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**TOP RANKING: The Crossroads boys cross-country team qualified for the CIF state championships Saturday, Nov. 28, at Woodley Park in Fresno thanks to its seventh-place finish in Division 5 of the Southern Section finals Nov. 21 at Mt. San Antonio College in Walnut. The Roadrunners were led by senior Daniel Allen, who finished his section race in 16 minutes 26.7 seconds to take 13th place. Also finishing in the top 35 were junior Ethan Finkel (28th, 17:12.5) and senior Alex Groenendaal-Jones (32nd, 17:18.3). Pictured, from left, are Allen, Andrew Wedeking, Groenendaal-Jones, Ben Fried, Jonah Dylan, Ayden Georgi and Finkel.**

# Samohi grads launch news service

## *TheLead created as irreverent alternative to mainstream sports websites*

**BY JEFFREY I. GOODMAN**
Daily Press Staff Writer

It's been more than a decade since Tim Livingston developed his writing chops as a member of Santa Monica High School's student newspaper. And look at him now.

A former college baseball player who had been working as a recruiter in the tech start-up scene, Livingston recently combined his interests in athletics and entrepreneurship by launching his own sports news service.

Under the direction of Livingston and co-founder Jacob Honig, a fellow Samohi alumnus, TheLead delivers free daily newsletters to the email inboxes of its growing subscriber base.

"We believe that consuming sports news should be an entertaining, enjoyable experience," states a company manifesto that was sent to readers earlier this month. "That humor and irreverence should be the norm. That calling Roger Goodell bad names is more than acceptable. That saying more with less words is a good thing."

Since its inception, Livingston said, his company has worked to develop a voice that is unlike what can be found on ESPN.com and other mainstream sports news websites.

TheLead has listed recaps of college games under an "Unpaid Football" header, a nod to the debate over whether college athletes should be paid. It has jokingly blamed Golden State Warriors guard Stephen Curry for starting El Nino, a reference to his constant 3-point rainmaking. It even organized an online petition to get Los Angeles Clippers center DeAndre Jordan to shoot free throws underhanded. (Through 60 attempts this season, Jordan's success rate was hovering at a career-worst 35 percent.)

And there's more to the e-blast than a series of short, punchy posts about the latest in the sports world. It also contains GIFs, memes and links to stories around the Web. Each edition concludes with a random athlete of the day and a sports trivia question. (One recent challenge that would resonate with local readers: Steve Smith and Chad Johnson both attended what community college?)

"I want it to be rebellious, and I want it to be irreverent and everything that mainstream sports news is not," Livingston said. "We're busy, we're working our tails off and we don't have time to browse ESPN for three hours a day. The goal is to give everybody a refreshing 3-minute read and change the way we consume sports news."

The creation of TheLead marks a new chapter for Livingston, who

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# Baseball update: Samohi infielder signs with University of Richmond

## *Schipper reaches Division I on diamond after halting hockey career*

**BY JEFFREY I. GOODMAN**
Daily Press Staff Writer

The season is on the line for Santa Monica High School's baseball team.

It's late May, and the Vikings are locked in a tie with Irvine-Northwood in the bottom of the ninth inning of a CIF Southern Section playoff game.

Samohi catcher Matthew Kassowitz gets the rally started with a double, and third baseman Rudy Olmedo keeps it going with a walk. That's when Lowell Schipper calmly steps to the plate.

"It's a game of failure, and that excites me," said Schipper, who ripped a single to the outfield in an eventual 3-1 win for the Vikings. "Who can fail the least amount of times? The best hitters are hitting three out of 10 times they're at the plate. They're failing, but they're succeeding.

"And it's such a mental game. You have to be in the right state of mind to be 0-for-3 and then come up a fourth time and hit in the bottom of the ninth. You're at the plate, and the whole game rides on your shoulders. I love the pressure."

There's plenty more pressure now in store for Schipper, who signed this month to continue his

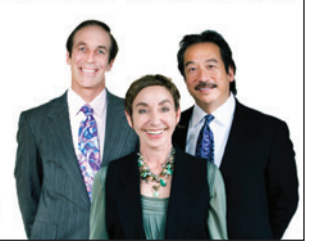
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**WEB GEM: Santa Monica High senior Lowell Schipper will continue his baseball career in the Atlantic 10 Conference.**


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## Thursday, Nov. 26

### Library Closed
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### Annenberg Community Beach House Closed
Site will be closed today and will reopen Friday at 8:30 a.m. Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 PCH.

## Friday, Nov. 27

### Gallery at Annenberg Community Beach House
The Annenberg Community Beach House provides an ongoing, rotational exhibition program of artwork to showcase the local artists of Santa Monica. Admission is free. Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 PCH, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

### Annenberg Community Beach House Guest House Tours
Free tours begin at 11 a.m., 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 PCH, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

## Saturday, Nov. 28

### Small Business Saturday
Montana Avenue Merchants Association, Buy Local Santa Monica and Santa Monica Travel & Tourism are proud to be part of the national Small Business Saturday event, organized by American Express. Find the perfect gifts, support your local businesses and enjoy the festivities. Don't miss holiday shopping and sidewalk sales on Montana Avenue. More info coming soon: www.facebook.com/MontanaAveSantaMonica.

