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THE ON THE STREET ISSUE

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS' BASKETBALL

Crossroads fends off St. Monica to win tourney

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

ST. MONICA Crossroads held off a surging St. Monica, 61-60, Thursday night to win the St. Monica Tip Off Invitational, but the outcome was far from clear as the buzzer sounded.

Down by a point with less than a second remaining, St. Monica's Troy Whiteto tipped in what could have been a game winner, sending his teammates into celebration before a referee waved it off giving Crossroads the win and the tournament championship.

Crossroads' Luke Shmuger and Gysi Williams were named co-MVPs. The win improves Crossroads to 4-0. St. Monica is now 3-1.

"This is a testament to our team to pull this win out," Crossroads head coach Kevin Jackson said. "This was a win against a qual-

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TEAM EFFORT: **Crossroads' boys' basketball team celebrates after winning the St. Monica Tip Off Invitational on Thursday.**

Winterer will not seek recount

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN Ted Winterer, a candidate for City Council who came 56 votes short of winning a seat in November's election, on Friday said he would not challenge the results by asking for a recount.

Winterer received 12,719 votes to place fourth in a contest for three four-year council seats. Incumbent Bob Holbrook came in third with 12,775 votes and will be sworn in

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School board rejects Malibu charter proposal

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

MALIBU The school board has rejected a bid by a group of Malibu parents and teachers to turn Point Dume Marine Science Academy into a charter school that operates independent of district oversight.

The vote to deny the charter petition was 4-2, with one board member abstaining. It came after a six-hour meeting at Malibu City Hall that adjourned after midnight Thursday.

Board members Ralph Mechur, Barry Snell, Jose Escarce and Kelly Pye voted to deny the petition. Ben Allen and Maria Leon-Vasquez opposed the motion and Oscar de la Torre abstained.

"I think the superintendent and the staff wanted to deny this from the beginning," said Robyn Ross, one of the lead petitioners. "It was disappointing but I'm not surprised," she said of the vote.

The Point Dume group was planning to meet on Friday to discuss plans to appeal the board's decision to the Los Angeles County Office of Education, which also has the authority to approve charters, Ross said.

The board's vote came after the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District's staff released a report on Monday that criticized the petition for lacking a sound financial plan.

In a rebuttal to that assessment, members of the Point Dume group on Thursday morning presented a set of binding conditions they said they would meet if the board would approve the petition.

The conditions included a commitment to have at least $400,000 on hand by May 31 and maintain a minimum balance of at least $200,000 at all times. The Point Dume group also said it would submit a curriculum for all grade levels to SMMUSD and commit to maintaining or improving all educational programs.

Leon-Vasquez was the only board member to indicate she was prepared on Thursday night to approve the charter with the proposed conditions.

Despite the affluence of the Point Dume community, Snell, the school board president, said he voted to reject the charter school bid because of concerns about the proposal's financial plan.

"It was clear that the financial assumptions for the three year projection for the charter requires an awful lot of local [donations]," he said.

Even though the Point Dume PTA regularly raises about $375,000 per year, he said

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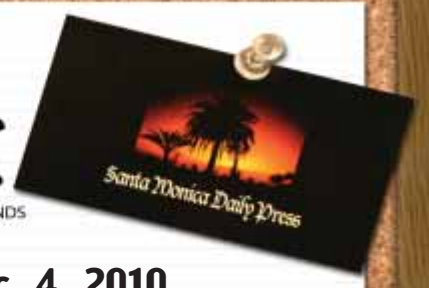
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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA AND SURROUNDS



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!

Lemonade for a cause

Bergamot Station
2525 Michigan Ave., 3 p.m. — 5 p.m.
Students from Archer School will be hosting a lemonade stand to raise money to help fight childhood cancer. Proceeds will go to Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation.

Sunday, Dec. 5, 2010

Feeling the season

Third Street Promenade
Noon — 9 p.m.
Get in the holiday spirit with the annual Winterlit holiday celebration, held on the 1200 block of the Third Street Promenade. Afternoon and evening festivities include face painting and a performance by the Santa Monica High School Orchestra. Evening activities include the official lighting of the menorah and world-record dreidel spin attempt, followed by a performance by recording artist Jared Lee. For more event information, visit winterlit.com.

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.



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The gift of giving

Santa Monica Pier Restoration Corp. will conduct a food drive from Dec. 6 through Dec. 19 to benefit the Upward Bound House in Santa Monica.

