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THE HOOP IT UP ISSUE



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BLUR: **A bicyclist rides along Ocean Avenue on Thursday afternoon. City Hall is planning to meet on Dec. 13 regarding a 'Bike Action Plan.'**

## Cyclists gaining momentum for planning push

**BY NICK TABOREK**
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL There's an undeniable new focus at City Hall on making Santa Monica more bike friendly. Now, cycling activists want to see some results.

As leaders prepare to host the first of several public meetings to come up with a "Bike Action Plan" on Dec. 13, officials point to a series of recent moves that show a commitment to working with cyclists.

First, the Parks and Recreation Commission set up a subcommittee on bikes to gather ideas and lobby for infrastructure improvements. On Wednesday night, the Planning Commission followed suit by moving to establish a cycling subcommittee of its own. Later this month, an interdepartmental working group of city staff members that aims to address bike improvements is set to begin meeting.

And, as of Wednesday, City Hall for the first time has a staff member who will serve as the point person for the city's bicycle planning efforts in Transportation Planning Manager Lucy Dyke.

"We are putting a very focused emphasis on bicycles," said Ellen Gelbard, assistant director of planning and community development. "It's clear that there's very intense interest on moving to a new level for our

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## DA may probe election mailer group

**BY NICK TABOREK**
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL The Santa Monica City Attorney's Office on Thursday said it had referred a complaint about the election season practices of the group Santa Monicans for Quality Government to the District Attorney's Office for a possible criminal investigation.

Referring the matter to county prosecutors, City Attorney Marsha Moutrie said, "does not reflect any determination of illegal conduct by any person or group."

Instead, the referral was "a standard practice that we follow whenever there is either an actual conflict or the appearance of a conflict," she said.

The potential conflict of interest in the case arose because SMQG, which has been accused of violating Santa Monica's financial disclosure laws, paid for political advertisements that supported several members of the City Council prior to November's election. The president of SMQG, a political consultant named Fred Huebscher, was also the campaign manager for two Santa Monica City Council members who won new terms last month — Pam O'Connor and Gleam Davis.

Because the City Attorney's Office represents the council in legal matters, Moutrie said members of her staff aren't in a position to investigate complaints that involve council members or groups tied to them.

The complaint against SMQG came from another politically active group — the Santa Monica Coalition for a Livable City — which has argued SMQG broke local campaign finance laws by failing to file disclosure documents in a timely fashion with the City Clerk's Office prior to the Nov. 2 election.

Moutrie on Thursday said SMCLC's complaint had been referred to the Los Angeles District Attorney's Public Integrity Division.

Diana Gordon, co-chair of SMCLC, said she was pleased prosecutors will have the chance to investigate what she said was a clear violation of Santa Monica's election laws. Her group has filed a similar complaint against SMQG with California's Fair Political Practices Commission.

"The failure to tell resident who's funding those campaign mailers was a crime," she said. "Residents have the right to know who's behind ... council members who want to be [re-elected]."

While it's unclear whether all of SMQG's donors have been revealed, documents that showed $41,000 in gifts to the group from several companies involved with Santa Monica real estate projects were obtained by the Daily Press on Nov. 1.

SMQG drew criticism from several local

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## Local man sentenced for murdering friend

**BY DAILY PRESS STAFF**

VAN NUYS A Santa Monica man was sentenced Thursday to 56 years to life in prison for beating a female friend to death with a hammer.

Adel Tabrizi Chapel, 25, was convicted Nov. 15 of first-degree murder for the Feb. 28, 2009, beating death of Denise Figueroa,

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## Friday Dec. 3, 2010

### Movie time

Main Library, MLK Auditorium, 3 p.m.

Those who like dancing and romance should check out this free screening of "Strictly Ballroom." In this kinetic and dazzling debut from director Baz Luhrmann, Paul Mercurio plays a rebellious ballroom dancing champion who takes on an untrained "ugly duckling" as his new partner when the traditional ballroom community turns its back on him.

### Get to walking

Montana Avenue, 5 p.m. — 9 p.m.

Eat, drink and be merry at the Montana Avenue Holiday Walk. There will be 10 festive blocks of complimentary holiday delights, family shopping, gourmet restaurants, singing, music and Santa Claus. For information on discounts, go to www.montanaave.com.

## Saturday, Dec. 4, 2010

### Day of music

Main Library, MLK Auditorium, 12 p.m. — 4 p.m.

For your listening pleasure, the Los Angeles Flute Orchestra starts the day off with holiday favorites, and then the Los Angeles Clarinet Choir soothes your soul with pure classics.

### Films for the holiday

Ocean Park Branch Library, 1 p.m. — 5 p.m.

Back to back holiday favorites. "In How the Grinch Stole Christmas," Jim Carrey stars as the Grinch who descends upon the unsuspecting citizens of Whoville to wreak havoc on their beloved Christmas season. In "Elf," Will Ferrell stars as Buddy, an accidental elf who sets out to single-handedly save Christmas, while discovering his own place in the world.

### Get in the spirit

Main Street Holiday Walk

Take part in the Main Street tree-lighting, caroling and candlelight walk to the famous shopping cart tree at Edgemar Courtyard. Vote on your favorite windows during the annual window decorations contest, take photos with Santa Claus, enjoy holiday parties at numerous Main Street Santa Monica businesses and more.

### Say hi to Santa

Starts at Douglas Park, 10:30 a.m.

Santa Claus is coming to town early this year, with Santa Monica's firefighters and police officers are leading the way. Stop, look, and listen for the sirens and lights — Santa and his helpers will be handing out plenty of holiday cheer and thousands of candy canes!

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.

# Feeling the spirit

## Holiday events fill the weekend in Santa Monica

**BY DAILY PRESS STAFF**

CITYWIDE Santa Monica will be awash in holiday spirit this weekend.

Starting today, the city will play host to holiday-inspired events that will include Christmas tree and menorah lightings, music performances and visits with Santa.

Here is a rundown of what's planned:

**MONTANA AVENUE HOLIDAY WALK**
Friday, Dec. 3, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Kick the holiday season off with Montana Avenue's annual Holiday Walk. Search for perfect holiday gifts walking down this twinkling street filled with live music and festive fun. Shopkeepers will be giving out special promos and sales but it's four hours only, so get there early.

**MAIN STREET HOLIDAY FESTIVAL**
Saturday, Dec. 4, 6 p.m.

Main Street businesses will be hosting this annual holiday event complete with carolers, a tree lighting, sales and a visit by Santa.

A number of stores will also be hosting parties during the street-wide event.

**CANDY CANE DRIVE**
Saturday, Dec. 4, 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

The Santa Monica police and fire departments will be spreading the holiday cheer with Santa by giving out candy canes to residents as part of their 18th annual Candy Cane Drive. Police and fire personnel will be traveling across the city beginning at 10:30 a.m.

Here is the day's schedule:

• 10:30 a.m. to 10:50 a.m., Douglas Park - California Avenue & 25th Street

• 11 a.m. to 11:15 a.m., Christine Reed Park - California Avenue & Lincoln Boulevard

• 11:25 a.m. to 11:50 a.m., Third Street Promenade & Wilshire Boulevard

• 1:15 p.m. to 1:30 p.m., Virginia Park – 2200 Virginia Ave.

• 1:45 p.m. to 2 p.m., Marine Park- Marine Street & 17th Street

• 2:15 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., Clover Park –

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# ALL ABOUT HOOPS

Morgan Genser *news@smdp.com*

**TOP: St. Monica's Andrew Castro (center) battles Lennox Academy's Joel Salazar for a loose ball on Wednesday at St. Monica. The St. Monica Mariners won the game, 55-40. The win advanced the Mariners to the final of the St. Monica Tip Off Invitational against crosstown rival Crossroads. The game was played on Thursday night, but results were not available at presstime. For a game recap, visit smdp.com.**

**RIGHT: Pacifica Christian's Nick Agnew struggles to put up a shot against Lennox Academy on Thursday at St. Monica. Pacifica won the game, 70-60. With the win, Pacifica clinched seventh place in the Tip Off Invitational.**



**NCAA FOOTBALL**

# Season doesn't get easier for Katz

## Former Samohi QB leads Oregon State against No. 2 Oregon with bowl berths on the line

**BY DANIEL ARCHULETA**
Managing Editor

CORVALLIS, Ore. Oregon State quarterback Ryan Katz is quickly finding out that life in big-time college football isn't easy.

The former Santa Monica High School star, who is completing his first year as a starter, is preparing to lead his OSU Beavers against Oregon in the Civil War this Saturday and the stakes couldn't be higher.

Oregon, ranked No. 2 in the country and undefeated, comes into the rivalry game with aspirations of playing in the Bowl Championship Series national title game. Katz and Oregon State (5-6) are playing for their bowl lives, needing one more win to become eligible. It is the final regular season game for each team.

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### Listen to Lady Gaga

**Editor:**

There was a time when some or most service people felt uneasy about having blacks in their ranks.

If we're really concerned that our fighting men and women will lack confidence in the presence of gay comrades to rely on, then why not extend "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" to religious orientation. It's a known fact that there is proselytization of Christianity within the military. Shouldn't that be curtailed? After all Christianity preaches to "turn the other cheek" to those who offend. Wouldn't a combatant be uneasy with such a unit member to rely on? Maybe Christians should be discharged for revealing their orientation.

As we are engaged in conflict with Islamic opposition, the Muslims in the service should also stay in the closet to reassure their comrades.

Would it not cast the wrong impression to reveal that Jews are engaged in a conflict that we swear is not motivated by religious antagonism? If there should be "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" it should apply to all religious beliefs.

Of course, we now learn that the rank-and-file military are not put off by serving with gays. The media trumpets the "exception" of the Marines, 30 percent of whom express concern about serving with gays.

Lady Gaga had it right. If we're concerned about how the military functions with gays, we should discharge the personnel who have a problem serving with gays.

**Pete Savino**
Venice, Calif.

### Stop the insult

**Editor:**

Do we really have to ask again? Do we really have to "fight" for basic rights for all of the people that fight for us on a daily basis? The honorable men and women in the armed forces didn't volunteer to be gay, but they did volunteer for us and for our country. Remove "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" and stop insulting our men and women in uniform by employing ridiculous prejudice.

**Heather Graham**
Santa Monica

### Take back City Hall

**Editor:**

It's becoming abundantly clear that Santa Monicans for Renters' Rights has morphed into an aggressive and self-serving political party that should be investigated for possible fraudulent activities, deceitfully influencing the democratic process relative to elections in Santa Monica, including our City Council and our school board.

The voting history of certain City Council members, reported to have a documented relationship with this group and their cronies, makes their recent decisions on development approval suspect at best.

Who is really piloting the boat? Certainly not the residents of Santa Monica.

Instead of sitting and sipping coffee, while complaining about traffic and over-development, we all need to make the time to take an active part in city government; attend the City Council and Planning Commission meetings and stop this insidious takeover of our community. Failure to do so will certainly result in more of the same.

**Joanne Curtis**
Santa Monica




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Lee Hamilton

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# Why polarization in Washington hurts us

BY SPLITTING CONTROL OF CONGRESS IN the midterm elections, voters have handed Democrats and Republicans an opportunity to work together. Of course, the number of people in Washington who believe it will happen could fit in a phone booth, as party leaders tout their refusal to compromise on their core issues and the 2012 elections loom in the distance.

Still, as Capitol Hill transitions from campaigning, where the rhetoric gets heated, to the much harder task of governing, there is an opening for reason to take hold.