### Saturday Certified Farmer's Market (Virginia Ave. Park)
Fresh seasonal produce sold direct by California's farmers! Parking for the market is available in the lot along Pico Blvd., at meters along Pico Blvd. or adjacent to Virginia Park in the parking lot on north/east corner of Pico and Cloverfield. Virginia Avenue Park, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

### CLOSED Santa Monica Certified Farmers Market (Downtown - Saturday)
The Saturday Downtown Farmers Market will be closed for the Saturday following Thanksgiving. The market will re-open Saturday, Dec. 7, 2013. Please visit one of the other three markets; Wednesday downtown Santa Monica, Saturday Pico Farmers Market in Virginia Avenue Park or Sunday Main Street, which will remain open over the Thanksgiving holiday.

### Retro Holiday Show II
This is all your holiday favorites rolled-up into one show for 4 weeks only. Flash back with all of your favorite holiday special characters and watch your children light up with this fun show that has all your favorite songs and characters. This show is a Creating Arts Company Original Mini-Musical and is a one hour interactive-cinematic-theatrical-musical experience that is fun for the entire family. Cost: $15. 3110 Pennsylvania Ave., 2 - 3 p.m.

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# COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Citywide

## Locals appointed to state positions

Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. has announced several appointments including two local residents.

Sharon D. O'Rourke, 67, of Playa del Rey, has been appointed to the California Volunteers Commission, where she has served since 2000. O'Rourke is franchise and fees manager at Southern California Gas Company, where she has held several positions since 1970, including public affairs manager and supervisor of right of way service. This position does not require Senate confirmation and there is no compensation. O'Rourke is a Republican.

Kimberly Quinones, 54, of Pacific Palisades, has been reappointed to the California Volunteers Commission, where she has served since 2014. Quinones was managing director and head of the Ramirez and Company Inc. Western Region of Public Finance from 2006 to 2012, director of public finance at Citigroup from 2000 to 2005 and vice president and manager of Raymond James and Associates' New York Region from 1997 to 2000. Quinones was director of economic development in the Office of the New York Deputy Mayor for Economic Development and Planning from 1996 to 1997. She was vice president of public finance at Citicorp Securities Inc. from 1992 to 1996 and at Bear Stearns from 1990 to 1991. Quinones is a member of the California Women Lead Board of Directors, Los Angeles Chapter of Women in Public Finance and a past president and member of the Financial Women's Association of New York. This position does not require Senate confirmation and there is no compensation. Quinones is a Republican.

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Downtown

## Exclusive cookbook signing with author Amelia Saltsman

Author Amelia Saltsman will sign copies of her new cookbook, The Seasonal Jewish Kitchen, at The City of Santa Monica Wednesday Downtown Farmer's Market. In her second cookbook, Amelia shares 150 recipes that offer a refreshingly different take on traditional and contemporary Jewish cooking, tracing the delicious thread of Jewish cuisine from its ancient roots to today's focus on seasonality and sustainability. Books will be available for purchase at $29.95.

In The Seasonal Jewish Kitchen, Amelia Saltsman takes readers far beyond deli meats and kugel to a universally appealing world of diverse flavors ideal for modern meals. Inspired by the farm-to-table movement, her 150 recipes offer a refreshingly different take on traditional and contemporary Jewish cooking.

Amelia traces the delicious thread of Jewish cuisine from its ancient roots to today's focus on seasonality and sustainability. She draws on her own rich food history to bring you a warmly personal cookbook filled with soul-satisfying spins on beloved classics and bold new dishes. From her Iraqi grandmother's kitchri - red lentils melted into rice with garlic slow-cooked to sweetness - to four-ingredient Golden Borscht with Buttermilk and Fresh Ginger and vibrant Blood Orange and Olive Oil Polenta Upside-Down Cake, Amelia's melting-pot approach will win over a new generation of cooks. Guided by the Jewish calendar, Amelia divides the book into six micro-seasons that highlight the deep connection of Jewish traditions to the year's cycles. Today's sustainability and gleaning projects are founded in the agricultural and social justice lessons of the Bible, and it's no coincidence that holiday foods are seasons-based - the spring herbs of Passover, for instance, or the autumn pomegranates and apples of Rosh Hashanah.

Downtown market, 3rd and Arizona, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

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SMC

## SMC student newspaper wins 15 awards

The Santa Monica College (SMC) student newspaper The Corsair won 15 awards - including newspaper General Excellence and four first place awards - at the 2015 Southern California conference of the Journalism Association of Community Colleges (JACC) held at Fullerton College on November 14.

Former Corsair Editor-in-Chief Alci Rengifo won first place for news story, and second place for opinion story. Corsair contributor Amanda Looma won first place for her riveting audio slideshow of a 21-year-old homeless student. Corsair photographer Carlos Espinoza won first place for his photo story about a project to bring fresh water to a rural Mexican community. Former Corsair sports editor James Powel won first place in the sports game story category for his coverage of local boxing.

The Corsair was also one of six Southern California community college newspapers recognized for the General Excellence category.