Food items most needed are "grab n' go" breakfast items: (i.e. oatmeal, breakfast bars, pop tarts, individualized cereal, granola, trail mix, juice boxes, apple sauce, etc.) and may be dropped off to the carousel operators at the pier's Carousel Building at 200 Santa Monica Pier.

Everyone that donates a food item will receive a complimentary ride on the pier's historic carousel. (One free ride per person/per item).

"This food drive is our way of giving back to our wonderful community. We know that many people all over Los Angeles are in need. We want to help out and give others the chance to help out this holiday season," said Anne Railsback, marketing manager of the Santa Monica Pier Restoration Corp.

Upward Bound, is a Santa Monica non-profit that was formed to help mitigate the affordable housing crisis on the Westside of Los Angeles County and specifically, its impact on two vulnerable populations: homeless families with minor children and very low-income seniors.

For additional information regarding the food drive and/or Upward Bound House, visit www.upwardboundhouse.org.

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Photo courtesy Gary Kruger

NICE DIGS: **The expanded Big Blue Bus facility was recognized for its environmentally friendly features, including 600 solar panels.**

BBB wins 'project of the year' award

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

DOWNTOWN The Big Blue Bus has been honored with the 2010 Project of the Year award from the Southern California chapter of the American Public Works Association (APWA).

The award was given in recognition of the public transit agency's environmentally-friendly 66,000-square-foot maintenance facility expansion project, which was completed in the fall of 2009.

"Each year, the APWA recognizes public agencies for their outstanding achievements, and also for the wealth of good ideas they share with others," said George Alvarez, president of the Southern California chapter of the APWA.

"The Big Blue Bus facility expansion project has earned this recognition for its demonstrated awareness of the need to protect and enhance the environment, while also contributing positively to the community it serves."

The $60 million project, which was financed entirely by public transit funds, features the latest in sustainable transit maintenance technologies, including the ability to service every type of alternative fueled vehicle in the transit agency's fleet. The project was a collaborative effort between the Big Blue Bus and City Hall's Department of Public Works.

"The city's architectural and construction management on this project was outstanding, and we owe a lot to them for having this project turn out so exceptionally," said Stephanie Negriff, director of transit services for the Big Blue Bus.

"This award is a great honor for the city, and also for the Big Blue Bus employees who provided valuable input towards the final design of the project," Negriff added.

The expansion project included the construction of 21 high-tech service bays, which can handle the maintenance and repair of up to 20 buses a day, and also the demolition of the previous 40-year-old maintenance building. Two of the new bays are dedicated to Santa Monica Fire Department vehicles, while three others are extra-long to service the new 60-foot articulated buses on order.

"The new facility has everything we need now to maintain and house our

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Cash crunch creates holiday blues

Editor:

I just reviewed my current utility bill from City Hall. Somewhere along the way, the city of Santa Monica's Water Resources Division voted themselves ridiculous increases. I must have missed that vote, or it happened in the middle of the night, when I was sleeping, preparing myself to go to work the next day.

My water bill was increased 10.5 percent, and they increased the sewer charge (cost to run the used water to the city sewer) by 15 percent and they increased the charge to dump my trash by 2.7 percent. I should probably mention that we have had to call the trash department multiple times over the past month because they all of a sudden stopped picking up our trash entirely. My net increase is approximately $300 a year if I don't shower or wash my clothes so often.

I reviewed my property tax bill, which is due Dec. 10, 2010, trying to figure out why they are so high (again). I scanned the "detail of taxes due" which include "voted in" taxes of $348 for community college, $205 for unified schools and that all-important, stubborn, won't go away, Measure R in the amount of $350. Net cost of $903 a year for the schools (and they won't stop pestering me for more).

I got my Direct TV cable bill, with a nice note thanking me for being a "loyal customer" – with an increase of 26 percent that they are going to charge me to show their "gratitude." Net increase is approximately $240 a year unless I want to reduce my services yet again.

My health insurance bill just came, reflecting a 13 percent increase in premiums, which will cost about $70 more per month. Net increase is $840 a year.

I canceled my "land-line" telephone because I caught Verizon double charging me for years.

I am using extra blankets to keep from turning on my heater so much, and I guess candlelight will be OK on some nights to save on the electric bill.