Let's hope that congressional leaders listen to the American people as a whole, rather than simply play to their core constituencies, because the spiraling polarization they're engaging in is clearly turning Americans off. This marks the third election in a row in which voters have rejected the party in power: in 2006 they gave the House and Senate to the Democrats, and followed that up in 2008 with the presidency; this year, of course, they've given the House back to the Republicans. Exit polls on election day showed almost identical majorities of voters holding negative views of both parties. The one message all voters seem to agree on is for politicians to stop the partisan clashes.

It's possible, of course, that voters are reacting to something other than the heated partisanship of the past decade. Watching a campaign, you can see the assembled crowds cheer loudest at the most intensely political statements. And the hard-fought battles of the last few elections seem to have led to a slight uptick in voter interest and turnout.

Yet many of the problems that Americans most closely identify with Washington are directly traceable to the bellicose politics to be found in Congress. The constant maneuvering for partisan advantage makes it supremely difficult to pursue responsible policies to meet our challenges. In a tension-filled environment, with constant scrapping for electoral advantage and a bitter response from activist political bases to any hint of compromise, politicians struggle to muster the political will to search for broadly acceptable remedies to the problems that beset us. They have an even harder time finding them.

The result is that Congress can't do its job properly. It is supposed to be the place where the diverse voices and needs of Americans, their workplaces, and their communities can all be heard, respected, and taken into account when policy gets made. These days, however, the process either gets manipulated so that significant viewpoints can be elbowed out of the way, or gets so poisonously partisan that no progress at all occurs.

Especially in the House, polarization tends to force the exclusion of the minority party from deliberations — the majority has the votes, and so controls procedures to keep the minority from participating. Republicans did this when they were in power, and Democrats did it after they took over. The result was the same in both instances: the minority got so incensed that it spent its time searching for ways to obstruct and frustrate majority rule.

Meanwhile, the Senate's intense partisanship has, among other things, yielded a judicial confirmation process that is long on rancorous debates over judicial philosophy and short on actual confirmations. The judiciary is being hobbled by congressional polarization.

**LET'S HOPE THAT CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS LISTEN TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AS A WHOLE, RATHER THAN SIMPLY PLAY TO THEIR CORE CONSTITUENCIES, BECAUSE THE SPIRALING POLARIZATION THEY'RE ENGAGING IN IS CLEARLY TURNING AMERICANS OFF.**

Congress is also charged with ensuring that the federal government properly carries out the laws and remains accountable to citizens. Partisan maneuvering, however, focuses members on scoring political points rather than overseeing the implementation of the law.

It's worth pointing out that the polarization we've been seeing does not just hurt us at home. Faced with a host of challenges, from the rise of China to negotiating a new arms control agreement with Russia to combating international terror and dealing with North Korea and Iran, our policies need to be consistent and our nation unified. Both of these goals are near-impossible to attain when political leaders are constantly at loggerheads, even though each one knows full well that the country is stronger abroad when it conveys unity.

Watching all this, Americans are losing faith in their institutions of government. When the people who represent them appear incapable of resolving their differences and moving forward on broadly acceptable solutions to issues that they all agree need addressing — energy, health care, immigration, reining in spending — it's no wonder so many Americans mistrust politicians and government. And until our political leaders figure out a way of working cooperatively, they'll deserve that mistrust.

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# Battle of the bowl ineligibles

THIS SATURDAY UCLA PLAYS USC AT the Rose Bowl in a football rivalry that dates back to 1929, which was the year of the Great Depression. The Bruins must have been in a depression of their own because USC won the first two games by a combined total of 128-0. (And I gather it wasn't really that close.)

The games were so one-sided that they didn't resume the series until 1936. Today, the Bruin football program is once again struggling. But, to Trojan fans, I'm willing to make this offer. For the next two games against SC, I'll bet on UCLA and take the 128 points. Call me wacky or just a loyal UCLA alum. (OK, wacky.)

What separates this year's game from any since 1980, at least, is that there's no National Championship, Pac 10 Championship or Rose Bowl at stake. The only bowl game up for grabs might be the "Tidy Bowl." You see USC has been declared bowl ineligible by the NCAA for numerous rules violations. And UCLA is ineligible because, and I hate to say this, they stink.

The infractions at SC included Reggie Bush's mother and step-father receiving free rent, basketball star O.J. Mayo receiving free cash and football running back Joe McKnight receiving free use of a $40,000 SUV, even while the NCAA investigation was going on! Now that's Trojan chutzpah. Remarkably, however, former coach Pete Carroll still maintains he didn't see a thing. Two words, Pete: Lasik surgery.

On top of the actual violations, Reggie Bush lied to the NCAA investigators. But former athletic director Mike Garrett is of the opinion that the sanctions were imposed on USC because other schools are jealous of SC. He claims that the whole affair only proved that "USC is bigger than life." No, Mike. I think your response proved that your ego is bigger than life.

For UCLA fans it's not only depressing how badly this year turned out, it's shocking given their coaching talent. (Or lack thereof?) Norm Chow, UCLA's offensive coordinator, has worked with numerous Heisman Trophy winners at schools like Brigham Young and USC.

And Rick Neuheisal, UCLA's head coach, was a winner at Colorado and Washington. Putting these two seemingly great resumes together has yielded, for lack of a better term, bupkes.

Neuheisal was quoted this week as saying if UCLA doesn't make a bowl game next year he "will be crushed." He won't just be crushed, he will be unemployed. Rick, if you're going to be crushed, why don't you start now and join me? (And stop yelling at the UCLA quarterbacks on the sidelines. It looks terrible and obviously doesn't help.)

So, you can see why the results of tomorrow's game will not exactly be Earth shattering. Even the students don't seem very excited. There's a long-standing tradition, that, during the week before the game, members of each student body try to paint graffiti on each other's cherished icons. For SC it's the statue of Tommy Trojan, and for UCLA it's the famed Bruin Bear statue. Rumor is, this year, neither student body wants to waste the paint. (Or the gas money to drive across town.)

After 79 games of this rivalry, USC has won 44, UCLA has won 28 and there have been 7 ties. Despite the disparity, it's UCLA that has the longest winning streak, eight years, and the only overtime win which was in 1996. That game ended UCLA 48, SC 41. I never tire of writing that particular score.

**FOR UCLA FANS IT'S NOT ONLY DEPRESSING HOW BADLY THIS YEAR TURNED OUT, IT'S SHOCKING GIVEN THEIR COACHING TALENT.**

SC, of course, had an incredible run during the Pete "See no evil, hear no evil" Carroll era. Boy, did he slip out of Dodge at the right time or what? Carroll's only blemish against UCLA was in 2006 (which feels more like 1956) when UCLA won 13-9 over a much more talented SC team.

The truth is, SC always seems more talented. That is, except during a short stretch during the '80s, and a longer stretch in the '90s. The names Ted Tollner and Larry Smith (SC's head coaches) still give me fond memories. And then of course, there was way back in 1954 (Ike was president) when UCLA shared a National Championship in football. Or so they tell me.

In basketball, UCLA has 11 national championships whereas USC has none. (In 1950 and 1954 they did make it to the Final Four only to lose both semi-final games.)

As a UCLA alum, I'd love to trade a few of the basketball championships for a couple of football titles. I mean, with 11 banners hanging up in Pauley Pavilion, who's going to miss three? Eight is still a whole bunch. Of course this is a ridiculous hypothetical because UCLA has integrity and ethical standards. Unless of course, Reggie Bush has a younger brother and his mother and step-father still need free housing.

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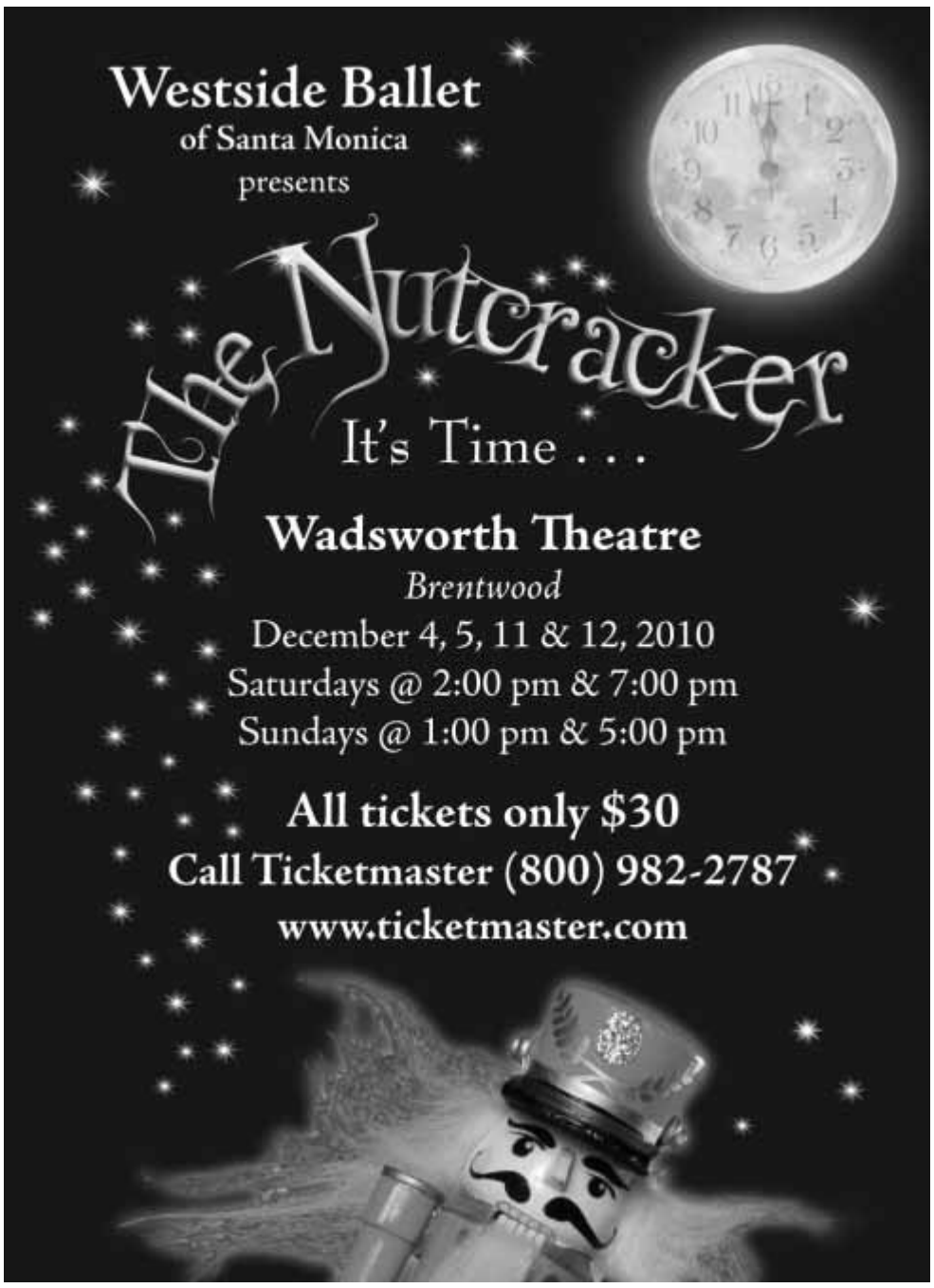
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# Man sought in Los Angeles publicist's death kills himself

**BY THOMAS WATKINS**
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES A man wanted for questioning in the slaying of a Hollywood publicist killed himself in the lobby of a dreary Los Angeles hotel as police closed in with a search warrant — the latest mysterious turn in a case that began on a posh stretch of Beverly Hills.