The Corsair awards were part of JACC's publications contest which represented the best of student journalism from the region published in the last academic year.

Saul Rubin is faculty advisor to the Corsair and is the instructor of the SMC journalism class that produces the print and online editions of the Corsair, while instructor Gerard Burkhart is the photo adviser.

A complete list of SMC awards at the 2015 JACC State Convention follows:

First place, Online Photo Story: Amanda Looma

First Place, Online Photo Story Essay: Carlos Espinoza

First Place, Sports Game Story: James Powel

First Place, News Story: Alci Rengifo

Second Place, Front Page Layout (Tabloid): William Miguel

Second Place, Opinion Story: Alci Rengifo

Second Place, Feature Story: Jose Lopez

Third Place, Video Journalism: Staci Ellen and Jose Barajas

Third Place, Column Writing: Claudius West

Third Place, Online Photo Story: Brandon Barsugli

Third Place, Sports Action Photo: Brandon Barsugli

Fourth Place, Webcast/Broadcast News: Claudius West

Fourth Place, News Photo: Brandon Barsugli

Fourth Place, Sports Feature Photo: Brandon Barsugli

Newspaper General Excellence: Corsair Staff

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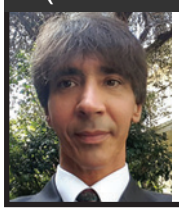









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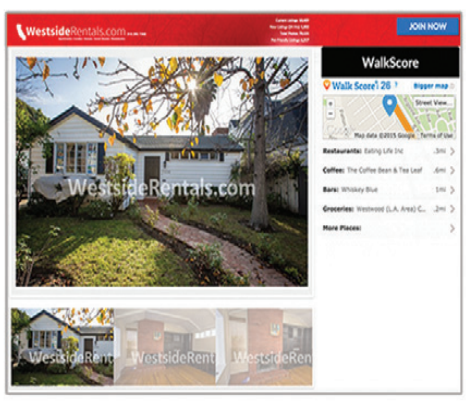

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# Storm water capture is a green sponge solution

Earlier this fall, heavy rains pounded the Los Angeles region. Water poured onto our streets and sidewalks, raced through gutters and drains, and vanished into the Pacific Ocean. Result: another lost opportunity for Los Angeles County.

During that September storm, Los Angeles County saw more than 2.5 inches of rain – 10 times the amount we usually get at this time of year. Thanks to our existing regional stormwater infrastructure, some of that water was saved, but it could have been so much more. We should be saving and reusing every drop of storm water to help keep our tree canopy alive, to further replenish depleted underground aquifers, and to help us become less reliant on imported water sources.

The September storm foreshadowed what many experts predict will be a wet El Niño winter. If the predictions come true, Southern California will see much more rain over the next few months. We know that one wet winter can't solve the drought or make us more water resilient. We also know that conservation alone won't be the cure-all. While Angelenos have resoundingly answered Governor Jerry Brown's call to reduce water use, that reduction is only part of the equation. We also need a 21st century stormwater infrastructure that will save as much rain as possible instead of losing it to the ocean.

With efficient infrastructure, we can capture more storm runoff, clean it, and store it for later use. We can clean up our polluted water ways, create good-paying jobs, and make our communities more sustainable and livable. And we know how to do this: we already have the technology and engineering expertise to reshape our concrete basin into a "green sponge" by building regional and neighborhood-scale water capture projects. Take, for instance, Sun Valley Park, where the Los Angeles County Flood Control District, the City of Los Angeles, and the environmental organization TreePeople came together to build a stormwater treatment system under a park. This multi-benefit project not only fixed a chronic local flood problem, in only a decade it has captured nearly 250 acre-feet of stormwater – enough to supply about 50 families of four each year - that would have otherwise been lost to the ocean.

Other cities, like Philadelphia, are doing this on a much larger scale. So what's stopping L.A. County from scaling up? First, we need better cooperation. Local government entities, including cities, water providers, and wastewater utilities, need to look beyond their core missions and come together around green infrastructure planning and construction. Second, constructing the necessary stormwater infrastructure will require a sustained investment of funds. It isn't cheap, but it's far less expensive than doing nothing. So far, investment in new stormwater infrastructure has been intermittent and inadequate. The region's governments must invest more in infrastructure to capture and reuse rainfall. Recent surveys show that the public supports investing in water. Now is the right time to step up.

The prospect of an epic season of winter storms in the middle of an historic drought has to make us all rethink our relationship with stormwater. Losing billions of gallons of rainwater, simply because we lack the infrastructure or political will to capture it, is just not smart. We need to do it now. There is no time – or water – to waste.

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## Updates from the Lions

As a Lions Club, we are known for our projects that relate to vision - but the Santa Monica Lions Club supports so much more than that.

With the success of our pancake breakfast, our first fundraiser of the year, we are now accepting applications for financial support. You must be a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organization located in, or serving Santa Monica residents. These grants are not just limited to vision-related causes, but are available to any nonprofit organization that strives to help others through health, education or services.

To see if you qualify to submit an application, go to http://e-clubhouse.org/sites/santamonica/projects.php. There you will also find a downloadable application to be completed along with a list of supporting documentation that must be submitted with your request. The deadline for the first round of applications is December 31st.

