in California in addition to the one covering Santa Monica. Avery said the majority of farmers supplying local markets are not located in those zones, ensuring a safe supply.

Those who do purchase produce and find that their goods are compromised are instructed to seal the fruit or vegetables in a plastic bag and dispose of it in the trash. Do not use it for compost.

Fruit flies were detected in the eastern section of Santa Monica near the I-10 Freeway on Oct. 28 and the department imposed the quarantine Monday. County, state and federal officials are working to combat the infestation by releasing sterile male fruit flies, and are confident they can beat the bug.

Produce covered by the quarantine includes major fruit crops: citrus, apples, pears, stone fruit, grapes, blueberries, avocados, guavas, cherimoyas and kiwis. Some vegetables such as tomatoes and eggplants are included. Flowers and most veggies, such as lettuce, carrots and cucumbers, are not affected.

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Appeal 09-008 of Variance 08-014, 149-151 Ocean Park Boulevard. The appellants are appealing the Zoning Administrator's approval of Variance Application 08-014 that allowed the re-construction of a nonconforming deck, at the rear of an existing single-family residential building in the R2R (Low Density Duplex) District. The proposed deck will have a width of 22-feet and a depth of 14-feet, with a maximum area of 308 square feet and a minimum of 9-feet rear yard setback as conditioned in the Zoning Administrator's determination. In addition, the applicant requests to have a structural beam, supporting the proposed deck, project 1-foot 10-inch into the required west side setback. Pursuant to SMMC Section 9.04.20.10.030(d)(1), the Zoning Administrator and the Planning Commission on appeal, may approve modification of yard setbacks and parcel coverage on parcels having a depth of 90-feet or less or width of 39-feet or less, provided certain criteria are met. The subject property has a width of 37.5-feet. [Planner: Lily Yegazu] **APPELLANT: Mary Marlow & Mark Kreher. APPLICANT/PROPERTY OWNER: Audrey Ickovits.**

Conditional Use Permit 09-005, 2219 Ocean Avenue. The applicant is requesting a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to allow the intermittent operation of a bed and breakfast facility. Pursuant to Santa Monica Municipal Code (SMMC) Section 9.04.08.52.040(a) "bed and breakfast facilities" are permitted in the Ocean Park Medium Multiple Residential District (OP3) subject to the approval of a Conditional Use Permit. [Planner: Scott Albright, AICP] **APPLICANT: John K. Heidt. PROPERTY OWNER: Heidt Family Trust.**

Conditional Use Permit 09-008 & Variance 09-001, 3110 Santa Monica Boulevard. The applicant (Busby's Restaurant) is requesting a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to allow the continued operation of an existing restaurant with 50 seats or more, including on-site sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages, an expansion of the restaurant to include an outdoor lounge pool/spa facility with additional outdoor seating, and to allow a parking variance to satisfy off-street parking requirements associated with the proposed expansion of the existing restaurant. Pursuant to Santa Monica Municipal Code (SMMC) Section 9.04.10.18.020, existing alcohol outlets operating without a Conditional Use Permit must obtain such permit when proposing a substantial change in mode or character of operation including, but not limited to, a ten percent (10%) increase in the floor area of the premises. SMMC Section 9.04.20.10.030(b) allows the modification of off-street parking requirements through a variance application. [Planner: Steve Mizokami] **APPLICANT: Busby's Restaurant - Paul Boettcher & Donal Tavey. PROPERTY OWNER: Faramarz Okhovat.**

Development Review Permit 07DR-006, Variance 07VAR-018, & Environmental Impact Report 09EIR-003, 2919-23 Wilshire Boulevard. The applicant requests approval of a Development Review Permit and Variance to allow the construction of a preferred permitted project comprised of a new LEED Silver Rated, 4-story, mixed-use building with two levels of subterranean parking, variance for driveway location, ground floor specialty market, 26 residential apartment units, and Transportation Demand Management Plan. The Final Environmental Impact Report, Mitigation Monitoring Program and Statement of Overriding Considerations for the project have been prepared. The Statement of Overriding Considerations will be necessary to approve the project since the EIR has concluded that there will be significant unavoidable impacts to traffic and circulation. All other potential impacts can be mitigated to a less than significant level. [Planner: Grace Cho] **APPLICANT/PROPERTY OWNER: Wilshire Structures, LLC.**