The death deepened the mystery into the slaying of Ronni Chasen, who was shot in her luxury Mercedes as she drove home from the premiere of an Oscar contender last month.

Residents and witnesses told various stories about the man. One resident said he bragged about the killing and was waiting for a $10,000 payment, but a man who worked in a nearby music studio was skeptical of a connection to Chasen's death.

Witnesses said the man appeared to shoot himself in the head Wednesday, splattering blood across the lobby of the Harvey Apartments, a residential hotel where people rent rooms by the month. The building is in a stretch of warehouses and small businesses next to a dive bar called Gold Diggers Entertainment.

Resident Anmmicka Sanders said Thursday when police let her back in the building Wednesday night, she saw blood all over the stairwell and a body covered by a white sheet.

The dead man was identified but his name was not being released because the next-of-kin had not been notified, Los Angeles County coroner's spokesman Craig Harvey said Thursday. He was a black male in his 40s and his last known place of residence had not been established, Harvey said.

Beverly Hills police Chief David Snowden told The Associated Press in an e-mail that the man "was a person of interest only" in Chasen's death in Beverly Hills. Police spokesman Tony Lee emphasized at a news conference that the murder investigation was not over.

The Los Angeles Times, citing four unnamed sources, reported Thursday that the man was a suspect in the case and had been under surveillance for some time.

Chasen, 64, was shot multiple times as she drove home from a party after attending the premiere of the movie "Burlesque," whose soundtrack she was promoting for an Oscar nomination.

The attack stunned Hollywood, where Chasen was well-known after promoting the Oscar-winning film "Driving Miss Daisy" and other major movies and stars since the 1970s. It came in the midst of award season, her busiest time of year, when she helped studios mount expensive promotion campaigns for films.

Police haven't released a possible motive in her slaying, and they remained tightlipped about progress in the investigation. The suicide Wednesday was first reported by the Los Angeles Times.

Residents of the Harvey Apartments knew the man as "Harold" but differed on his last name.

Resident Terri Gilpin, 46, said Thursday that she had heard him bragging about the killing and talking about how he was going to be paid $10,000 and was waiting on the money.

She said he told her, "You know that lady on TV, that publicist, I did it, I did it."

Asked why she didn't call police, Gilpin said she and her husband didn't believe him. Gilpin said the man always seemed paranoid, would ask if police were looking for him, and "had a screw loose."

Gilpin said she once called police on him because he wandered into her apartment.

On Wednesday, she said she was taking a nap when she heard a single shot fired.

"I thought it was backfire, but I was kind of half-asleep, in a drowsy state of mind," she said. "It was kind of like a pop."

Sammy Zamorano, who works in a nearby music studio and was in the apartment building within a minute of the suicide, said the body was slumped against a wall with arms on either side. He said he did not see a gun.

Zamorano said the man spent hours each day hanging around outside the building, always had a bicycle and usually wore gloves.

"To me he was mental, criminal, but not so sophisticated. He had very bad vibes. To me, this guy is not too honest. He looked a little disturbed," Zamorano said.

Zamorano said he did not believe the man could have carried out a seemingly professional hit.

Harvey Apartments tenant Brandon Harrison told the Times that the man described himself as an ex-convict who'd been sentenced to state prison twice, most recently for firearms and drug convictions.

"He told me several times, 'If it ever came back down to me going to prison, I would die first,'" Harrison said.

The man moved into the building three months ago, but was evicted, Harrison told the paper. He returned to the building often and asked Harrison and others if police had been looking for him.

He was waiting for a $10,000 payment, Harrison said, but told different stories about why — once saying it was for a job and another time saying it was from a lawsuit.

The building has about 170 units with rents starting at about $625 a month, 25-year-old resident Terry Pendergrass said.

Two blocks of Santa Monica Boulevard were shut down and dozens of officers and squad cars were gathered outside the four-story hotel, which was cordoned off with yellow police tape.

The events Wednesday left Chasen's friends wondering who the man at the hotel was and if indeed he was a hit man.

"A lot of people think it's a hit. A lot," said singer-songwriter Carol Connors, a friend of Chasen for more than 35 years. "It's really bizarre that he shot himself unless he really knew something."

Earlier Wednesday, a retired investigator who saw a preliminary coroner's report on Chasen's shooting said the killer was an expert shot who was able to squeeze off multiple rounds in a tight and deadly formation.

Gil Carrillo, who recently retired after 38 years with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, said he reviewed the document after it was obtained by KTTV Fox 11 News.

"The thing that stands out is the shots — where they were and the lack of hits anywhere else," Carrillo told the AP. "It's a good shot group."

The close grouping suggests the shooting was carried out by a hit man and was not a gang attack or road rage, Carrillo said.

KTTV said it appeared Chasen was shot three times in the right chest area and twice in the right shoulder.

Coroner's spokesman Ed Winter would not confirm the authenticity of the document cited by Carrillo, which apparently was written by an investigator before Chasen's autopsy. But Carrillo was certain it was genuine.

# Negotiators work on tax deal as House passes bill

**BY STEPHEN OHLEMACHER**
Associated Press

WASHINGTON The House passed a bill Thursday to extend middle class tax cuts while letting those for the wealthy expire, even as talks continued on extending them all.

The House bill was a political maneuver to satisfy Democratic lawmakers' supporters who oppose extending tax cuts for the wealthy. It has no chance in the Senate, where Democrats need Republican support to pass tax legislation.

House Republican leader John Boehner of Ohio used barnyard language to describe the House vote to reporters during a news conference.

"I'm trying to catch my breath so I don't refer to this maneuver going on today as chicken crap, all right? said Boehner, who is in line to become House speaker in January. "But this is nonsense, all right? The election was one month ago. We are 23 months from the next election, and the political games have already started trying to set up the next election."

Sweeping income tax cuts enacted under former President George W. Bush are to expire at the end of the year. If Congress does not act, taxpayers at every income level would be hit with a significant tax increase.

President Barack Obama and Democratic leaders in Congress want to extend the tax cuts only for individuals making less than $200,000 and married couples making less than $250,000. The bill passed by the House would do that.

The vote was 234 to 188. All but 20 Democrats voted in favor of the bill; all but three Republicans opposed it.

Republicans and some rank-and-file Democrats want to extend the tax cuts for everyone, and the White House has left open the door for a compromise to do that for up to three years.

Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky has indicated he is open to a temporary extension of all the tax cuts.

Obama said Thursday he's optimistic Democrats and Republicans can reach agreement on critical issues in the coming weeks, including the tax controversy.

Speaking to more than 20 newly elected governors, Obama said making sure tax cuts don't increase for the middle class is his priority.

"I believe it will get resolved," Obama said. "That doesn't mean there might not be some posturing over the next several days. But I'm confident in the end people are going to recognize that it's important for families who are still struggling to have some relief and it's important for our economy to make sure that money is still out there circulating."

The White House is pressing Congress to extend jobless benefits and other tax credits enacted as part of Obama's massive economic recovery package last year. Those proposals could form the basis of a compromise on the Bush tax cuts.

Beyond unemployment insurance, the White House made the case Thursday for extending Obama's Making Work Pay tax credit for individuals, a tuition tax credit and a tax break that rewards employers who hire unemployed workers. All are to expire at the end of the year.

Obama's Council of Economic Advisers estimated that if Congress does not extend the jobless benefits, 2 million unemployed workers will lose coverage this month and 7 million will by November 2011.

Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner and White House Budget Director Jacob Lew began holding closed-door meetings Wednesday with a small group of lawmakers from both parties to negotiate a deal on the Bush tax cuts. Those talks continued Thursday, even as the House voted on the Democratic plan.

Democrats said the House vote wouldn't undermine bipartisan negotiations.

"We are putting this bill on the floor today because we believe it is important to extend tax cuts for the middle class," said Rep. Chellie Pingree, D-Maine. She said tax cuts for the wealthy have done nothing to stimulate the economy.

"It's time that we let those end," Pingree said.

# McCain flays military gays study, wants ban upheld

**BY ANNE FLAHERTY**
Associated Press

WASHINGTON Senate Republicans led by a doubting John McCain dug in their heels Thursday against allowing gays to serve openly in the military, clashing with the Pentagon's top leaders and dimming Democrats' hopes to repeal "don't ask, don't tell" this year.

In tense exchanges with Defense Secretary Robert Gates and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Adm. Mike Mullen, McCain and other Republicans dismissed a Pentagon study on gays as biased and said objections by combat troops were being ignored.

McCain blamed politics for pushing the matter forward during wartime, and he predicted soldiers and Marines would quit in droves if they had to serve next to gays open about their sexual orientation. He scoffed at testimony by Gates and Mullen, who said concerns among some combat troops could be addressed through time and training.

"We send these young people into combat," said McCain. "We think they're mature enough to fight and die. I think they're mature enough to make a judgment on who they want to serve with and the impact on their battle effectiveness."

McCain, a four-term Republican and former Navy pilot who endured a harrowing ordeal as a prisoner of war during the Vietnam War, has taken a higher profile on socially divisive issues since losing the 2008 presidential race to Barack Obama. He has even differed with his wife, Cindy, who in a recent online video opposed the military policy and accused the government of treating gays like "second-class citizens."

McCain's opposition foreshadows this month's Senate debate on a bill to overturn the 1993 "don't ask, don't tell" law banning gays from serving openly in the armed forces.



CRIME WATCH
BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

# Not the right place to puke

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.

SATURDAY, NOV. 27, AT 6:10 P.M.,
Santa Monica police officers responded to the corner of Neilson Way and Fraser Street regarding a traffic collision. When officers arrived, they located the driver of the vehicle involved in the single-car collision. As officers talked to the driver, they observed symptoms of intoxication. Officers had the driver perform a series of balance and coordination tests. During one of the tests, the driver allegedly fell to the ground. Officers placed the driver under arrest for driving while impaired. While transporting her to a local hospital, she vomited in the back seat of the patrol car and passed out, police said. The driver, Michelle Perez, 22, of Studio City, was arrested for driving while impaired. Her bail was set at $15,000.

MONDAY, NOV. 22, AT 9 P.M.,
Officers responded to the 1800 block of 16th Street regarding a report of domestic violence. When officers arrived, they made contact with the alleged victim who told them that she was involved in an argument with her mother while the two were in the kitchen. The victim became upset and broke a porcelain plate on the ground, police said. The suspect heard the argument and allegedly assaulted the victim by grabbing her neck from behind. The victim was able to yell for help and a cousin responded and called police. Officers arrested the suspect for assault with the intent to cause great bodily injury. The suspect was identified as Mario Martin, 44, of Santa Monica. His bail was set at $30,000.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 24, AT 8:10 P.M.,
Officers responded to the 1400 block of Lincoln Boulevard — CVS pharmacy — regarding a report of shoplifting. When officers arrived, they made contact with an employee at the pharmacy who said he and his manager were in an office when they saw a customer take a bottle of tequila and place it in his backpack. The suspect then allegedly took a bar of soap and placed it in his pocket. The suspect tried to leave the store without paying for the items. He was detained by store employees and placed under citizen's arrest. During the pre-booking search, officers located burglary tools that included spark plug chips, a flashlight, screwdrivers and rubber gloves. The suspect was booked for burglary and possession of burglary tools. He was identified as Jose Arriaga, 27, a transient. His bail was set at $20,000.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 24, AT 2:37 P.M.,
Officers responded to the 1600 block of 20th Street regarding an assault that just occurred. When officers arrived, they located the alleged victim and the suspect together. The victim told officers that he wanted the suspect arrested. He said he was at a location when the suspect told him to leave. The victim said he had not completed his work yet. The suspect then allegedly struck the victim in the face with a closed fist. The victim fell to the ground and called police. Police placed the suspect under arrest for assault and battery. He was identified as Johnny Baca, 49, of Santa Monica. No bail information was provided by police.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 24, AT 10:25 P.M.,
Officers on routine patrol in the 1800 block of Arizona Avenue spotted a man riding his bike on the sidewalk in violation of the municipal code. The cyclist also did not have a light on his bicycle. Officers stopped him and were able to identify him. During a pre-booking search of the suspect, officers said they found drug paraphernalia and pieces of crack cocaine. Officers placed the suspect under arrest for possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia and a municipal code violation. He was identified as Curtis King, 21, of Santa Monica. His bail was set at $10,000.