Applications may be submitted by mail to PO Box 3435, Santa Monica, CA 90408 or by email to santamonicalion@gmail.com. To be considered applications must be complete with all supporting documentation included. The deadline for the second and final round of applications is May 15, 2016.

This year we will be holding a second fundraiser, on Saturday, May 5, 2016, to raise additional money for the many deserving organizations in Santa Monica. If you love horseracing, great food, delicious wines (even mint juleps), Santa Monica sunshine and laughing with your friends - this will be the event for you! Save-the-date cards with more information will be going out after the first of the year. If you want to receive more information about this event send your address to santamoinicalion@gmail.com<mailto:santamoinicalion@gmail.com> or call Susan at 310-623-4499.

Are you feeling in the volunteer spirit this holiday season? Let us offer a couple of suggestions when you can join us. On Saturday, December 5th we are helping the Miracle Mile Lions Club provide vision screening for veterans at the Veterans Affairs Department in Westwood. On Friday, December 11th will be ringing bells for the Salvation Army at Bristol Farms - Santa Monica, and are requesting you sign-up for 2-hour shifts. If you are interested in helping with either of these projects, please call Susan at 310-623-4499.

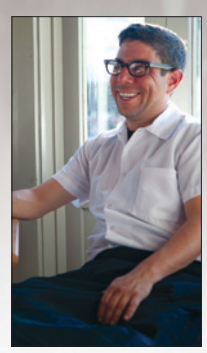
Finally, we are very happy to announce our partnership with other Santa Monica service organizations in promoting leadership and service in Santa Monica. Next year the Santa Monica Jaycees, Kiwanis, Lions, Rotary and Women's Club will join together on a few fun activities to give you a glimpse of how we each serve our community and ways you can enjoy helping others while having fun and making new friends. We will keep you posted as things move forward.

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## SPORTS

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graduated from Samohi in 2004. He played baseball while studying journalism and mass communications at Washington and Lee University in Virginia, hitting a team-best .397 with 24 RBI and 12 runs during a standout junior season.

After college he returned to Southern California to recover from surgeries following injuries to his labrum and anterior cruciate ligament.

Livingston held jobs at several sports and media companies before landing a position as a recruiter in the tech world. In his free time, he penned analytical sports articles for Yahoo.

Then, while on his honeymoon last year, Livingston and his wife were waiting at a train station in Pompei when they came across theSkimm, a daily email newsletter.

"This is how news should be delivered," he said. "Within a few months, it was like, 'I think people would dig this if I did it for sports.'"

Livingston continued working in tech recruiting but spent his evenings cranking out content for his sports news service. He eventually quit his job to focus on TheLead.

"It became obvious that TheLead is what I wanted to do full-time," he said.

Livingston said he'd eventually like to use the newsletter to drive traffic to TheLead's website, which would feature longer pieces and other original content. For now, though, he is working to expand the newsletter's subscriber base.

"I've never worked this hard," he said, "but I think we have a product that sports fans really like."

To sign up for the e-blast, visit www.theleadsports.com.

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## BASEBALL

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baseball career at the University of Richmond.

The infielder and right-handed pitcher was recruited by Amherst, Dayton, Denison, Rhodes and Santa Clara as well as Harvard and Columbia, but he said he felt a connection to the Virginia school the moment he stepped on campus. He verbally committed to Richmond months ago.

"Signing was a big step," Schipper said. "Going through this, I never thought it was going to happen. ... Once it's official, it's a really good feeling. It's always been my dream to play professional baseball, and to know you're going to play Division I baseball feels like the perfect next step."

The thought of swinging a bat in the collegiate ranks might have seemed odd to a younger Schipper, a graduate of Franklin Elementary and Lincoln Middle schools who played extensively on a traveling team in the Los Angeles Jr. Kings Hockey Club. But injuries convinced him to change course.

"It wasn't worth it anymore," he said.

So Schipper turned his attention to baseball, which he had also been playing throughout his childhood. As an eighth-grader he started working with hitting coach Ernie Barron, whom he credits for his progress over the last four years.