WHEN: **Wednesday, December 2, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.**

WHERE: Council Chambers, City Hall
1685 Main Street
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HOW TO COMMENT
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MORE INFORMATION
If you want additional information about this project or wish to review the project, please contact the Project Planner (310) 458-8341. The Zoning Ordinance is available at the Planning Counter during business hours or available on the City's web site at www.smgov.net. The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible. If you have any disability-related accommodation request, please contact (310) 458-8341, or TYY Number: (310) 458-8696 at least five (5) business days prior to the meeting. Santa Monica "Big Blue" Bus Lines #1, #2, #3, #4, #5, #7, #8, #9 and the Tide Ride service the City Hall. Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the Public Hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Monica at, or prior to, the Public Hearing.

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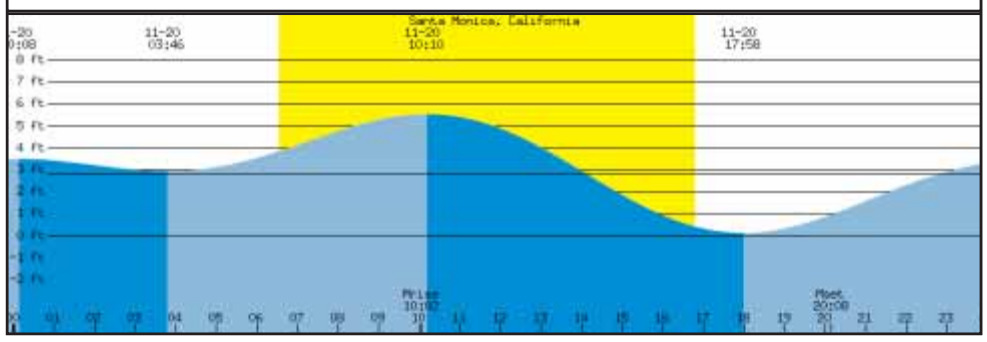
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Most west facing breaks in chest high surf max, smaller though as the day progresses. South facing breaks may only see waist+ wrap in the AM.

Long Range Synopsis

Should see the NW swell come to its peak with chest to head high waves around most west facing breaks, possibly overhead at times at standouts.

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 four weeks up to the ending date of **November 10, 2009**

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

QUICK STATS (for the last 28 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 0
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 5
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 37 / 35
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 9 / 11

The Beach Report Card is made possible by: The Diller – von Furstenberg Family Foundation; simplehuman; SIMA

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
Los Cerrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lachusa and Las Alisos creeks.	A+	A+
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	A+
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	A+
Paradise Cove Pier at Rominer Canyon Creek mouth.	C	F
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A+	A+
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	D	A+
Solstice Canyon at Don Blacker County Beach.	F	A+
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	A+
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	A+	F
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	A+
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	A	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	A	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.	A	A+
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	A+	A+
Tuna Canyon.	ns	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	A	F
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	B	F
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A	A+
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.	A+	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	F
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A+	A+
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	C	A+
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	F	A+
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A+	A+
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St..	A+	A+
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower.	D	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	D	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).	C	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	A+	A+
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant.	A+	A+
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

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.

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MLB

Giants' Lincecum wins consecutive Cy Youngs

JAY COHEN
AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK San Francisco Giants ace Tim Lincecum won the NL Cy Young Award on Thursday for the second straight year, emerging from one of the tightest votes in the history of the honor to become the first repeat winner since Randy Johnson.

The wiry right-hander, nicknamed "The Freak" for his giant stride, needed only 15 victories to earn the award — the fewest for a Cy Young starter over a non-shortened season.

Lincecum led the NL with 261 strikeouts and tied for the league lead with four complete games and two shutouts.