FRIDAY, NOV. 26, AT 12:09 P.M.,
Officers responded to the 1800 block of Lincoln Boulevard — 7-Eleven — regarding a report of vandalism. When officers arrived, they were advised by witnesses that the suspect came into the convenience store wanting to buy a cell-phone charger. When advised that the store did not carry a charger, the suspect started to leave. As the suspect walked by an ATM machine, there was some money in the slot that belonged to another customer that had just come in but was having problems with the machine. The money apparently was dispensed after the customer left. The suspect grabbed the money and started to walk out. The cashier told the suspect to stop and give back the money. There was a short struggle and the suspect left the business. As she left, she threw down the $20 she took, police said. She then allegedly grabbed a skateboard from an individual in front of the store and swung it at the door, causing it to shatter. The suspect then fled the location. Officers located the suspect a short distance away. The suspect was identified as Jesselyn Jones, 22, a transient. She was arrested for robbery and vandalism. Her bail was set at $50,000.

FRIDAY, NOV. 26, AT 9:22 P.M.,
Officers responded to the 1500 block of Lincoln Boulevard — Denny's — regarding an individual who was allegedly disturbing the peace. When officers arrived, they were advised by the restaurant manager that the customer was unwilling to pay for her $13 meal. The manager was willing to place the suspect under arrest for defrauding an innkeeper. As officers talked to the manager, a customer told them that she gave the suspect $10 to help her pay her bill. Officers said the suspect became belligerent when approached and started yelling that she only had $11 to pay for the meal. The manager accepted the amount and asked her to leave. The suspect refused to leave and was placed under arrest for trespassing. The suspect was identified as Stacey Collins, 38, a transient. Her bail was set at $10,250.

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## PROBE
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groups in the weeks before the election for sending out four political mailers in support of various sitting City Council members who were up for re-election. Groups including the police and firefighters' unions, the Santa Monica Democratic Club and Community for Excellent Public Schools said the mailers misled the public and amounted to misrepresentations of their official election endorsements.

Huebscher has all along argued SMQG followed all of its financial disclosure requirements by filing documents with the Secretary of State's Office, which has different rules for financial disclosure from Santa Monica.

Reached on Thursday, he dismissed the possibility SMCLC's complaint would result in charges being filed.

"I think that SMCLC is wasting tax dollars having all these agencies investigating when there's no case," he said.

> **"THE FAILURE TO TELL RESIDENT WHO'S FUNDING THOSE CAMPAIGN MAILERS WAS A CRIME."**
>
> **Diana Gordon,**
> Co-chair of the Santa Monica Coalition for a Livable City

Gordon said her group decided to file a complaint against SMQG in the interest of transparent government, not because her group was politically opposed to the candidates that SMQG backed.

"This is not about who we supported in an election," she said.

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## BIKES
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bike network and facilities in Santa Monica."

Even activists who have been critical of City Hall's commitment to cycling have acknowledged the shift.

"What you're seeing is at leadership level, across the board, people starting to buy into the bike action plan," said Richard McKinnon, a member of the Parks and Recreation bicycle subcommittee. "We've sort of turned a corner in that sense."

But that doesn't mean there's no skepticism.

"I think the great unknown is how to fund this," McKinnon said. "Unless more money goes into it, this push is not going to work properly."

It's Gelbard's hope that the new action plan, scheduled to be completed and adopted by the City Council before summer, will open up new funding possibilities.

Having an updated plan for cycling improvements, she said, will make Santa Monica eligible for Caltrans grants it currently can't access. There's also, she said, a bigger pool of money available through the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority for bicycle infrastructure projects that could provide a boost.

As the planning effort gets underway, Planning Commission Chair Jim Ries said he's mindful that past efforts to draw up plans for bike improvements have come up short in the results column. A bicycle master plan completed in 1995, he said, brought no tangible improvements.

> **"IT'S CLEAR THAT THERE'S VERY INTENSE INTEREST ON MOVING TO A NEW LEVEL FOR OUR BIKE NETWORK AND FACILITIES IN SANTA MONICA."**
>
> **Ellen Gelbard,**
> Assistant director of planning and community development

But this time around, he said, there's evidence bicycle activists are more highly organized and there's more widespread interest in the cause.

In a move aimed at getting the best ideas into Santa Monica's bike plan, Ries said he expects Charlie Gandy, Long Beach's mobility planner who is credited with helping that city become a model for cycling improvements, to address the Planning Commission in January.

"It's really taking the current thinking about what we need here and making it into an action plan," Gelbard said of the planning effort.

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# SINGING OUT

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**Rabbi Comess-Daniels, Mike Stearn, Cantor Ken Cohen and Peter Quentin (right to left) of Beth Shir Shalom perform seasonal Hanukkah favorites at the annual menorah lighting on the Third Street Promenade on Wednesday evening. Canned goods were collected during the event.**

## MURDER

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22, of North Hills.

Jurors also found true the allegation that Chapel used a hammer in the crime.

A week after the murder, an anonymous fax sent to KTLA-TV led to the victim's body being found in the trunk of her car in Valley Village. She had been reported missing by her mother.

Figueroa had been struck at least nine times in the head and suffered other wounds to her arm that were likely defensive, investigators said.

Although the two knew each other, it was unclear whether they had a romantic relationship, and a motive for the slaying has never been revealed.

"Only two people can say; one of them is dead," Deputy District Attorney Jane Creighton said last month.

Van Nuys Superior Court Judge Martin Herscovitz denied the defense's motion for a new trial, Creighton said.

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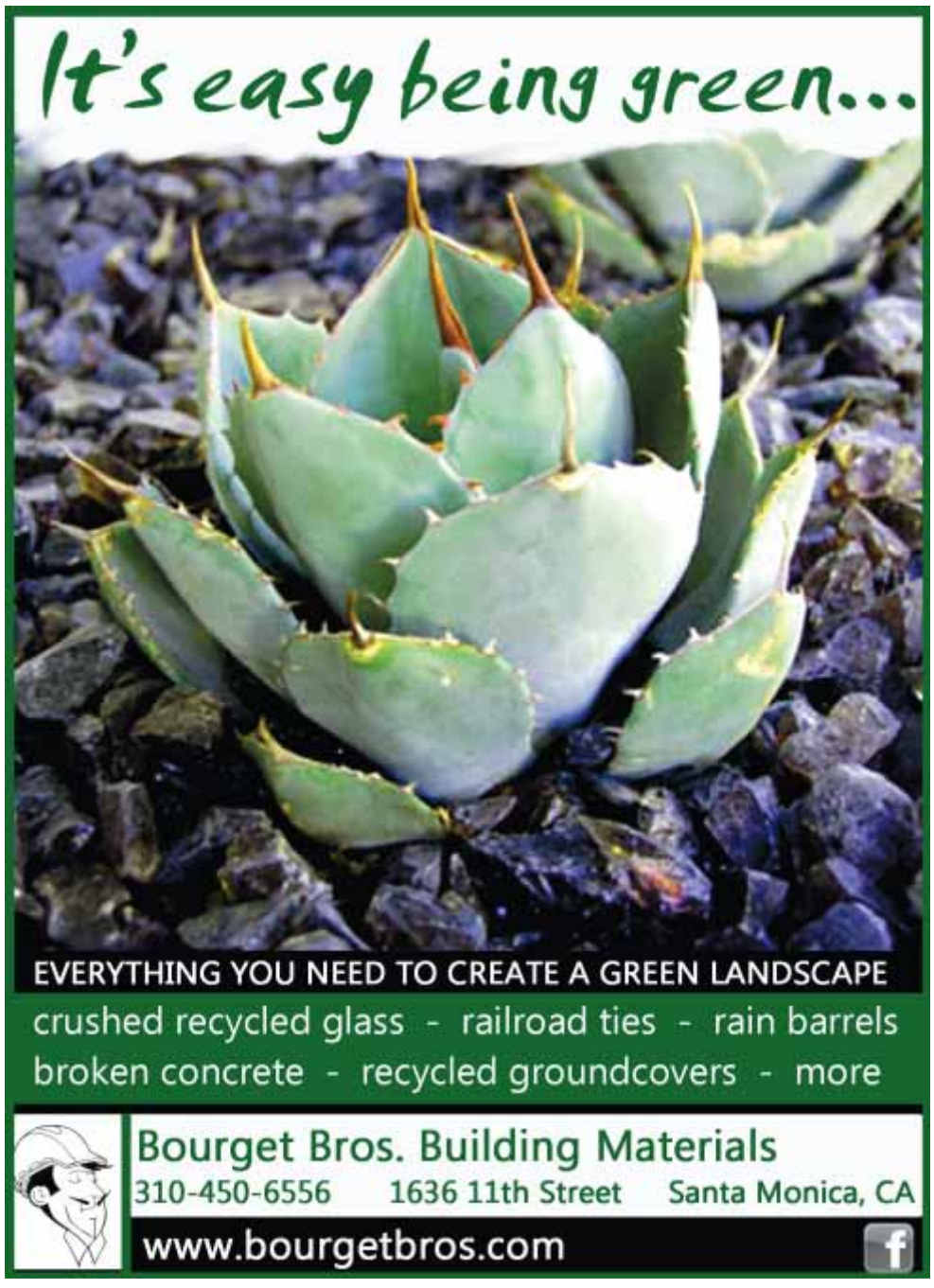
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IN ACTION: **Oregon State's Ryan Katz hands the ball off to Jacquizz Rodgers against UCLA.**

## KATZ
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But, to hear Katz explain it, he seems confident in his team's chances of walking away with a shocking win.

"I try not to get caught up in it," Katz said of the attention surrounding the game. "There will be a lot of press there, a lot of people will be watching.

"I'm not trying to get hyped-up on that."

The prospect of facing one of the top ranked teams in the country should be enough to give any young quarterback pause, but Katz has had practice at it.

This will be the fourth top-10 team Oregon State will be facing this year with previous losses to TCU, Boise State and Stanford. Oregon State's schedule is ranked as the toughest in the country as a result of these big matchups. Yet, aside from the Stanford game, Oregon State was competitive in two of the three games and have one advantage this time around. For the first time, the Beavers will be hosting a nationally ranked team in Corvallis, Ore.

"We've played well at home," Katz said. "Hopefully that will carry over into Saturday."

The Beavers are 4-1 at Reser Stadium this year, but the fifth victory would be sweetest for Katz and OSU. But, like he said, Katz is taking it in stride.

"I'm just going to enjoy the moment," he said. "We just want to be bowl eligible."