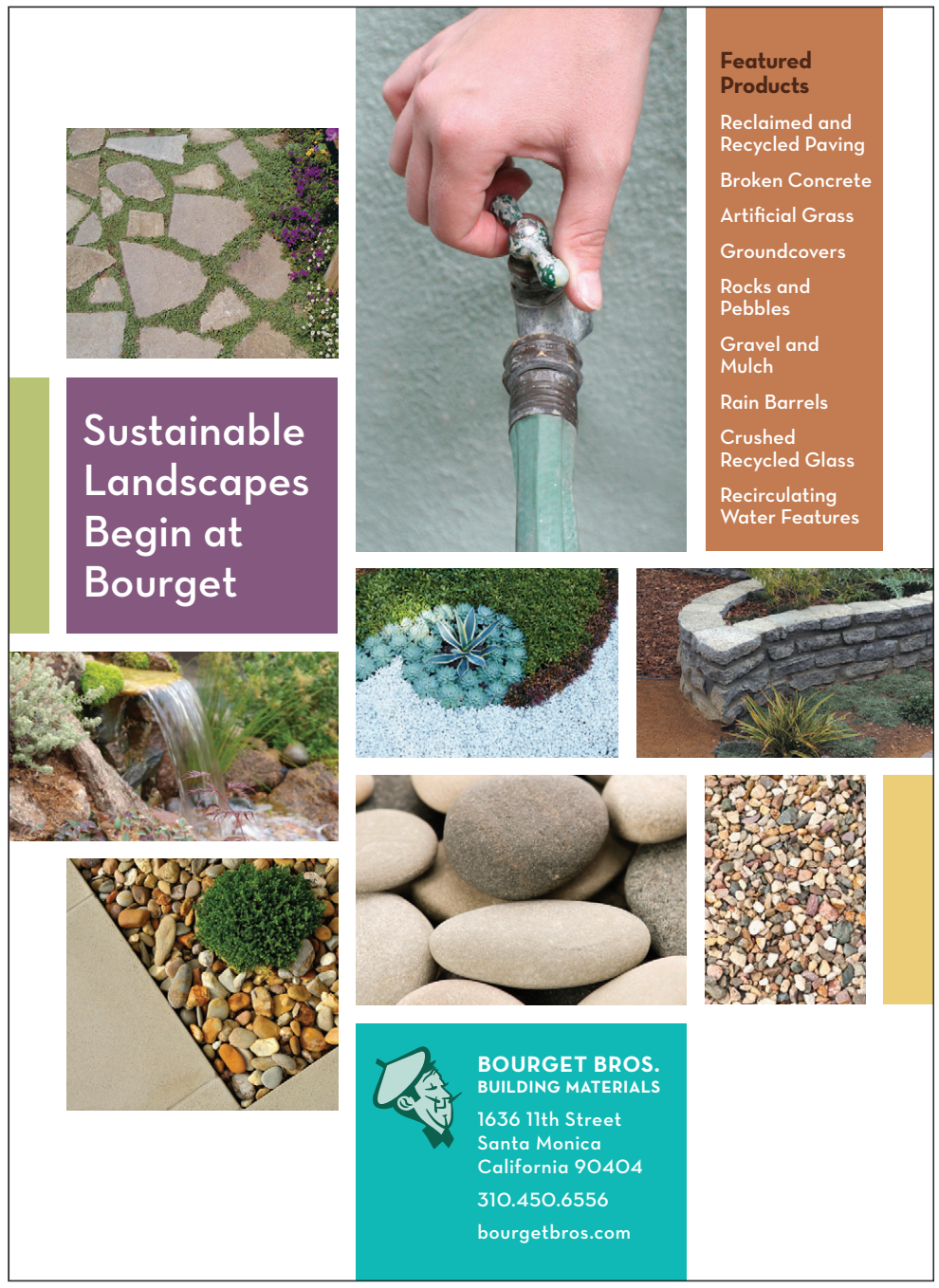
Schipper hopes to continue developing at Richmond, which last year went 28-25 overall and tied for second place in the Atlantic 10 Conference with a 15-9 mark under coach Tracy Woodson.

The Spiders last season qualified for their league tournament for the fifth-straight time, but Schipper will try to help them in their quest for further postseason success. They haven't made the NCAA Tournament since 2003, and they've never been to the College World Series.

Schipper, who plans to study business and film, said he's looking forward to the challenge of adjusting to the speed of the college game.

"Everyone's throwing 90 [mph]," he said. "You've gotta be able to hit it and compete with it. You're not going to get up there where they have a starter throwing gas and another guy throwing 80. Every person who comes in is really good. You've got to be able to focus and get your timing down and not get down on yourself."

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# SURF REPORT




## SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: **74.3°**

FRIDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** thigh to chest high
SW/S swell mix for exposures. Small windswell.

SATURDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** Knee to chest high
SW/S swell mix for exposures. Small windswell.

SUNDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **1-3 ft** ankle to waist high
Small SW/S swell mix and traces of NW windswell.

BEACH REPORT CARD

## NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous 30 days up to the ending date of **January 12, 2015**

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

**QUICK STATS** (for the last 30 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 0
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 14
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 33 / 20
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 5 / 19

The Beach Report Card is made possible by: SIMA, Swain Barber Foundation

Heal the Bay reminds you not to swim or surf within 100 yards of any flowing storm drain or for at least 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 |
|---|---|---|
| Leo Carrillo 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 Los Aliso creeks. | | |
| Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach. | A+ | A+ |
| Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth. | B | A+ |
| Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth. | A+ | A+ |
| Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private). | A+ | F |
| Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth. | F | A+ |
| Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach. | A+ | F |
| Latigo Canyon Creek mouth. | F | A+ |
| Solstice Canyon at Dan Blocker County Beach. | A+ | D |
| 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+ | F |
| Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily. | A | F |
| Malibu Pier - 50 yards east. | ns | F |
| Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon. | A+ | F |
| 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+ | F |
| Tuna Canyon. | ns | ns |
| Topanga State Beach at creek mouth. | A | B |
| Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach. | ns | 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). | B | 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 | F |
| Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain. | A+ | A+ |
| Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua). | B | B |
| Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain. | A+ | A+ |
| Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain. | A+ | F |
| Santa Monica Municipal Pier. | C | C |
| Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain. | A | D |
| 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+ | F |
| Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain. | A+ | A+ |
| Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain. | A | F |
| Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south. | F | A+ |
| Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St.. | A+ | D |
| Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower. | F | B |
| Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth. | ns | ns |
| Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain. | A | F |
| North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach. | B | B |
| Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty). | A+ | A+ |
| Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain. | A+ | F |
| 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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Citywide

## Bond refinancing saves $4.2 million

The Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District recently locked in savings of more than $4.2 million for local taxpayers by refinancing Measure BB bonds approved by voters in 2006.