Only 10 points separated the top three vote-getters. Chris Carpenter was second and St. Louis teammate Adam Wainwright finished third despite getting the most first-place votes.

The 2009 honors for Lincecum and Kansas City Royals ace Zack Greinke reflect a recent shift in how voters pick baseball's best pitchers. Wins, losses and ERA used to determine the Cy Young Award winner — now it's detailed statistics such as WHIP, FIP and BABIP.

Greinke equaled the previous low of 16 wins for a non-shortened season when he won the AL award on Tuesday.

"It's turned into a game of complete numbers and statistics and what people do with that," Lincecum said. "So I mean just to put more options in the voters' heads about what's supposed to be more important, which takes priority over another, that's all based on opinion."

Lincecum is facing misdemeanor marijuana charges stemming from a traffic stop in his home state of Washington on Oct. 30. No questions were allowed about the incident in his conference call after winning the award but he did acknowledge making a mistake and apologized in a prepared statement.

"I know that as a professional athlete I have a responsibility to conduct myself appropriately both on and off the field," he said. "I certainly have learned a valuable lesson through all of this and I promise to do better in the future.

"I hope and expect that the matter will be resolved soon. In the meantime I am focused on preparing for the 2010 season."

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY SCH# 2008121107 OF A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR 2834 COLORADO AVENUE, THE COLORADO CREATIVE STUDIO PROJECT

City of Santa Monica

OFFICIAL NOTICE is hereby given on the completion and availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the proposed studio building and childcare facility at 2834 Colorado Avenue.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The proposed development would result in demolition of the existing buildings onsite and the construction of a 151,600 square foot (sf), five-story creative studio building over a 2_ level subterranean parking garage. The proposed studio building is designed to be occupied by a single multi-media entertainment company. The proposed project also includes the development of a new public street extending Pennsylvania Avenue across the southern portion of the project site.

Also included in the proposal is an approximately 3,000 sf detached childcare center with 13,500 sf of open space for an outdoor play area. The day care facility would be designed to accommodate up to 50 toddlers and infants with enrolment open to the public. Separate driveway access from Stewart Street with a surface parking area that includes spaces for checking children in and out of the childcare facility is proposed.

ANTICIPATED SIGNIFICANT IMPACTS: The Draft EIR determined that implementation of the project will result in the following significant or potentially significant impacts:

Significant Unavoidable Impacts: Transportation/Circulation & Construction Effects

Potentially Significant Impacts: Aesthetics, Air Quality, Construction Effects, Geology & Soils, Global Climate Change, Neighborhood Effects, Noise & Transportation/Circulation.

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: A 45-day public review period is provided for all interested persons to submit written comments (letters or email) on the adequacy of the Draft EIR. **The comment period will start on November 20, 2009 and end at 5:30 p.m. on January 5, 2010.** Written comments should be sent to:

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City Planning Division
1685 Main Street, Room 212
Santa Monica, CA 90401
Fax: (310) 458-3380
david.martin@smgov.net

PUBLIC MEETING: Additional notice will be given when public meetings before the Planning Commission and City Council are scheduled to receive comments on the EIR, and the proposed Development Agreement and General Plan amendment. If you wish to challenge the Draft Environmental Impact Report in court, you may be limited to raising those issues that you or someone else raised during this 45 day comment period, or at any public hearing or meetings where this document was considered.

AVAILABILITY OF ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION: The Draft EIR and background materials may be on the City website at http://www01.smgov.net/planning/planningcomm/environmentalreports.html and at the following locations:

- City Planning Division Public Counter, Room 111, 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica
- Office of the City Clerk, Room 102, Santa Monica
- Santa Monica Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Boulevard, Santa Monica
- Fairview Branch Library, 2101 Ocean Park Boulevard, Santa Monica
- Montana Branch Library, 1704 Montana Avenue, Santa Monica
- Ocean Park Branch Library, 2601 Main Street, Santa Monica