As if the game needs more subplots, the game between Oregon and Oregon State is heated enough to have earned the nickname, the Civil War. This will be Katz' first start in the annual rivalry game, but Head Coach Mike Riley in his 10 years at OSU has been there enough to have an idea of what to expect.

"I think that our state is rather unique. I've been involved in rivalry games a few places but this one always, for me personally, has been the biggest," Riley said during his weekly press conference. "There's no fence-riding and it's probably the biggest sporting event in our state every year. The other side of it is the games have gotten bigger and bigger for many reasons; not just winning the Civil War."

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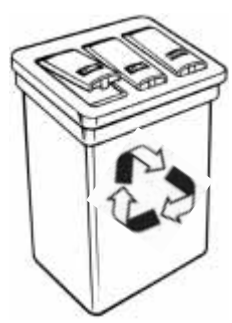
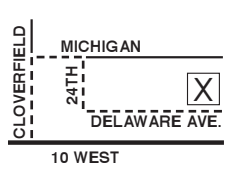
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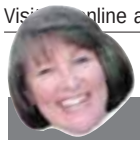
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# Exodus from Germany brings exiles and émigrés

"I AM NOT AN ÉMIGRÉ, I AM AN exile," playwright Bertolt Brecht insisted, and he proved his point by returning to Germany soon after the end of World War II. But many of his countrymen remained in America, finding a haven and founding an artistic community in the film industry of Hollywood. Their relationships and concerns during that time are explored in British playwright Christopher Hampton's 1982 play "Tales From Hollywood," now having a brilliant revival at L.A.'s Odyssey Theatre.

Hampton places Croatian novelist and playwright Odon von Horvath (Gregory Gifford Giles) at the center of the action to serve as a narrator, much like the omniscient Stage Manager in Thornton Wilder's "Our Town." Von Horvath, a character within the play, continually breaks the fourth wall to explain and expand on the comments of his fellow writers.

In actuality, Von Horvath died in 1938 in a freak accident in Paris. While walking along the Champs Elysees he got caught in a sudden rainstorm and took shelter with a group standing under a chestnut tree. The ferocity of the storm caused a nearby tree to collapse onto the chestnut tree, breaking off one of its branches, which struck Von Horvath on the back of his head, killing him instantly. Ironically, Von Horvath tells of this incident in the course of the play, describing it as having happened to a friend.

The other major players are the Mann brothers, Thomas and Heinrich (Kent Minault and Walter Beery). Heinrich, the older of the two, was a much respected novelist whose writings dealt with social themes and attacks on the increasingly authoritarian government in Germany. His most famous work was "The Blue Angel," which, as a movie, gave Marlene Dietrich her start. His brother Thomas, however, eclipsed him when he won the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1929. (This notoriety saved Thomas' books from the infamous Nazi book-burning orgy, but Heinrich's work was not so fortunate.)

Also present is Nelly Mann (Ursula Brooks), Heinrich's vacuous, much-younger second wife, as well as the wives of Thomas (Meghan McConnell) and Bertolt Brecht (Niki Blumberg). Heinrich's wife was Jewish, and the object of the group's rampant anti-Semitism. They refer to her as "the kike" and Brecht expresses his opinion that "they (the Jews) deserve everything they get." Thomas Mann also notes that dealing with a Jew is "like stubbing your toe on 3,000 years of history."

Brecht hated Los Angeles, characterizing it as a city of "depraved cuteness," and notes that one "has to write badly to be a successful screenwriter." He also complains that the movie industry "keeps artists in cells padded with money" and is literally "a funeral parlor for the spirit." And he comments that talking to a specific movie mogul is "like drowning in cold gravy."

Minault and Beery, the actors portraying the Mann brothers, look startlingly alike and both adhere to the philosophy that "we're visitors in this country, so it's only polite to be circumspect."

Amid all the political and artistic views expressed, one might lose track of director Michael Peretzian's impressive staging and Tom Buderwitz's creative set design. But the production qualities of this extremely engaging play are superb. And Adam Flemming's ever-changing film projections provide a complementary silent addition to the action and make "Tales from Hollywood" a visual as well as an aural treat.

"Tales from Hollywood" will continue at the Odyssey Theatre, 2055 South Sepulveda Blvd. in Los Angeles, Wednesdays through Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 7 p.m. through Dec. 19. For tickets, call (310) 477-2055.

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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
### SANTA MONICA ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD

**DATE/TIME**: December 6, 2010, 7:00 p.m.
**LOCATION**: Council Chambers, (wheelchair accessible)
Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main Street

PROPERTIES:
ARB 10-373, 1242 Chelsea Avenue: Residential
ARB 10-502, 829 Wilshire Boulevard: Restaurant
ARB 10-505, 850 Palisades Beach Road: Beach Club
ARB 10-580, 201 Arizona Avenue: Restaurant
ARB 10-585, 331 Santa Monica Boulevard: Incidental Food Retail
ARB 10-591, 902 Berkeley Street: Single Family Residential

More information is available on-line at http://santa-monica.org/planning/planningcomm/arbagendas.htm or at 310/458-8341 en espanol tambien). Plans may be reviewed at City Hall during business hours. Comments are invited at the hearing or in writing (FAX 310-458-3380, e-mail planning@santa-monica.org, or mail Santa Monica Planning Division, 1685 Main St., Rm. 212, Santa Monica, CA 90401). The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible. For disability-related accommodations, please contact 310-458-8701 or TTY 310-450-8696 a minimum of 72 hours in advance. All written materials are available in alternate format upon request. Big Blue Bus lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8 & 9 and the Tide Ride serve the Santa Monica Civic Center and City Hall.

City of Santa Monica

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
### BEFORE THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA
### LANDMARKS COMMISSION

**SUBJECT**: Public hearings will be held by the Landmarks Commission on the following applications:

**2219 Ocean Avenue**, LC-10CA-021, Zoning: OP-3 (Ocean Park Medium Multiple Residential) District. The Landmarks Commission will be conducting a public hearing to consider Certificate of Appropriateness 10CA-021 for rehabilitation work on the Landmark turn-of-the-century "Cottage", including the replacement of the existing brick foundation with a new concrete stem wall foundation; replacement of window on front elevation; removal of stone veneer on concrete steps; new painting; and, the repair of gutters and windows. The Landmarks Commission will determine whether the proposed work is appropriate and architecturally compatible for the Landmark building. Applicant: John Heidt. Owner: Heidt Family Trust.

**When:** **Monday, December 13, 2010 at 7:00 pm**

**Where:** City Council Chambers, City Hall, Room 213
1685 Main Street, Santa Monica

**Questions/Comments**
The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment on this and other projects. You or your representative, or any other persons may comment on the application at the Public Hearing, or by writing a letter addressed to Scott Albright, AICP, Senior Planner, City Planning Division, 1685 Main Street, Room 212, Santa Monica, California, 90401-3295. Or, you may contact Mr. Albright by phone at (310) 458-8341 or by email at scott.albright@smgov.net.

**More Information**
The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible. If you have any disability-related accommodation requests, please contact (310) 458-8341 or TTY (310) 458-8696 at least three days prior to the event. All written materials are available in alternate format upon request. Santa Monica Bus Lines 1, 2, 3 and 7 serve City Hall. Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the Challenge may be limited only to 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.

**Espanol**
Este es un aviso de una audiencia publica para considerar la designación de una propiedad en la ciudad como un monumento histórico. Para mas información, favor de llamar a Carmen Gutierrez en la División de Planificación al número (310) 458-8341.

**INTERESTED IN YOUR DAILY FORECAST?**
Check out the HOROSCOPES on PAGE 17!

## Bicycle Action Plan Community Meeting

Please join us for an open house meeting to discuss bicycling in Santa Monica, and shape priorities for bicycling improvements. Your input, along with a public survey, will inform the Bicycle Action Plan coming out next year. Look for the survey soon on http://www.smgov.net/bikesm

**Monday, December 13, 2010**
**6:30 to 8:00 p.m.**
**Santa Monica Civic Auditorium**
**Auditorium East Wing**
**1855 Main Street**

The Civic Center is accessible by Big Blue Bus lines 1,2,3,4, 7, Rapid 7, and 8. There will be additional bike parking for the event. Please contact Michelle Glickert for special arrangements or questions 310.458.2204.

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD BY THE SANTA MONICA ZONING ADMINISTRATOR ON APPLICATIONS FOR VARIANCES

**TIME:** **10:30 a.m., Tuesday, December 14, 2010**
**LOCATION:** Council Chambers, Room 213, Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica

A Public Hearing will be held by the Zoning Administrator of the City of Santa Monica at the above noted time and place in regard to the following requests:

**Fence, Wall, Hedge Height Modification FWHM 10-0007, 1001 Pacific Street.** The applicant requests approval of a fence and hedge combination in the front yard area that exceeds the front yard setback height limit of 42 inches. Specifically, the applicant requests an eight foot tall wooden gate entrance in the front yard setback area. The applicant requests approval of a wooden fence that is four feet in height along the front property line and is eight feet in height along the side property lines that are in the front yard setback. The applicant also requests a hedge that is six and a half feet in height in the front yard. SMMC Section 9.04.10.02.080(e) permits a modification to the height limitations in the front yard area, subject to approval by the Zoning Administrator. [Planner: Dennis Banks] **APPLICANT/OWNER:** Keith Harrison
This Item was considered and continued by the Zoning Administrator at the November 9, 2010 hearing.

**Use Permit 10-007, 315 Palisades Avenue.** The applicant requests approval for a new curb cut to provide a circular driveway with street access to an on-site 2-car attached garage facing the street. Pursuant to SMMC Section 9.04.08.02.040(d), the applicant may request a Use Permit to allow a curb cut for purposes of providing street access to an on-site parking garage on parcels located within the North of Montana Avenue neighborhood with an adjacent rear alley having a minimum right-of-way of fifteen feet. The subject property is located in the North of Montana Avenue neighborhood and it has an adjacent rear alley that is 20 feet in width. [Planner: Lily Yegazu] **APPLICANT/OWNER:** Sherman Ma.

**Use Permit 10-008 & Variance VAR-023, 409 16th Street.** The applicant requests a parking Variance to allow an existing garage (approximate 12.5'x48' interior dimension) with two (2) parking spaces to be provided in a tandem arrangement in-lieu of an 18'x20' interior dimension to satisfy parking requirements, and a Use Permit to retain street driveway access to the existing on-site garage on the subject parcel, in conjunction with a proposed addition to an existing single-family residence. [Planner: Steve Mizokami **APPLICANT/OWNER:** Eric Milefchik

**Fence, Wall, Hedge Height Modification FWHM 10-0008, 2321 26th Street.** The applicant requests approval of a fence and hedge height modification within the front yard setback to retain an iron fence and driveway gate 51-inches in height and an entry feature 51-inches to 79-inches in height. The applicant is also requesting to allow the existing hedges to grow up to 7-feet in height. Pursuant to Santa Monica Municipal Code (SMMC) Section 9.04.10.02.080, fences, walls, or hedges cannot exceed the maximum height of 42-inches within the required front yard. SMMC Section 9.04.10.02.080(e) permits a modification to the height limitations in the front yard area, subject to approval by the Zoning Administrator. [Planner: Grace Page] **APPLICANT/OWNER:** Martha Burns.

**HOW TO COMMENT**
The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. You may comment at the Zoning Administrator public hearing, or by writing a letter. Written information will be given to the Zoning Administrator at the meeting.