In April, the "Y" sales tax kicks in, which will make eating out, buying pet food and shampoo and "non-food" items more expensive. I will have to figure out more cost-effective transportation and ways to shop elsewhere to avoid the extra 1/2 percent tax that voters approved. We have yet to see if the "Y" money will go to the "YY" account – the measure never really said that, but the lemmings here (oops, I mean the voters) will jump off any cliff as long as someone else goes first.

My employment has been cut in half and I have to work two jobs to make ends meet. Obviously, I have a lot of "creative thinking" to do to somehow make my income stretch to pay all the increases on the necessities listed above. The obvious place to start is to cancel Christmas.

Happy holidays!

Lori Emerson
Santa Monica



On the Beat

NRO Jeff Glaser — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Thieves on the hunt during holidays

Q: I HAVE NOTICED THERE ARE MANY more police officers in the Downtown since Thanksgiving weekend, especially on the Third Street Promenade. Are there any concerns I need to worry about?

A: Unfortunately, the holidays bring increased property crimes, especially in Downtown where there is tourism, shopping and bags left in cars in the parking structures. This makes for easy targets for criminals. To minimize the likelihood of this in Santa Monica, the police department is being proactive. You will notice more officers in the area as a preventative measure, and to create a safe and joyful experience for the thousands of visitors to Downtown this holiday season. The police department is working closely with business leaders and local merchants in ensuring that we are doing everything we can to curtail crime at every level before it happens. Our goal is to prevent the crimes before they occur so we can spend more time in the field providing the services you are accustomed to and deserve.

We are also working with the Bayside District ambassadors to try and remind our visitors to be diligent in preventing themselves from becoming victims of crime. The biggest issue we are experiencing is theft from automobiles. Please remember to always lock your car and to not leave anything of value in plain view on the dashboard or on the seats of your car. It is rare for a car to be broken into when there is nothing visible to be taken in the first place. Also, if you have a bicycle, please secure your bicycles with a quality lock. Many of the stolen bicycles reported were secured with a small chain, a cable-type lock or not locked at all. We strongly recommend a U-type lock be used instead. We cannot guarantee your bike will not be stolen with that type of lock, however, it is very rare for one to be stolen when secured in that manner. Furthermore, please do not forget to register your bicycle with City Hall. It is easy to do, it is required by local law, and it helps you and the police in recovery efforts should your bicycle be stolen. For further information, visit ww01.smgov.net/finance/licenses/bikelic.htm

Lastly, if you see anything or anyone acting suspicious, please do not hesitate to call our dispatch at (310)458-8491. You may also contact one of the many police officers or ambassadors in Downtown to let them know as well.

Q: As a smoker I wanted to know about the new law restricting where I can smoke in and around my apartment.

A: Continuing the effort to help alleviate the effects of secondhand smoke throughout the city, beginning Sept. 9, 2010, City Hall put into effect restrictions as to where someone may smoke in multi-unit residential properties, like apartments and condos. In addition to the existing restriction of smoking in all common areas accessible by more than one unit, it is now prohibited to smoke on private patios, porches, decks and balconies within a 25-foot radius of all doors, windows and vents of your neighbors.

As of Dec. 1, 2010, building owners and home owner associations needed to have posted at least one sign in a common area notifying the residents of the new law as well as give notice to all tenants that are affected by the law. For more information, visit smconsumer.org.

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The way this portion of the law is enforced is by people working together and informing each other of the law. We recommend that all tenants try to keep this as friendly and low-key as possible. If that fails, the next step is to deliver a letter to the tenant who is smoking. (A sample letter can be found at smconsumer.org.) Typically, as the word spreads and people become more familiar with smoking laws, compliance is extremely high. If a smoker ignores a written request to follow the law, any person can bring a case against that person into small claims court by filing a civil complaint. If found guilty, smokers are liable for a minimum damages award of $100 for the first violation with subsequent fines going to $200 and $500 within one year.

The areas that are enforced by the police department include those areas accessible by the public, such as businesses, places of worship and city buildings. Instead of the 25-foot restriction in multi-unit dwellings, smokers are prohibited from smoking within 20 feet of any open door or window of any open business or public facility. Other areas that are prohibited and enforced by the police are; the Third Street Promenade, Farmer's Markets, public parks, public beaches, property of any public library, outdoor dining areas, the Santa Monica Pier, and any outdoor service areas such as bus benches, ATM lines or movie theater lines.