MOVIE TIMES

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

Bob & Carol & Ted & Alice (NR) 1hr 45min
Harry and Tonto (NR) 1hr 55min
7:30

AMC Loews Broadway 4
1441 Third Street Promenade

Bad Lieutenant: Port of Call New Orleans (R) 2hr 1min
1:30, 4:30, 7:20, 10:10

2012 (PG-13) 2hr 38min
11:00, 2:35, 6:15, 9:45

Pirate Radio (R) 1hr 55min
11:20, 2:05, 4:55, 7:40, 10:25

A Serious Man (R) 1hr 45min
11:10, 1:45, 4:20, 7:00, 9:35

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

2012 (PG-13) 2hr 38min
11:45, 12:35, 3:25, 4:20, 7:00, 8:00, 10:30

Disney's A Christmas Carol in Disney Digital 3D (PG) 1hr 36min
11:35, 2:00, 4:35, 7:05, 9:30

The Fourth Kind (PG-13) 1hr 38min
12:10, 2:40, 5:10, 7:40, 10:10

Where the Wild Things Are (PG) 1hr 34min
11:30, 1:55, 4:25, 7:10, 9:40

Men Who Stare at Goats (R) 1hr 30min
12:00, 2:15, 4:40, 7:20, 9:50

Michael Jackson's This Is It (PG) 2hr 1min
11:40, 2:20, 5:00, 7:50, 10:20

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

Coco Before Chanel (PG-13) 2hr 5min
1:10, 4:00, 7:00, 9:40

The Messenger (R) 2hr 7min
1:30, 4:20, 7:10, 9:55

Irene In Time (PG-13) 1hr 49min
1:50, 4:40, 7:30, 10:00

Precious (R) 1hr 49min
12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:40, 10:15

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

Paranormal Activity (R) 1hr 39min
11:30

The Blind Side (PG-13) 2hr 6min
12:40, 1:40, 3:40, 4:40, 6:40, 7:40, 9:40

Planet 51 (PG) 1hr 31min
12:00, 2:20, 4:50, 7:00, 9:20

The Twilight Saga: New Moon (PG-13) 2hr 10min
11:30, 12:30, 1:30, 2:30, 3:30, 4:30, 5:30, 6:30, 7:30, 8:30, 9:30, 10:30, 11:30, 12:30 a.m.

For more information, e-mail news@smdp.com

Splurge a little, Sagittarius

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Listen to feedback that comes your way. You are now on center stage. Understand that it is your way or the highway. New beginnings become possible. Listen to your sixth sense with a partner who might be acting strangely. Tonight: Could be a late night.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Keep reaching out for others. You might want to know or understand more of what is going on. Detach and explore your options more carefully. You could be really surprised by the possibilities. Tonight: Surf the Net.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ The time has come to deal with a partner directly. This person doesn't mean to be a problem. He or she simply looks at life differently than you do. Give this person space to be who he or she is -- just like you want space to be who you are. Tonight: Togetherness.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Others want to be in control. You can pretend they are, knowing you can control only yourself and no one else, and it is the same for them. Don't push so hard to achieve your goals right now. Timing will work for you at a later date. Tonight: Go with another's suggestions.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ You might want to do something much different from what you originally thought. You might not have all the right ideas, but you might have one or two. Indulge a family member or yourself. Tonight: Remain nurturing.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ Express your caring in a manner that speaks to others. Sometimes words work, and other times actions count. Be sensitive to people's different styles. Your creativity surges in an unprecedented manner. Tonight: All smiles.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Your ability to get past a situation makes a big difference. Be aware of your financial limitations. You are building on stronger foundations. Investigate opportunities as they come forward. Seriously consider a home office. Tonight: Order in.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ You express yourself with ease. Know what you want. Reveal more of your ideas, needs and wishes. Investigate what someone presents as a project, idea or solution. A positive, upbeat attitude will go far. Tonight: Meet a pal.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ Your possessive side emerges when dealing with those in your life. Use your instincts not to feed insecurity, but to build your confidence. Learn to trust yourself, and then you will be able to trust nearly anyone. Tonight: Splurge on yourself a little.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ Your positive persona and style will make all the difference. Be honest with yourself as to what works and what doesn't. Your willpower will take you far. Listen to news more openly than you have in the past. Tonight: As you like it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ Breathe in and understand that not everyone is on the same page as you. Investigate alternatives with more care. If something feels wrong, it probably is. Listen to your instincts with a boss, especially right now. Tonight: Vanish quickly.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ Intrinsically, you know what you want and what you desire. Honoring those basics counts and makes a difference. A meeting is very important to discover exactly what would be most effective. Tonight: TGIF with your friends.