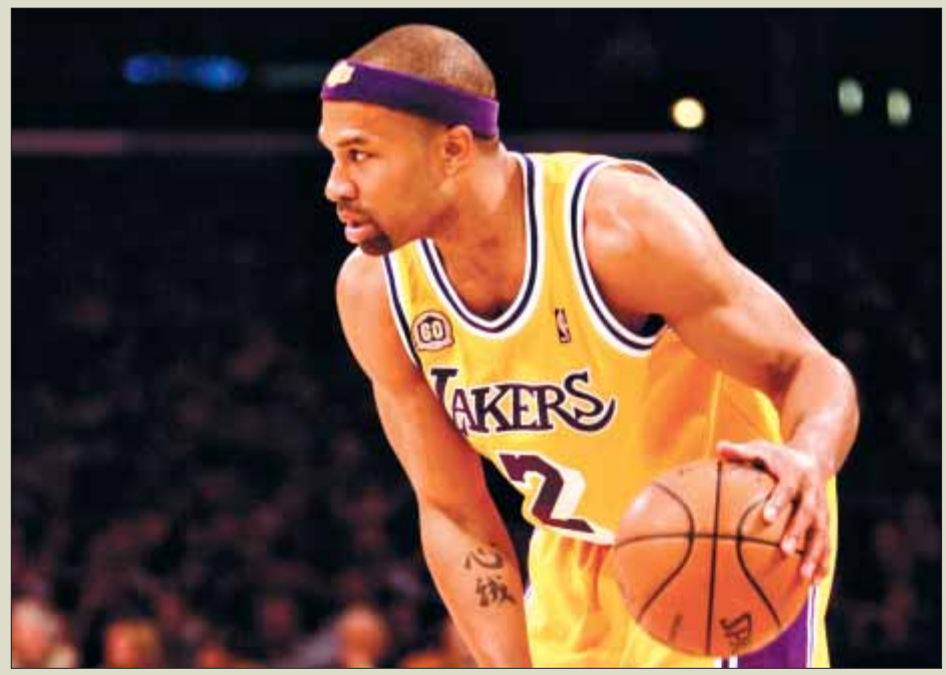
Any person may comment at the Public Hearing, or by writing a letter to the City Planning Division, Room 212, P.O. Box 2220, Santa Monica, CA 90407-2220. Plans are available for public review at the City Planning Division. For more information, please contact the City Planning Division at (310) 458-8341. Pursuant to California Government Code Section 64009(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. The meeting facility is accessible. If you have any disabilities related request, contact at (310) 458-8341 or TTY (310) 458-8696 at least three (3) days prior to the meeting. Santa Monica "Big Blue" Bus Lines #1, #2, #3, #4, #7 and #8 serve the City Hall.

*Esto es un aviso sobre una audiencia publica para revisar applicaciones proponiendo desarrollo en Santa Monica. Esto puede ser de interes para usted. Si desea mas informacion, favor de llamar a Carmen Gutierrez en la Division de Planificacion al numero (310) 458-8341.



# NEW DVD RELEASES

BY RANDY WILLIAMS



Brandon Wise *brandonw@smdp.com*

# 'Los Angeles Lakers 2010 Finals: Collector's Edition'

**The game's most storied rivalry in a highly anticipated rematch, two years in the making, now comes complete on DVD. It is the Boston Celtics against the Los Angeles Lakers for the NBA crown. All seven games in their entirety are presented in this eight-disc set which also includes post-game press conferences and mini-movies.**

## 'Californication' The Third Season

David Duchovny returns to his Golden Globe winning portrayal of author Hank Moody with storylines spinning out of his new endeavor as a university professor. The double-disc set includes all 12 episodes with special segments tagged on like a blooper reel, episodes one and two from "The Tudors" final season and via Ebridge Technology, interviews with Duchovny and other cast members. (CBS/Paramount)

## 'V' The Complete First Season

This re-imagining of the acclaimed 1980s miniseries tells the story of Earth's first alien encounter as the visitors arrive en masse to major cities worldwide. Are they here to hurt or help us? With their intentions unclear, a growing resistance is on the rise to get at the truth. Twelve episodes are joined by supplements about special effects makeup technology and principal cast discussions about the challenges of their roles. (Warner Bros)

## 'The Six Million Dollar Man' The Complete Series

One of the most popular television series of the '70s ends a long-awaited release on DVD with a package worthy of the show's following. Lee Majors stars as Colonel Steve Austin, a top NASA pilot critically injured when his experimental space plane crashes. The ensuing experimental procedure on his body makes him the world's first bionic man. The massive 40-DVD set includes all 100 hour-long episodes, majors and Richard Anderson, three pilot TV movies, three reunion movies and the never-before-released cross-over episodes of "The Bionic Woman." (Time Life)

## 'Van Gogh: Brush with Genius' (IMAX)

His works have become some of the icons of great art: sunflowers with light and color; starry nights pulsating with blue, but Vincent Van Gogh was a tormented artist. This intimate and visually dazzling film relives Van Gogh's life journey through his letters, his paintings as well as triumphs and tragedies. With Jacques Gamblin narrating as the artist himself, the viewer is taken to places that inspired him with a combination of light and color that no artist had ever captured before — Arles, St. Remy and Auyers-sur-Oise. (Image)

## 'Let's Spend the Night Together: Rolling Stones Greatest Hits Live'

The rock band's 1981 tour using 20 cameras under the direction of Hal Ashby ("Shampoo") provides, in the words of Mick Jagger, "a feel of what it's like to be there." (Lions Gate)

## 'Valhalla Rising'

From Danish director Nicolas Refn ("Pusher") comes this visceral tale about a man's will to survive in a brutal world. Mads Mikkelsen ("Clash of the Titans") stars as a one-eyed warrior who is kept prisoner for years as slave of a Norse tribe to fight for money. One day, he kills his captors and successfully escapes setting up another stage on a ruthless journey in pre-Christian Denmark. (MPI)

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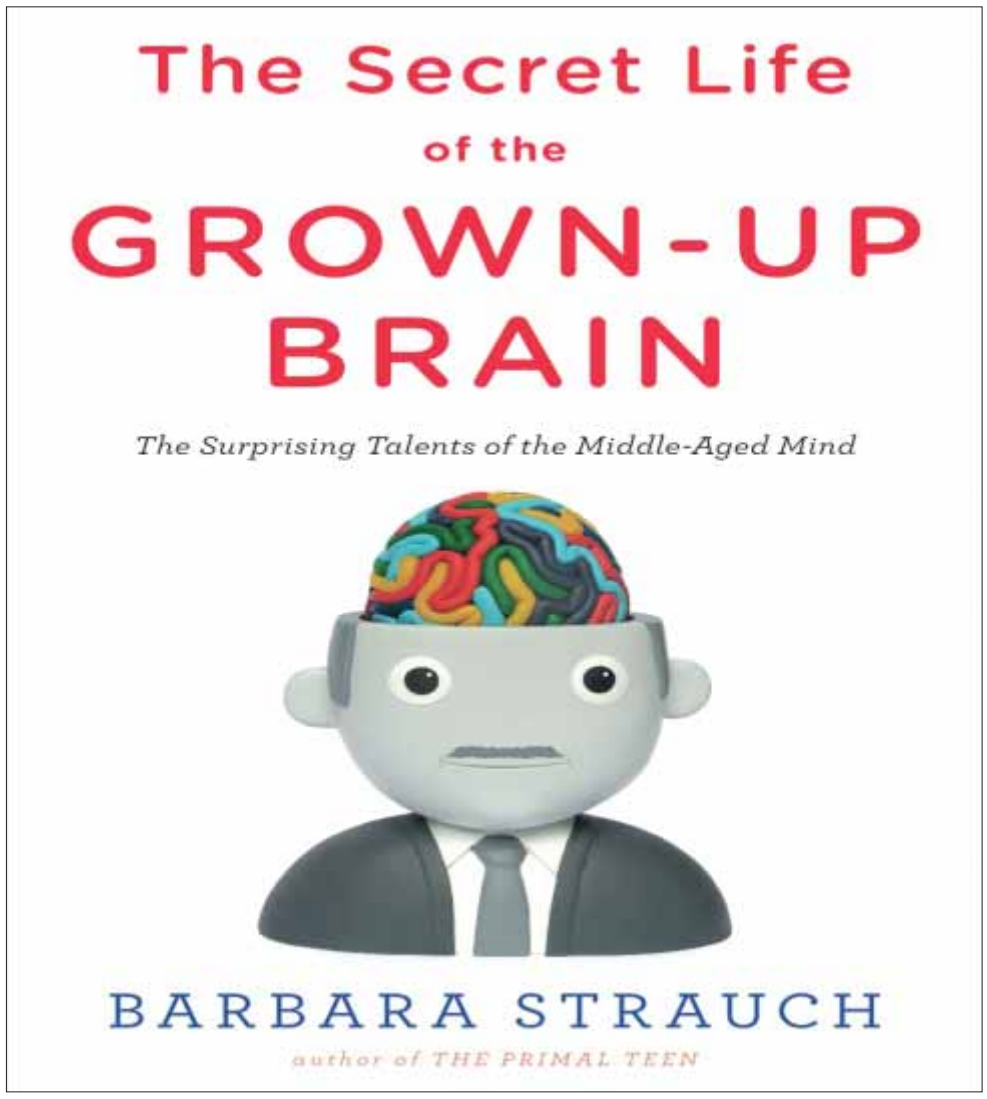
# BOOK REVIEW

BY DANE ROBERT SWANSON



## 'The Secret Life of the Grown-Up Brain: The Surprising Talents of the Middle-Aged Mind'

By Barbara Strauch • Viking




Most people think that as a person ages the brain stops learning new things. But that is just not true. There is still a lot of growth and learning going on.

"Our middle-aged brains are surprisingly competent and surprisingly talented,' states author Barbara Strauch.

We can ask what time period are we talking about.

"Most researchers locate modern middle age somewhere between the ages of forty and sixty-eight."

If this is true, than we need to understand some things. Often when a person notices that he can walk into a room and not remember the reason he did so he could start to feel the end is near. But this is normal. It seems as a person ages it is natural for the cognitive features to slow down. To work with this fact it is suggested making a list to help the memory.

"With new tools such as brain scanners, genetic analysis, and more sophisticated long-term studies, the middle-aged brain is finally getting its due." the author points out.

The brain, science is finding out, does not simply fade as it ages. The brain rather takes on a new identity and talents. Experience is what tends to change our brains as we age. That is something youth does not have. As we age we tend to get a bigger perspective of the world, and we see patterns and connect the dots easier. Also we tend to put a more positive spin on what is happening around us.

It has been discovered that while the brain may be getting smaller as we age it doesn't stop adding more neutrons. "We just rewire our brains as we grow older. You learn to handle things. Your brain decides, on some level, to look at the world differently."

Often we feel defeated. But we shouldn't feel this way. It may take a bit longer for a middle-aged brain to react – but it can enable a person to perform better. This is one conclusion Strauch makes.

We decide how to live and that alters our brain. The view in the past was that as we age our brain becomes fixed. But it has been found that what we do alters our brain. Some brains can operate with a knife-edged clarity, others have grown duller. The good news is that sharp declines are not inevitable.

The best years of the brain are in the middle-age period it seems. We can help our brains through exercise and nutrition, it has been discovered. Education also helps. The way we "kill" our brain cells is by excessive television watching. This is because we are not using the cognitive structure of our brain when we are in front of the set. By decreasing our time watching the TV and spending it reading or even taking a long walk we allow our blood to circulate and rejuvenate our brain.