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Green economy needs women leaders

ON THE EVE OF THIS YEAR'S INTERNATIONAL climate change conference in Cancun, women are beginning to position themselves as major players in the emerging green economy. Until recently, women have represented a tiny minority at these conferences and have been almost entirely absent from major gatherings of green entrepreneurs. Women, now playing a more active role, understand that their absence from both the design and success of the industrial and technological revolutions prevented them from directly reaping the political and financial rewards from those seismic economic shifts. These women also recognize that, because they were sidelined, they failed to prevent the unsustainable business models that brought us climate change and other environmental disasters and debilitating economic and social inequities.

Today, women find themselves in a different position than they were during the advent of the industrial revolution when they didn't have the right to vote and education was sparse. Women are also better represented in the fields of science and technology. We are now better educated, more global in our perspective, and more willing to stand up for sustainability. It is important that women don't miss this opportunity to be leaders at the inception of the most important economic revolution since the industrial revolution.

Women can bring a unique perspective to the development of the green economy. As studies have demonstrated, women entrepreneurs and business leaders bring to the business world an expertise on managing risk with an eye on long term priorities such as sustainability. The conventional business model represents the epitome of risk because it encourages businesses to sacrifice everything from long term growth to climate stability to future access to natural resources for the sake of short-term profits. To avoid our current path's economic risk forecast by the consensus of scientists and economists, we need to shift our business model from short term gains to perpetual sustainability. To make this shift we need to foster a culture in the private sector that understands risk and knows how to manage it.

Women leaders in the private and public sectors are committed to this mission and are already making real progress. Mindy Lubber, president of the Ceres sustainable investment coalition and the Investor Network on Climate Risk, is leading investors to demand that governments address climate change. Her army of investors representing $15 trillion in capital recognizes that climate change will jeopardize economic recovery and climate solutions will present opportunities in clean technology innovation. Member-investors such as Barbara Krumsiek's Calvert agree: "Investors are concerned with the risks presented by climate change to regional and global economies and to individual assets. At the same time, investors are interested in the large potential economic opportunities that the transition to a low carbon economy present."

It is not surprising that women want to lead the effort to stop climate change because, as the United Nations has noted, "the threats of climate change are not gender-neutral." Women understand that their gender is more susceptible to the disruptions and disease associated with climate change. But they also recognize that women in most countries are also less likely to be in decision-making roles in regards to how a country's economic resources are used or how government regulates climate and business. Even in Western countries, less than 15 percent of the leadership positions in civil society, business and government are held by women and, in other countries, this number is closer to zero.

It is vital that a critical mass of women lay the framework for the next economy. If the new economy aims to avoid the risky pitfalls of our current model, the framers of the new green economy need to manage risk. For example, we cannot gamble on risky false solutions such as nuclear, "clean coal," and corn ethanol biofuels. Such ideas exacerbate our sustainability challenges or at the very best, trade one environmental problem for another. Lack of forethought about these risks will keep us on our current unsustainable path. Women's leadership in this new economy can help fill this void.

Cancun will host dozens of meetings to begin creating a strategic process that will even the playing field and grow a new generation of women entrepreneurs. This movement is not just taking place at UN conferences. The World Economic Forum, consultation for Rio Plus 20, and dozens of other private sector meetings are also addressing this issue.

These leaders, representing the business, political, and creative worlds, can develop solutions and mobilize women all over the world to promote new innovative solutions. While the green economy is in its infancy, it needs a mother to nurture it and ensure core values and beliefs. We need to get it right this time and we need to provide the new economy with a stable, value-oriented upbringing.

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(Lloyd Garver is on vacation. He will return next week with another installment of "Modern Times.")





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All I want for Christmas is a Maserati

WITH CHRISTMAS JUST THREE WEEKS away, you may be wondering what to get that special woman in your life. Well, as a woman, I have some ideas of my own: a KitchenAid Artisan Stand Mixer in ice blue for a mere $300, or a Maserati Gran Turismo in matte blue Mediterranean for around $130,000. If you're really trying to win her heart, then the Maserati is the way to go.

I know a Maserati seems a bit extreme but it's pretty much the number one turn-on for women, at least as far as cars go. That's not just my opinion, and my dream, it's a reality. Some would say that the other big turn-on's are chocolate, shoes and money. In fact, it was because of this very discussion that I learned about the "Maserati Study," as I call it.

While having coffee with friends, a Maserati passed by and my eyes lit up as one gentleman said, "Someone should make cologne that smells like money to attract women." And then he added, "You know, there is an actual study where they showed that the sound of the Maserati does attract women." So I did some Googling and found the study that measured men's and women's responses to the sound of luxury car engines compared to the sound of an "everyday car."