The District took advantage of the historically low interest rate environment and replaced bonds with an average interest rate of approximately 4.73 percent with new bonds at an all-inclusive interest rate of 3.05 percent. All of the savings from the refinancing will be passed back to District taxpayers in the form of lower property tax bills. The refinancing did not extend the term of the original bond payments.

"Our community has supported us time and again. We owe it to our taxpayers to lower the burden whenever possible," Jan Maez, chief financial officer, said. "When market conditions allowed us to significantly lower the interest rate, our Board of Education did not hesitate to pursue the opportunity."

The District was able to lock in aggressive interest rates by securing ratings of 'Aa1' and 'AA' from Moody's Investors Service and Standard & Poor's Ratings Services, respectively. These ratings distinguished the District's bond offering from other municipal bonds in the marketplace and helped secure strong investor demand.

In February 2013, the District completed a similar bond refinancing and passed on the savings to local taxpayers. That refinancing saved District property owners more than $2.8 million through 2032. With this recently-completed refinancing, total savings to taxpayers since 2013 exceed $7.1 million.

Measure BB is a $268 million bond used for safety and security upgrades, repair and renovation to all school sites in the district, and provided for some computer and technology upgrades prior to the approval of the $385 million Measure ES general obligation bond in 2012.

– SUBMITTED BY GAIL PINSKER

Citywide

## Temporary crossing guards at Samohi

The City of Santa Monica has arranged for four temporary crossing guards to be stationed at the Samohi Michigan Avenue and 7th Street crossing during peak drop off and pick up times while a more permanent solution to traffic concerns can be determined.

SMMUSD is working closely with the City of Santa Monica and the Santa Monica Police Department to address parent and staff safety concerns following the recent conversion to one way streets. During construction, crossing guards were stationed there, but have been discontinued now that the street redesign is complete, as part of the Safe Routes to School program.

"We have met with City and police department leaders to address parent safety concerns and have been assured that they are working diligently to come up with permanent solutions to ease congestion and provide a safe route for pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles during peak school hours," Superintendent Sandra Lyon said. "We appreciate the temporary crossing guards while a permanent solution is considered as student safety is our top priority."

More information on proposed plans will be communicated to parents in the next few weeks.

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# CROSSWORD

**By THOMAS JOSEPH**

**ACROSS**

**1** Artery problem
**5** In the know
**10** Volcano flow
**11** Trombone parts
**12** Oscar winner Guinness
**13** Dome-shaped homes
**14** Thanks-giving dinner choice
**16** Sofa for two
**20** Give in
**23** Big galoot
**24** Code name
**25** "— luck!"
**27** Genesis woman
**28** Not as bright
**29** Reporter's specialty
**32** Have a gun
**36** All told
**39** Writer Ferber
**40** Thanks-giving staple
**41** Bike part
**42** Spirited horse
**43** Savvy about