This book is highly recommended for anyone who wants to understand the brain which he has, which should be everyone.

Well now, what is this all about? Book reviews are brain food also. Responding by e-mail to smdp_review@yahoo.com is another way to exercise your brain. So put your fingers to the keyboard and send me a response. Your brain will thank you.

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**NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA PLANNING COMMISSION**

**SUBJECT**: A Public Hearing will be held by the Planning Commission on the following:

**Appeal 10-007 of Architectural Review Board 10-215, 401 Wilshire Boulevard.** Appeal of Architectural Review Board Denial of Sign Adjustment and Sign Plans for OneWest Bank. [Planner: Laura Beck, AICP] **APPLICANT/APPELLANT: DENNIS STOUT, COAST SIGN, INC.**

**Conditional Use Permit 10-019, 2000 Main Street.** The applicant (La Grande Orange) is requesting to amend existing Conditional Use Permit 09-002 to allow a 2,689 SF (68 seats) expansion of the existing restaurant with on-site consumption of alcoholic beverages (beer, wine, and spirits), and requests amendments to existing conditions of approval. The expansion will occupy the adjacent vacant tenant space in the building, and will provide a new dining alternative for customers. Pursuant to CUP09-002, a significant change in the approved concept shall be subject to Planning Commission review. Furthermore, pursuant to Santa Monica Municipal Code (SMMC) Section 9.04.08.28.040(x), a Conditional Use Permit is required for uses in the CM district with more than 75 linear feet of Main Street frontage, SMMC Section 9.04.08.28.040(p) requires a Conditional Use Permit for restaurants in the CM district of fifty seats or greater, and SMMC Section 9.04.10.18.020 requires a Conditional Use Permit for the on and off-site sale and dispensation of alcoholic beverages. [Planner: Steve Mizokami] **APPLICANT: LGO Santa Monica, LLC. PROPERTY OWNER: Archstone/Santa Monica on Main, LLC.**

**Conditional Use Permit 10-020, 395 Santa Monica Place**, The applicant requests approval of a Conditional Use Permit (10CUP020) to allow the on-site sale and consumption of alcohol in conjunction with a full-service restaurant in Santa Monica Place. The proposed restaurant, True Food Kitchen, occupies approximately 6,647 square feet and consists of 150 interior seats and 103 exterior patio seats. [Planner: Grace Page] **APPLICANT: True Food Kitchen. PROPERTY OWNER: Macerich Santa Monica, LLC.**

**WHEN:** **Wednesday, December 15, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.**
**WHERE**: Council Chambers, City Hall
1685 Main Street
Santa Monica, California

**HOW TO COMMENT**
The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. You may comment at the Planning Commission public hearing, or by writing a letter or e-mail. Information received prior to the hearing will be given to the Planning Commission at the meeting.

**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 http://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 provide service to 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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## SURF REPORT

**Surf Conditions** **Water Temp:** 61°

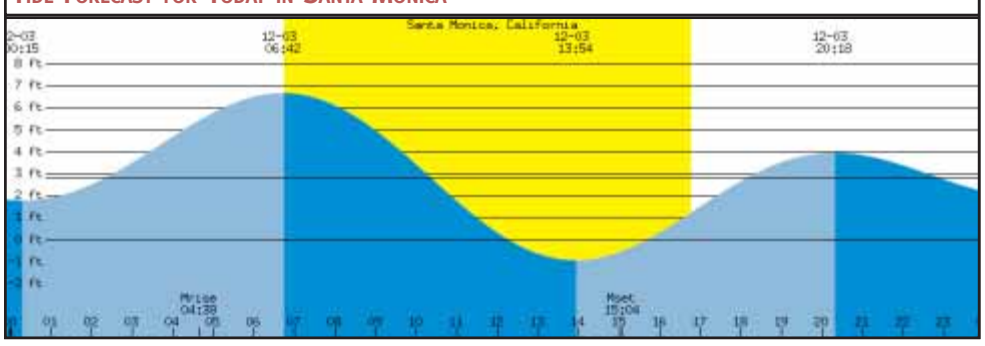
**Swell Forecast**

**About knee to waist high at west facing breaks.**

**Long Range Synopsis**

Some southern hemi should help bring a slight increase to south facing breaks, so most all breaks are looking at knee to waist high waves.

**Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica**




BEACH REPORT CARD

# NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous 30 days up to the ending date of **November 16, 2010**

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

- Number of sewage spills -- 1
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 17
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 30 / 16
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 16 / 25

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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 |
|---|---|---|
| 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 Lechusa and Los Alisos creeks. | A+ | A+ |
| Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach. | C | A+ |
| Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth. | A | A+ |
| Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth. | A | A+ |
| Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private). | A+ | A+ |
| Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth. | B | F |
| Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach. | A+ | F |
| Latigo Canyon Creek mouth. | A+ | A+ |
| Solstice Canyon at Dan Blocker County Beach. | F | F |
| Puerco State Beach at creek mouth. | C | A |
| Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.. | A+ | F |
| Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence. | A+ | D |
| Surfrider Beach (branch location)- daily. | F | F |
| Malibu Pier - 50 yards east. | F | B |
| Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon. | A+ | C |
| Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero). | A+ | A+ |
| Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs. | A+ | D |
| Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach. | A+ | A |
| Tuna Canyon. | ns | ns |
| Topanga State Beach at creek mouth. | F | A |
| Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach. | A+ | A+ |
| Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach. | F | F |
| Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain). | F | A+ |

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

**LEGEND**

**DRY** -- each location is graded on an A – F scale based on bacterial pollution levels present in the surf zone

**WET** -- grades for days of recorded rainfall and the following 3 days

**ns** -- no sample taken

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INTERNATIONAL SOCCER

# Qatar wins 2022 World Cup bid

**RAF CASERT**
AP Sports Writer

ZURICH The tiny desert nation of Qatar beat out the United States as the 2022 World Cup host, with FIFA brushing aside doubts about blistering heat to bring soccer's showcase event for the first time to the Middle East.

The 22 voters on FIFA's executive committee, some accused of corruption in the weeks leading up to their meeting, picked Russia to stage the 2018 tournament, another first-time host. Both votes were taken Thursday and the results announced minutes apart.

Qatar, an oil-rich nation that has been independent since 1971, has a population of about 1.7 million — 500,000 less than Houston. At 4,416 square miles, it is smaller than Connecticut.

"We go to new lands," FIFA president Sepp Blatter said.

Qatar, which has promised to overcome heat of up to 130 degrees with air conditioned outdoor stadiums, led on every round of balloting that initially included Australia, Japan and South Korea. The lowest vote-getter was eliminated after each round until only the U.S. and Qatar remained. Qatar won the final vote 14-8.

"Basically, oil and natural gas won today. This was not about merit, this was about money," former U.S. national team star Eric Wynalda said in a telephone interview with The Associated Press. Qatar "is a country that is really going to struggle to host this event. A successful World Cup would mean the attendance would be twice the population."

The U.S. Soccer Federation, which spent millions of dollars on its bid and brought over former President Bill Clinton for its closing presentation, was hoping to bring the World Cup back to America for the first time since 1994 and boost the steady but slow growth of the sport in the U.S.

"I consider it a disappointment for me personally, for sure, and a setback as we're trying to move this sport forward," USSF president Sunil Gulati said. "Getting the right to host this event 12 years from now, with that sort of buildup time, was the equivalent of putting your foot on the accelerator and really taking a big jump.

"And so from that perspective, it's certainly an opportunity lost. Do I think we're going to get to where we want to get eventually? The answer is yes."

Russia was chosen over England and joint bids by Spain-Portugal and Netherlands-Belgium. "We cannot really express how happy we are," said Alexey Sorokin, CEO of Russia's bid. "It's a great victory."

Following corruption allegations that led to two executive committee members being excluded from the final votes, the decisions were bound to be controversial even before they were made.

American sports executives are now left to wonder what they have do to host another major international event. Last year, the International Olympic Committee chose Rio de Janeiro over Chicago and others for the 2016 Olympics despite a personal lobbying effort by President Barack Obama.

At the White House on Thursday, Obama said "I think it was the wrong decision" when asked about FIFA's 2022 choice, but added that he still thought the U.S. team would acquit itself well.

Qatar, which has never even qualified for a World Cup, used its 30-minute presentation to underline how the tournament could unify a region ravaged by conflict. Presenters also promised to dismantle the stadiums built for the tournament and give them to needy countries.

The nation promised to spend $50 billion on infrastructure upgrades and $4 billion to build nine stadiums and renovate three others. One advantage of the having the tournament in a small country: The stadiums will all be within an hour of each other.

Qataris and others — including workers from south Asia — immediately started dancing in the streets along Doha's Gulf waterfront. Some blew the vuvuzelas that became synonymous with the World Cup in South Africa.

FIFA's inspection report highlighted a danger posted by heat — the average high in late June is 106 degrees. Qatar said the World Cup thrived despite hot temperatures during tournaments in Mexico in 1970 and 1986, and the U.S. in 1994.

"On behalf of millions of people living in the Middle East, thank you," Qatar bid chair Sheikh Mohammad bin Hamad Al-Thani said. "Thank you for believing in us, thank you for having such bold vision. ... Thank you also for acknowledging this is the right time for the Middle East. We have a date with history which is summer 2022."

Bid chief executive Hassan al-Thawadi promised Israel would be allowed to participate if it qualifies.

"We are a very, very hospitable place that welcomes people from all parts of the world," he said. "Bringing the World Cup to the Middle East now ... will showcase to the world that the Middle East is home to a lot of people, it's opening its arms to the rest of the world. In doing so, such misconceptions will be dissolved."

Al-Thani also said groundwork was being laid for women's league.

"This is another perception, another perception that women are oppressed in the Middle East and this is a wrong, wrong perception," he said. "We hope with the World Cup being awarded to Qatar, we can change that."

The World Cup was played in the United States for the first time in 1994, setting a record with 3.58 million tickets sold, and the U.S. Soccer Federation had hoped a second World Cup in America would help the country move into the game's elite, giving a big lift to Major League Soccer in the process. The U.S. also has hosted the women's World Cup twice.

Now the U.S. will have to wait until at least 2026 for the men's tournament, when it may have to compete with bids from Europe, soccer's financial base. The 2014 tournament will be held in Brazil.






## MOVIE TIMES

Aero Theatre
**1328 Montana Ave.**
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**Applause (R) 1hr 25min**
7:30pm
Discussion following the film with actress Paprika Steen.