Forty participants listened to the recorded sound of a Maserati, a Lamborghini and a Ferrari, as well as a Volkswagen. They then had their saliva tested for testosterone levels, a hormone which indicates arousal. The results found that 100 percent of female participants had a significant increase in testosterone secretion after listening to the Maserati, compared to only half for men. More men preferred the sound of the Lamborghini.

The study was conducted by a psychologist commissioned by Hiscox, an insurer of luxury cars. I wonder if the increased testosterone levels of women had a greater impact on their insurance costs, or that of the male Maserati owners? The study's author added that although the sound of a luxury car caused a "primeval physiological response," the sound of an average car engine actually led to a decrease in testosterone.

When you're spending more than $100,000 on a car, get it in blue because blue is a color that has been shown to suppress appetite. With little money left for luxuries like food, you certainly don't want to be driving around hungry all the time or else your rumbling stomach will drown out the purr of the Maserati engine.

When it is time to eat, be sure to choose blue foods such as blueberries and blue potatoes. These antioxidant/carb rich foods will keep you fueled all day. You may be walking more since your new Maserati only gets 12 miles to the gallon. And as you go through life eating a diet rich in blue foods, your memory will remain sharp because the anthocyanins that make foods blue have been shown to decrease age associated memory loss. You should never forget where you parked your beautiful blue car because you must always valet a Maserati anyway.

I just remembered, the first car I bought was a blue Volvo and now I drive a blue Nissan Xterra; a blue Maserati is definitely in my future.

For the present, I will share my blue-food recipes which are nutrient-rich but cost effective enough to keep you in the black so you can buy your Maserati and be tickled pink.

Elizabeth Brown is a registered dietitian and certified holistic chef who is a frugal foody but enjoys the finer things in life. To try more cost-friendly recipes visit her website: www.TheKitchenVixen.com.

Blueberry brain-food muffins

Combine dry ingredients in a large mixing bowl:
1 1/2 cups whole wheat pastry flour or any combination of flours
1/2 cup vanilla protein powder
1 cup oats
2/3 cup honey
3/4 teaspoon sea salt
3/4 teaspoon baking soda
1/4 teaspoon baking powder
2 teaspoons cinnamon

Combine wet ingredients in a separate mixing bowl:
2 eggs or 1 whole egg plus 1 tablespoon ground flax plus 3 tablespoons water
1/4 cup canola or grape seed oil
2 cups fresh or thawed frozen blueberries
1/4 cup milk or water (to moisten batter)

Add the wet ingredients to the dry ingredients and combine. Add the blueberries and their liquid or additional milk or water to moisten batter if needed. Brush muffin tins with oil. Spoon batter into muffin tins (3/4 full).
Bake at 375 degrees for 25 minutes. (Note: muffins will have blue tinge but are very tasty)
Makes approximately 20 servings. Cost: $.79 each. Per serving (60g): 155 calories, 24g carbs, 2g fiber, 6g protein, 4g fat. Rich in manganese, magnesium, selenium, iron, thiamin, riboflavin, niacin, B6, zinc and copper.

Blue potato salad

1/2 cup chopped green onions
1/2 cup Greek yogurt
2 tablespoons mayo
2 tablespoons white wine vinegar
2 teaspoons Dijon mustard
2 teaspoons honey
1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper
1/4 teaspoon salt

1 pound blue potatoes (about 12 each)
4 carrots, grated
4 stalks celery, finely chopped
2 (6.5 ounce) cans Blue Crab

Whisk half the green onions and next seven ingredients in medium bowl. Cover and chill dressing.
Best to make dressing a day ahead to allow flavors to blend.
Cut potatoes into a medium dice (1/2 inch squares). Add to a large saucepan, plus enough water to cover by one inch. Boil on high, reduce to medium heat. Boil until tender, about 10 minutes. Drain and cool to room temperature. Add carrots, celery and crab. Toss with enough dressing to coat evenly. Cover and chill two hours or up to one day.
Makes approximately eight (1 cup) servings. Cost: $2.50 each. Per serving (194g): 160 calories, 23g carbs, 3g fiber, 13g protein, 3g fat. Rich in vitamins A, C, E & B6 plus calcium, potassium, copper, iron, manganese and magnesium.