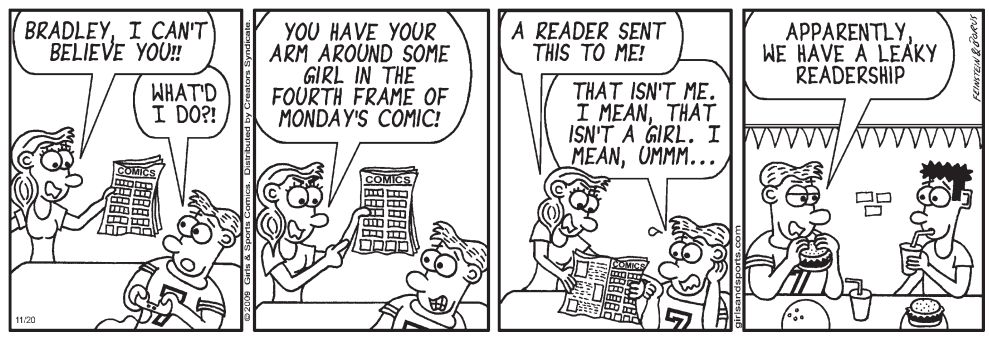
Happy birthday

This year, you make waves. Wherever you go, it seems your influence is felt. An innate type of aura marks your actions and gentleness. Your charisma attracts many more people than in the past. Unlike many other Scorpios, you develop a nice style of saying "no" that takes the edge off your words. If you are single, trust that you will have many opportunities to change your status if you so choose. If you are attached, this year evolves into a special one in which you feel more cared for than in the past. Be willing to adjust to change. The real challenge, whether single or not, is to stay realistic in your expectations. You will have a tendency to put someone on a pedestal. CAPRICORN tends to be more loquacious with you.

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

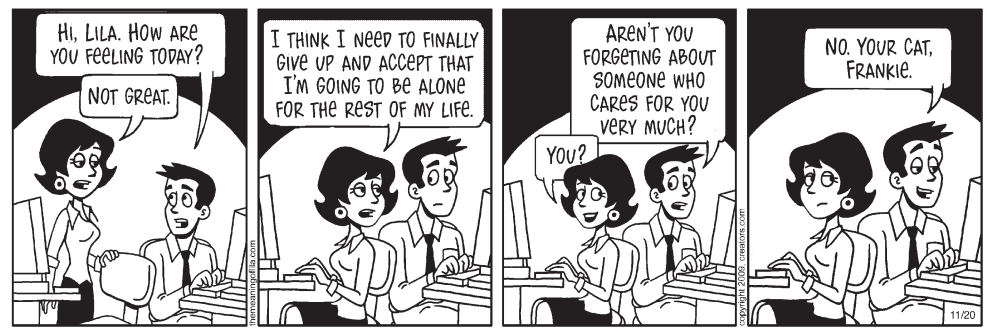
Girls and Sports

By Justin Borus and Andrew Feinstein



The Meaning of Lila

By John Forgetta & L.A. Rose



Garfield

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Strange Brew

By John Deering



Speed Bump

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Sudoku

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Difficulty Level ★★★★

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GETTING STARTED

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

9	6	2	5	4	1	7	8	3
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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Musical set in Argentina
6 Revolting
11 Ore sources
12 Early years
13 Some petty officers
14 Fashionably nostalgic
15 Yale fan
16 Sky saucer
18 Wisconsin tribe
19 Sunburnt
20 — amis
21 Press need
22 Comic Wright
24 Throws in
25 How maps are drawn
27 "Das Kapital" author
29 Puts up
32 Writer Tarbell
33 Job
34 Sold-out show
35 Piston connector
36 Some
37 Get on
38 Verdi pieces
40 "Sweet Dreams" star
42 Book category
43 Shine
44 Borders
45 Prophets