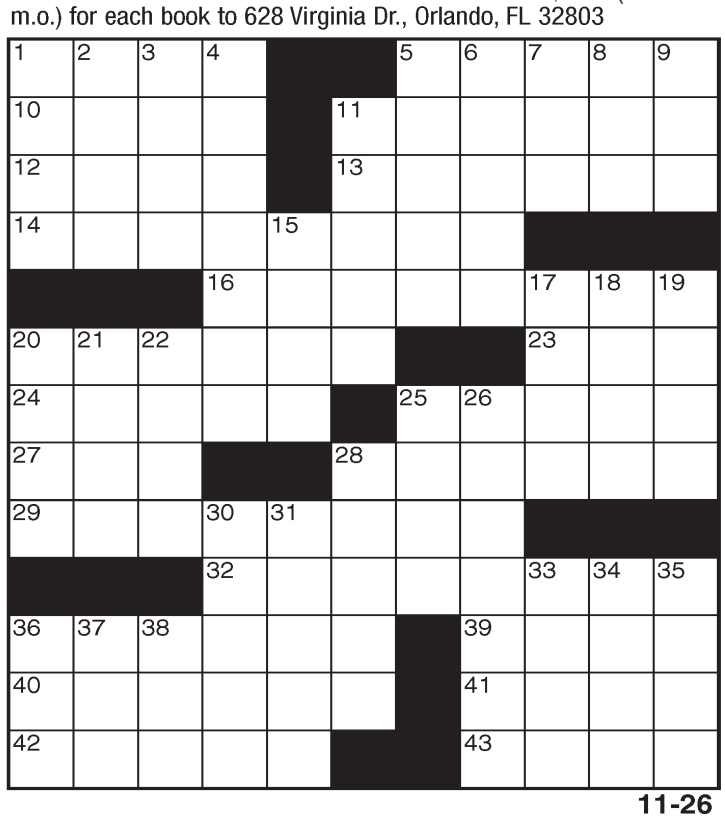
**DOWN**

**1** Not nude
**2** Refrain bit
**3** Finished
**4** Guards' neighbors
**5** Pond growth
**6** Loses freshness
**7** Bustle
**8** Old auto
**9** Snaky shape
**11** Flour separator
**15** Style
**17** Has dinner
**18** Cathedral area
**19** Eye drop
**20** Reply from the pews
**21** Inlet
**22** Ship's staff
**25** Pipe problem
**26** Active
**28** Wooden duck
**30** Wheel part
**31** Re-strained
**33** First place
**34** Med. sch. subject
**35** Edible root
**36** "— a Wonderful Life"
**37** Fruitcake bit
**38** Uno plus due

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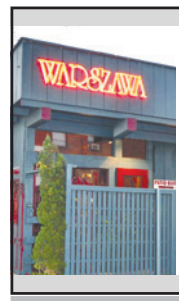
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# MYSTERY PHOTO

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# Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★★

## 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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| 7 | 9 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 1 | 4 | 8 | 6 |
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## TODAY IN HISTORY

**1965** - In the Hammaguir launch facility in the Sahara Desert, France launches a Diamant-A rocket with its first satellite, Asterix-1, on board.

**1968** - Vietnam War: United States Air Force helicopter pilot James P. Fleming rescues an Army Special Forces unit pinned down by Viet Cong fire. He is later awarded the Medal of Honor.

**1970** - In Basse-Terre, Guadeloupe, 1.5 inches (38.1 mm) of rain fall in a minute, the heaviest rainfall ever recorded.

**1977** - An unidentified hijacker named Vrillon, claiming to be the representative of the "Ashtar Galactic Command", takes over Britain's Southern Television for six minutes, starting at 5:12 pm.

**1983** - Brink's-MAT robbery: In London, 6,800 gold bars worth nearly £26 million are stolen from the Brink's-MAT vault at Heathrow Airport.

**1986** - Iran–Contra affair: U.S. President Ronald Reagan announces the members of what will become known as the Tower Commission.

**1991** - National Assembly of Azerbaijan abolishes the autonomous status of Nagorno-Karabakh Autonomous Oblast of Azerbaijan and renames several cities back to their original names.

## NEWS OF THE WEIRD BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Skeptics feared it was just a matter of time, anyway, until the "political correctness" movement turned its attention to dignity for thieves. San Francisco's SFGate.com reported in November on a discussion in an upscale neighborhood about whether someone committing petty, nonviolent theft should be referred to by the "offensive" term "criminal" (rather than as, for example, "the person who stole my bicycle," since "criminal" implies a harsher level of evil and fails to acknowledge factors that might have caused momentary desperation by a person in severe need).

■ Reginald Gildersleeve, 55 and free on bond with an extensive rap sheet, was waving a gun as he threatened a clerk and tried to rob a store in Chicago on Halloween night -- until a customer (licensed to carry) drew his own gun and, with multiple shots, killed Gildersleeve. Closer inspection revealed Gildersleeve's weapon to be merely a paintball gun, leading the deceased man's stepson to complain later that "Some people (the licensed shooter) don't actually know how to use guns. They go to firing ranges, but it's not the same ... as a bullet going into flesh. ... Someone's got to answer for that."

# Catch up on news, Leo

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)**
★★★★ A relative peacefulness comes with your day. You might aggravate yourself over some minor details, but others will work with you to get past them. A parent, friend or relative will give up his or her strong stance for now. Communication flourishes. Tonight: Very cozy.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**
★★★★ Keep communication open. Be willing to handle some last-minute events or problems that pop up from out of the blue. Someone who usually is not around could be difficult, and might need your attention. Don't take his or her attitude personally. Tonight: Pitch in.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**
★★★★ You could be exhausted by the end of the day. Somehow you will find a way to revive yourself. A friend who surprises you might be a source of irritation at the moment. Know that this response has more to do with you than the person. Tonight: The odds are with you.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)**
★★★ Listen to the words that are shared behind the scenes. Your ability to understand where others come from marks your decisions. You might opt to play it low-key. Others will respond accordingly, and they are likely to reveal their feelings. Tonight: Try to squeeze in some sleep.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**
★★★★ You could be quite imaginative when dealing with a child or loved one. Have a conversation with someone very close to you, as he or she needs to know that you care. You might feel as if you have only so much time and energy. Tonight: Catch up on news.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**
★★★ You might feel as if you have to handle yourself well. Others want to know the real you. A partner or loved one could confuse you by sending you mixed signals. Don't worry so much; this haze soon will disappear. Tonight: Touch base with a loved one whom you have not seen lately.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**
★★★★ You could be having a difficult time understanding someone's reaction. Resist personalizing this person's response. Make sure that you accurately interpret what is going on. A loved one is unpredictable. Tonight: Make calls. Listen to others describe their Thanksgiving.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**
★★★★★ One-on-one relating takes over. The unexpected is likely to occur in your plans; be ready to make a quick adjustment. Confusion seems to surround communication. You might feel as though someone is speaking a foreign language! Tonight: Let a friend choose where and when.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**
★★★★ Do whatever you must in order to have the flexibility you desire. You might be tired of constant changes and new plans. Roll with the moment, and trust that everything will work out fine. Be aware of your finances. Be more in sync with what is occurring. Tonight: Lighten up.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**
★★★★★ Your imagination takes you to a new level of understanding. Honor a change of pace when an older family member appears. How you celebrate your Thanksgiving is subject to change. Remain sensitive to what is happening with others. Tonight: Plan on pitching in.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**
★★★★★ Defer to others, and observe what is happening within your immediate circle. You could be surprised by someone's action. This person could be a neighbor or someone with whom you interact daily. Greet the unexpected with a smile. Tonight: Choose a favorite stressbuster.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)**
★★★★ Be sensitive to a family member's needs. Know that you can do only so much to help change this person's mood. You know which way to go, so follow your instincts. Use caution with your funds; otherwise, you could have a problem. Tonight: Happiest at home.