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The Re-View

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Loco for Locanda del Lago

I HAVE LUNCH AT LAGO AT LEAST ONCE A week, and dinner at least once a month. At lunch it's become the "place to meet" for the French business community in Santa Monica. Yes, it serves Italian food, not French, but you can sit outside and there is an excellent selection of dishes at very reasonable prices. The French are very parsimonious.

Another set of friends, with whom we go to a movie once a month, like it for dinner after the movie. It's in a great location, and there is a good selection of wine by the glass.

In a sea of mediocre restaurants, Lago stands out as one of the best Italian restaurants in Santa Monica — probably the best, and the only one I know of that features Northern Italian food. So what do I order there?

For lunch I like the seafood dishes. There is usually a fish special. Sometimes it's a grilled sea bass, or it could be salmon. Sometimes it's something more fancy, in a broth or with pasta. While waiting for the main course, customers can go to the very pleasant buffet offering salads, mushrooms, and varied appetizers. On the buffet this week I saw a salad bar, frittata, mixed mushrooms, trout in shredded vegetables, and ripe tomatoes with buffalo cheese.

For dinner I often start with the vitello tonnato, one of my favorite dishes. The thin slices of veal are smothered in a rich tuna flavored mayonnaise. The appetizer portion is usually enough for a meal.

The pastas are also very authentic, and although it's not on the menu, the chef is always ready to make my favorite pasta, spaghetti carbonara. I make it at home once in a while, but it's hard to get it just right. On the very hot spaghetti I dribble olive oil, throw in an egg yoke and stir everything up. After adding some fresh garlic, I finish with finely grated parmesan cheese. No wonder the Italians are so happy that they break out in song.

As an example of why people love this place (look at the reviews on the Internet!) I had lunch there a few days ago. Since the special fish of the day, spaghetti with trout, didn't sound appetizing, I asked what other fish was available, and the waitress suggested the sea bass with assorted vegetables. The sea bass sounded good, but I'm not a big fan of mixed vegetables so I asked if they could substitute a few slices of eggplant in place of the vegetables. What arrived was a nice sized piece of thick sea bass, cooked to perfection (not overcooked as is so common with fish) sitting on top of three thick slices of eggplant, with an attractive lemon-based sauce around the plate. It was beautiful and delicious.

There's no sense in my reciting the rest of the menu. Trust me, it's varied, and there are a lot of well-prepared plates. As they say, "you can trust me, I'm a lawyer."

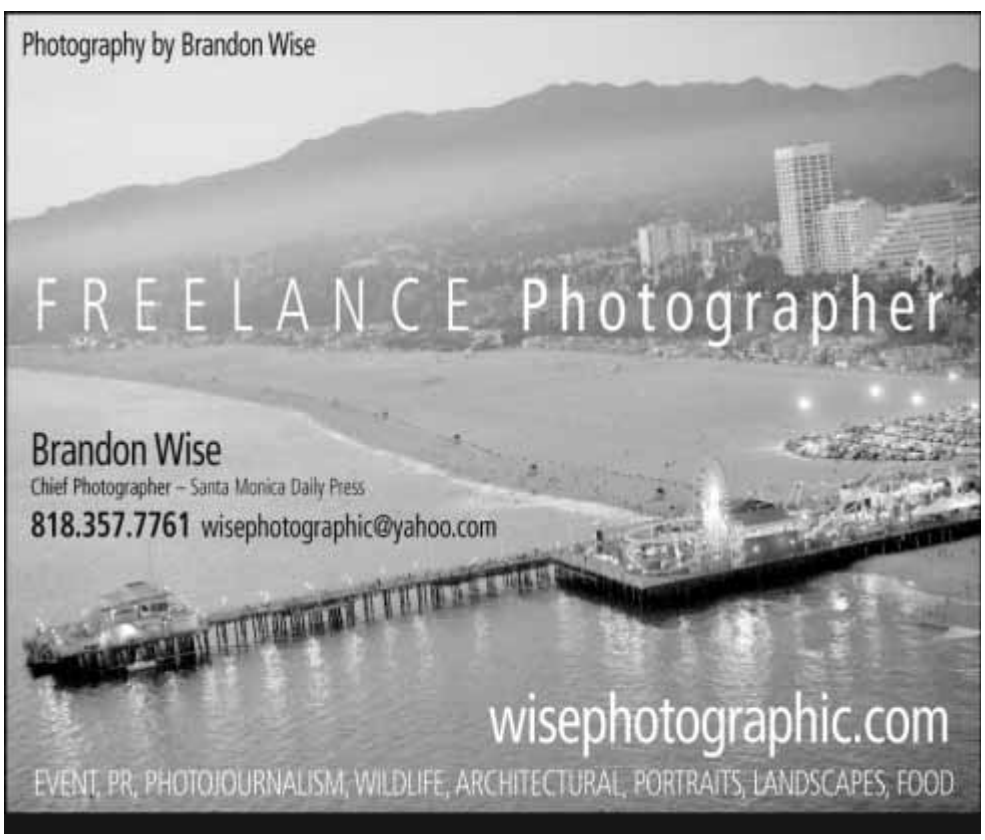
Lago is a happy mix of a number of features that make it stand out: perhaps first is its location on the Third Street Promenade, so it's great for people-watching. Also, the prices are unusually reasonable for the quality. There's an air of authenticity to both the food and the setting where you can eat food made from recipes that are very much like those in restaurants in the Lake Como region in Italy. And the service is very professional, not California-friendly, but polite and efficient.