AMC Loews Broadway 4
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**Next Three Days (PG-13) 2hrs 02min**
1:15pm, 4:00pm, 7:10pm, 10:00pm

**Burlesque (PG-13) 1hr 40min**
1:30pm, 4:15pm, 7:00pm, 9:40pm

**Social Network (PG-13) 2hrs 00min**
1:45pm, 4:30pm, 7:30pm, 10:15pm

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

**Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows - Part 1 (PG-13) 2hrs 30min**
11:00am, 12:00pm, 3:25pm, 5:30pm, 6:40pm, 9:55pm

**Tangled in Disney Digital 3D (PG) 1hr 40min**
10:45am, 1:20pm, 4:10pm, 7:00pm, 9:50pm

**Morning Glory (PG-13) 1hr 42min**
11:40am, 2:40pm, 5:15pm, 8:00pm, 10:35pm

**Unstoppable (PG-13) 1hr 38min**
11:45am, 2:30pm, 4:55pm, 7:30pm, 10:15pm

**Burlesque (PG-13) 1hr 40min**
10:50am, 2:00pm, 5:00pm, 7:45pm, 10:30pm

**Megamind 3D (PG) 1hr 36min**
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**Fair Game (PG-13) 1hr 48min**
1:50pm, 4:30pm, 7:10pm, 9:50pm

**Inside Job (PG-13) 1hr 48min**
4:10pm, 7:00pm, 9:40pm

**127 Hours (R) 1hr 33min**
12:50pm, 3:10pm, 5:30pm, 7:55pm, 10:15pm

**Meskada (R) 1hr 38min**
1:40pm, 4:20pm, 7:20pm, 9:55pm

**Essential Killing (NR) 2hrs 05min**
1:55pm

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**Faster (R) 1hr 38min**
11:00am, 1:45pm, 4:20pm, 7:00pm, 9:35pm

**Love and Other Drugs (R) 1hr 53min**
11:15am, 2:00pm, 4:45pm, 7:45pm, 10:30pm

**Warrior's Way (R) 1hr 40min**
11:40am, 2:10pm, 4:35pm, 7:15pm, 10:00pm

**Tangled (PG) 1hr 40min**
12:20pm, 2:55pm, 5:30pm, 8:00pm, 10:35pm

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# Keep it private, Sagittarius

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)**
★★★★ Move through a problem decisively and firmly. Deal directly with the person who might be involved. Keep reaching out for others. Your sixth sense homes in on the bottom line once others share. Tonight: Choose a special restaurant or place. Be with a favorite person.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**
★★★★ Defer to others quickly. Sometimes it is better that others take on more responsibility. A meeting or get-together proves to be a joyous occasion. The unexpected hits with someone who is angry and demanding. Tonight: Just don't be alone.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**
★★★ Work with someone directly and understand what is going on. A must appearance could add pressure to a partnership. You might want to venture out without this person. A little nurturing could reverse this issue. Tonight: Don't push beyond your limits.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)**
★★★★★ Keep reaching out for those at a distance. Your ability to get past what others think are necessary steps might not always help. Streamline issues, and root out the real problem behind the scenes. Tonight: Switch modes. Time to play.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**
★★★★ Express your feelings directly. Your creativity will start to flourish if you are coming from your authentic self. Those who relate on a one-on-one level with you respond positively to your resourceful ideas and conversations. Tonight: Not far from home.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**
★★★★ Your style can be efficient or critical. If someone flees the scene when you are speaking about details, perhaps your efficiency has evolved to pickiness. Bring this issue up for discussion, and you'll gain the confidence of others. Tonight: Hang at a favorite haunt.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**
★★★ Center yourself and press forward. Though at first you might be uncertain about a situation, you'll come up with great results. Yes, you have stamina and energy, but how much can you really take on? Remember, you also need to relax. Tonight: Do for yourself first.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**
★★★★★ Simply follow what seems to be the best course. Your judgment is fine-tuned. The results you get from this type of centering might blow you away. Touch base with a child or loved one. If you are artistic, just let it happen. Tonight: You deserve your reputation as a wild thing.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**
★★★ Understand that not everything is meant to be shared or discussed. In fact, sometimes it is easier to let others tell you what they know or think. Helping them process could be more important. Tonight: Keep it private.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**
★★★★ Conversations lead you in a new direction. At first you could be jolted by information that heads your way. Rethink a situation, and zero in on what feels right. A conversation opens up a friendship or association. Tonight: TGIF.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**
★★★ Your stand and ability to handle a lot of responsibilities and understand an excess of information puts you in a position where you might not be comfortable. Use your instincts and good sense with a money offer. Tonight: Could be a late one.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)**
★★★★★ Allow your imagination to soar. The more ideas that are substantiated by information that comes forward, the greater the choices. This statement might refer to something as simple as your weekend plans. Tonight: Take off if you can.

## Happy birthday

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

This year, much that comes to fruition stems from reflection and an innate thoughtfulness. Treasure your time alone, as it will give birth to many great ideas. You will remain more centered than in the past. Your domestic life proves to be a source of continual happiness. Many of you will move in new directions, buy new homes, add to your family or even live with someone for the first time. If you are single, romance blooms spring 2011. Know that this is a special period in which you could attract someone quite unique. If you are attached, the two of you renew your vows in spirit in 2011. SCORPIO understands you.



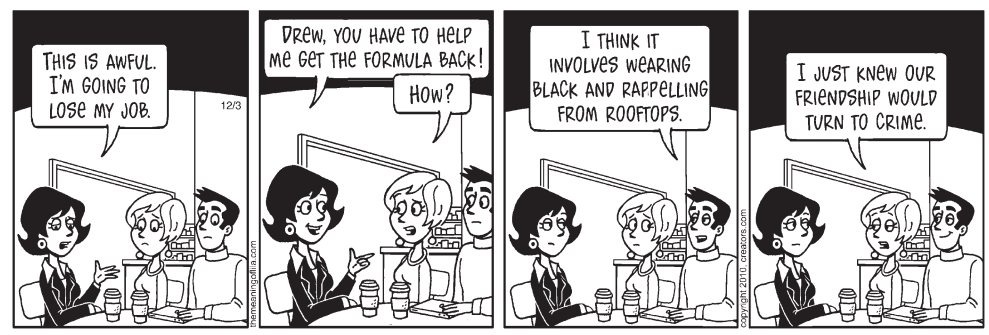

## Garfield

By Jim Davis



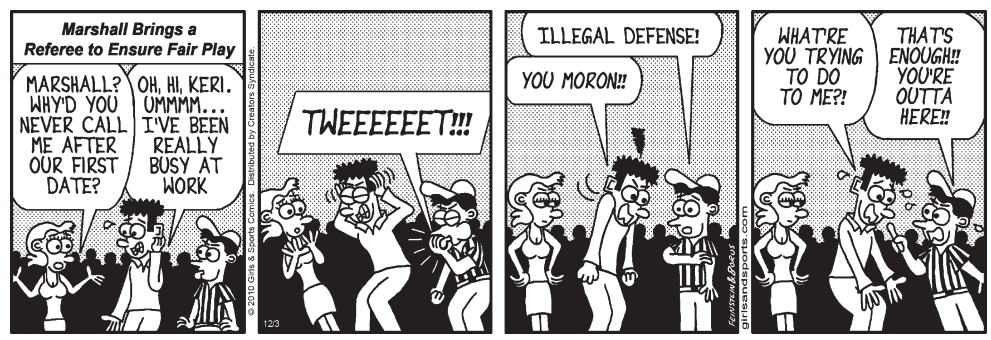

## The Meaning of Lila

By John Forgetta & L.A. Rose




## Girls and Sports

By Justin Borus and Andrew Feinstein




## Strange Brew

By John Deering




## Speed Bump

By Dave Coverly



## Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★★★

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### GETTING STARTED

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

**SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE**

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## CROSSWORD

**By THOMAS JOSEPH**

**ACROSS**

**1** Seasonal song
**6** Green gem-stones
**11** Game setting
**12** Turn aside
**13** Track events
**14** Very small
**15** Tad's dad
**16** Exploit
**18** Pointer
**19** — Lanka
**20** Be a snoop
**21** Fill
**23** Edinburgh natives
**25** Neither Dem. nor Rep.
**27** Ryan's "Love Story" co-star
**28** Dodge
**30** Diabolical
**33** Hearty brew
**34** Snoop group: Abbr.
**36** Sense of self
**37** Drink now, pay later
**39** Recent: Prefix
**40** Last letter
**41** Sugar source
**43** Beginning
**44** Davis of "Do the Right Thing"
**45** Billiards shot
**46** Lab work

**DOWN**

**1** Diamond units
**2** Mideast peninsula
**3** Open-minded quality
**4** Undivided
**5** Endures
**6** Kingston setting
**7** Eager
**8** Misleading quality
**9** Goofs
**10** Obdurate
**17** Reading and others: Abbr.
**22** Music's Brian
**24** Flamenco call
**26** Prescribe
**28** Radcliffe grad
**29** Day in Tijuana
**31** Response to a joke
**32** Sets free
**33** "— With a View"
**35** Monastery head
**38** Historic times
**42** Jargon ending

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• Fill the grid with the set of given numbers (1 to 12) to satisfy the Equa demands (7 to 24) in the shaded boxes. The Equa demands represent the sum of the digits that you will insert into the empty squares.

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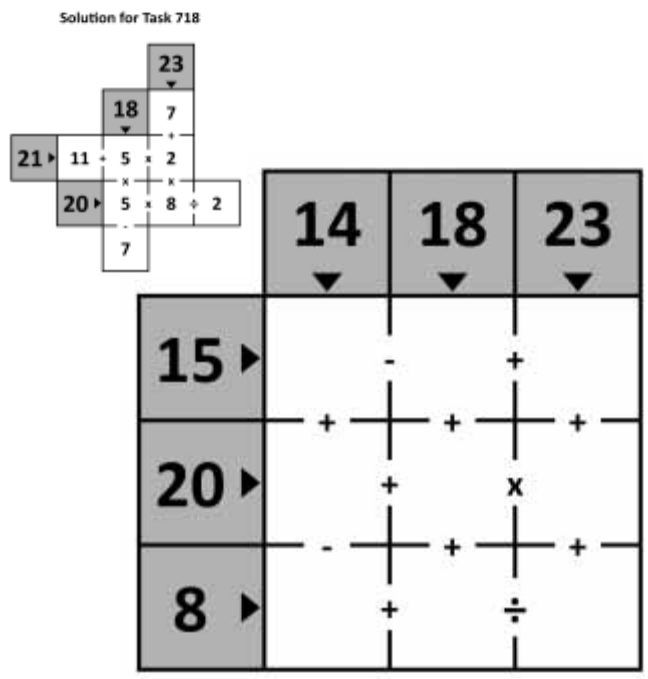
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**Fill in the empty fields with the given numbers so when calculated together they satisfy all Equas in the gray boxes:**

**3, 3, 7, 7, 8, 8, 10, 11, 12**

Solution for Task 718




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## NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Incoming University of Tennessee football coach Derek Dooley told reporters in September of encountering one unexpected problem: staph infections caused by "the worst shower discipline of any team I've ever been around." He said he had recently run a clinic on "application of soap to the rag" and "making sure you hit all your body."

■ Formulas: (1) In July, researchers at University of Manchester devised a mathematical formula for the perfect handshake. Said psychology professor Geoffrey Beattie, "(U)ntil now there has not been a guide showing people how they should shake hands." Professor Beattie's work incorporates 12 key measures, including cool, dry palms; firm wrists; strong grips; eye contact; and using "three shakes." (2) Researchers from the Royal Tyrrell Museum in Canada and the University of Portsmouth in England, in a journal article released in May, "proved" by "flotation dynamics" and "rotation dynamics," altered for "external surface area," that giraffes can swim -- although they are probably terrible at it because of their odd shape.

## TODAY IN HISTORY

**1912** First Balkan War: The Naval Battle of Elli takes place.

**1917** After nearly 20 years of planning and construction, the Quebec Bridge opens to traffic.

**1929** Great Depression: US President Herbert Hoover announces to the U.S. Congress that the worst effects of the recent stock market crash are behind the nation and the American people have regained faith in the economy.

**1944** Greek Civil War: Fighting breaks out in Athens between the ELAS and government forces supported by the British Army.

**1959** The current flag of Singapore is adopted, six months after Singapore became self-governing within the British Empire.

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