**Thursday, November 26, 2015**

This year you often understand both sides of an argument. Finding the appropriate stance could be difficult, unless you find a way to incorporate both perspectives. You attract people who have similar issues but choose to manifest them differently. Be aware of the common ground that lies between you. If you are single, you will need to accept a potential sweetie as he or she is. The more respect you give this person, the better your bond will be. If you are attached, you could feel pressured by the demands of your relationship. Learn to let go of all other areas of your life when focusing on your bond. GEMINI loves to tease you.

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

## Speed Bump
By Dave Coverly



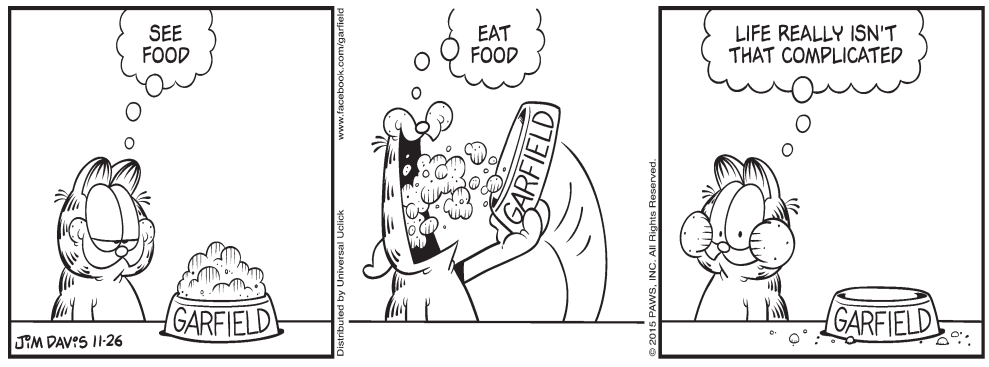

## Strange Brew
By John Deering




## Dogs of C-Kennel
By Mick and Mason Mastroianni




## Garfield
By Jim Davis




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

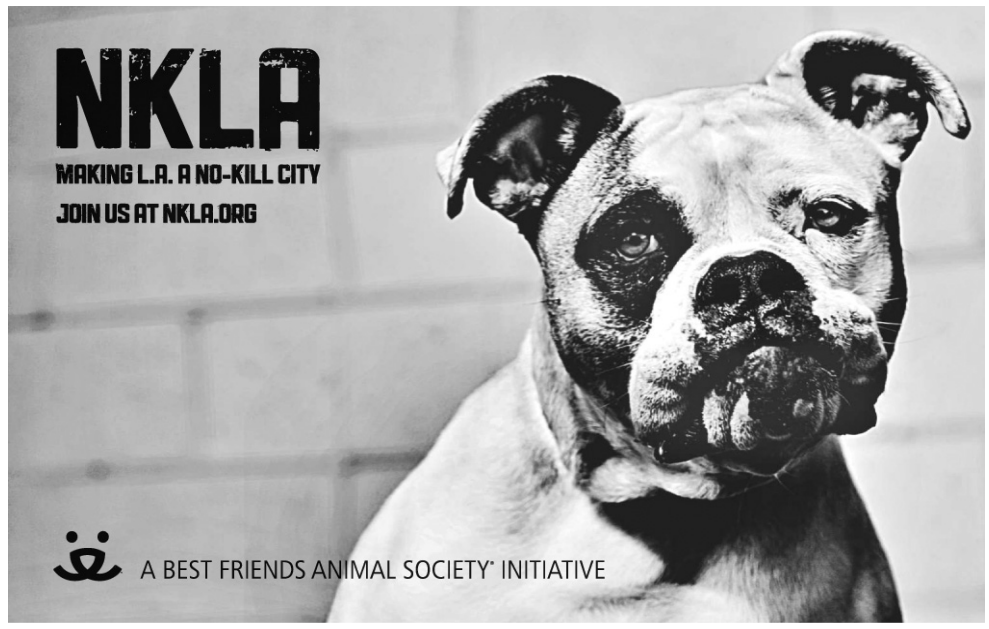



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