And finally, there's the wine list. It's extensive and varied, especially in its selection of Italian wines. The good part: one finds wines here that are not on the lists of other Italian restaurants. And, by and large, the prices are reasonable. Desserts are typically Italian, and well made even though not to my taste. Lunch usually runs about $15, dinner $30 to $40.

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the charter budget plan would have required an even higher amount. He said he was uncomfortable with the proposal because there was no guarantee the group's fundraising capacity was sustainable.

Ross, though, dismissed that argument.

"We feel very confident that we'd be able to [raise] whatever funds we need to sustain the program and balance the budget," she said, adding that the charter conversion group has obtained commitments for $520,000 in donations so far.

Allen, who opposed the motion to deny the petition, said his vote does not mean he favored awarding the charter. He said he had concerns about the petitioners' financial plan and believed the district's analysis was thorough. He said his vote reflected concern there hadn't been enough time for both sides to meet and discuss the proposal.

"I felt as though the petitioners deserved a chance to meet with the staff and try to reconcile the many discrepancies between their petition and the staff's analysis," he said.

Ross and others in her group had criticized the district for failing to meet with the petitioners as staff members were conducting their review of the charter proposal to allow proponents to address concerns.

"We have reached out to them on numerous occasions wanting to start a dialogue about the petition and there was no response from the district staff or the board," she said.

At the meeting on Thursday, Allen proposed a 30-day extension to allow for more discussion, but the Point Dume group declined the offer.

Ross said her group, which hopes to open Point Dume as a charter school for the 2011-2012 school year, is on a tight timeline.

"In order to be able to open next fall, we have to do certain things and we really can't afford to be delayed any more," she said.

She said the county's Office of Education will have a 60-day window in which to make a decision on the petition once it's submitted. If the county denies the petition, the Point Dume group can appeal to the California Department of Education.

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larger, more technically diverse fleet," said Negriff, "including the electric hybrids we recently put into service and also the articulated buses that will arrive in a few months."

In keeping with City Hall's commitment to sustainability, the facility includes many eco-friendly and energy efficient features, such as 600 roof-mounted solar panels, minimum energy water heaters to help reduce operating costs, and an urban runoff system to filter storm water.

In addition, recycled content was used extensively in a variety of construction materials, including concrete, structural steel, carpeting, gypsum board, finishes and insulation.

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The Los Angeles office of HOK served as the facility's architect, and Morley Builders handled the construction.

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ELECTION
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for a sixth term on Dec. 7. The vote gap between the candidates amounted to just .08 percent of those cast in the contest.

Winterer said an analysis of the error rate in the machine-generated tally versus a hand count of ballots in five Santa Monica precincts completed this week indicated any discrepancies would be insufficient to overcome Holbrook's lead.

"We looked long and hard at the county's report of uncounted vote-by-mail and provisional ballots to see if a challenge of these ballots might yield a different election result and could not find enough potential new votes to affect the outcome," he said in a statement.

"I congratulate Councilmember Holbrook on his victory and thank him for his graciousness and good cheer during what has been a difficult month for both of us," Winterer said on Friday. "We ran a campaign of which we're proud. We obtained just about every endorsement we sought, reached our fundraising goals, mailed campaign literature throughout the city and spoke personally with thousands of voters. I hope the City Council will pay heed to the issues I've raised and the concerns of my supporters."

Winterer was also the runner-up in the 2008 council election. His name surfaced both times during the past two years when the council appointed new members to fill vacancies created by two council members' deaths, but he was passed over both times.