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1 Campfire bits
2 Tiny flower
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4 Kayo count
5 Surmises
6 Pita sandwiches
7 Future fish
8 Long shot
9 Leave high and dry
10 Appalls
17 Confine
23 — populi
24 Pub pints
26 Some socks
27 Sahara sight
28 Found darling
30 Friend of Eeyore and Pooh
31 Hardens
33 Argon and xenon
39 Is for two
41 Reduce

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Yesterday's answer

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11-20

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DAILY 3: MIDDAY: 1 2 1
EVENING: 5 2 3

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2nd: 10 Solid Gold
3rd: 03 Hot Shot
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ **Not Too Old to Do Her Own Hit:** Elsa Seman, 71, was shot and killed in North Versailles, Pa., in September, when she was mistaken for a prowler. According to police, Seman had gone to the home of her ex-boyfriend at night and, dressed in black, commando-style, was lying in wait in his yard with a pistol, intending to kill him. A neighbor called in the report of a prowler, and a police officer arriving at the scene fatally shot Seman.

■ **Not Too Sickly for a Career in Bank Robbery:** Police in Southern California know what the man looks like (from surveillance video) but have not yet apprehended the well-dressed, 70ish man who has robbed four banks since August, with the latest being a Bank of America in Rancho Santa Fe in October. The man has shown special dexterity to pull off the robberies, since he is on oxygen and has to carry around his own tank.

■ (1) A September inquest into the 2007 suicide of a 26-year-old woman found that doctors at Norfolk and Norwich Hospital could have saved her, but that because she had executed a living will ordering no treatment, they rebuffed the pleas of family members to treat her because, they said, they feared the woman would sue them if she recovered. (2) An employment judge ruled in September that Tim Nicholson could use the "religion" claim for employment discrimination to sue the firm Grainger PLC, in Newcastle, even though the disputes he had with management were ostensibly just political -- about his fear of global climate change. Judge David Sneath said he found Nicholson's ecology convictions so sincere and all-encompassing that they amounted to religious beliefs.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1945 Nuremberg Trials: Trials against 24 Nazi war criminals start at the Palace of Justice at Nuremberg.

1947 The Princess Elizabeth marries Lieutenant Philip Mountbatten at Westminster Abbey in London.

1952 Slánsk˘ trials – a series of Stalinist and anti-Semitic show trials in Czechoslovakia.

WORD UP!

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
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Petition of MARGARET STOMMEL GANSON for Change of Name
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner or Attorney: MARGARET STOMMEL GANSON filed a petition with this court for a decree of changing names as follows: MARGARET STOMMEL GANSON to MARGO STOMMEL GANSON. The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted.
Notice of Hearing:
Date: DECEMBER 11, 2009 Time: 8:30AM, Dept. B
The address of the court is Superior Court North District, 300 East Olive Avenue, Burbank, CA 91502.
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Santa Monica Daily Press.
Date: OCT 15, 2009
CANDACE J. BEASON
Judge Of The Superior Court
10/30/2009, 11/6/2009, 11/13/2009, 11/20/2009

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20091485542 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as DOC'S SKI HAUS; AI #/ON 2758558, 2929 SANTA MONICA BLVD., SANTA MONICA, CA 90404. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : GAUGE OUTFITTERS, INC, 2200 COLORADO AVE, #224, SANTA MONICA, CA 90404 (CALIFORNIA) This Business is being conducted by, a corporation. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)9/25/2005. /s/: GAUGE OUTFITTERS, INC., PRESIDENT, DAVID CRAYCROFT
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 9/30/2009. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 10/30/2009, 11/6/2009, 11/13/2009, 11/20/2009

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