He said he plans to continue his community involvement by serving on the Planning Commission, a role he said is "a great honor and a significant responsibility."

While he said it's too early to think about a possible third council bid in 2012, this year's campaign, if nothing else, has given him a newfound appreciation for tough breaks.

A moment that crystallized the experience came while sitting in the stands at a recent playoff soccer match between his alma mater, Dartmouth, and UCLA. With the teams tied 1-1 in the second overtime period, he watched as UCLA scored the winning goal with 9 seconds remaining.

"I don't think there was anyone in that stadium that had greater empathy for what Dartmouth was going through than I did," he said.

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ity team.

"This is a good way to start the season."

The fact that the St. Monica Mariners were still in the game was a surprise given they trailed by as many as 16 points early in the second half. The Mariners began to really cut into the lead once Crossroads forward Williams injured his leg late in the third quarter with the Roadrunners up 45-36.

With the senior playmaker off the floor, St. Monica steadily chipped away at the lead behind the play of Whiteto and Brandon Hualde, who finished the night with 16 and 18 points respectively. The pair made a series of clutch shots midway through the fourth quarter, eventually helping St. Monica to its first lead of the game at 49-48 with nearly 6 minutes left in the final period.

St. Monica first-year head coach Khimin Jung said that Williams' departure helped give the Mariners a window to make up ground, but said the credit goes to his players for battling back in the tournament final.

The teams exchanged baskets with neither side being able to build any more than a 3-point lead during the quarter. Following a made basket, St. Monica whittled the lead down to 1 with 5 seconds left in the game.

On the ensuing Crossroads' inbounds play, Shmuger bobbled the ball out of bounds giving St. Monica one last chance with .2 seconds left that was ultimately waved off, ending the contest.

"I never felt better," Shmuger said. "[St. Monica] is a good team, they work really hard."

Crossroads' Jackson said that despite being an early-season matchup, the game had a playoff atmosphere complete with a packed, raucous gym. He added that when St. Monica took a late lead he feared his team was "down and out."

"I was impressed by the way [St. Monica] came out [in the second half]," he said. "That was quite a run they made."

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HOPS: **St. Monica's Troy Whiteto goes up for a shot as Crossroads' Gisy Williams (right) and Theo Rosenstein (left) look on during the final of the St. Monica Tip Off Invitational on Thursday on campus. Crossroads won the game, 61-60. Crossroads improved to 4-0 with the win.**

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Drilling concerns felt on two coasts

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NEW ORLEANS Less than a year ago, struggling states and coastal towns saw crude exploration off the Gulf Coast and Atlantic seaboard as economic salvation.

Yet the backlash from the BP oil spill — most recently the Obama administration's decision this week not to open up some of that area to new drilling — has residents wondering if the industry will ever thrive again in U.S. waters.

Some fear an exodus of oil rigs in search of friendlier waters overseas. And with each passing day, folks that rely on deepwater drilling say the damage is multiplying, creating a ripple affect from blue-collar Main Street to beachside drives. They warn it will only get worse.

"Deepwater was the future," said Lori Davis, owner of Rig-Chem, a Houma, La., business that sells chemicals to oil companies. If there's less new exploratory drilling, everyone from industry suppliers to doctor's offices who treat oil field workers will have less business.

Davis has already cut a consultant, reduced a profit-sharing plan for workers and left a recent job vacancy unfilled. "Today, we have to rethink that because we have an administration that's clueless, with no interest in supporting oil and gas," she said.

President Barack Obama's latest move to maintain a drilling ban in both the eastern Gulf of Mexico and along the Atlantic seaboard is a reversal of his promise to do just the opposite three weeks before the disaster. And it shows that more than seven months after the Deepwater Horizon rig explosion killed 11 men and led to some 200 million gallons of oil spewing from BP's undersea well, the worst offshore oil spill in U.S. history is still very much shaping national oil policy.

After the April spill, the government placed a moratorium on issuing new deepwater drilling permits in the Gulf. The moratorium was lifted Oct. 12, but industry watchers say it effectively remains in place. In the nearly eight weeks since the ban was lifted, the government has not issued a single permit that would allow the resumption of any previously suspended drilling activities.

The administration previously backed the major expansion of offshore drilling, in part to gain support for comprehensive climate legislation in Congress, one of Obama's top legislative goals. But with that bill now off the table, the president stands much to gain politically by saying no to powerful oil interests, particularly in tourism-conscious Florida, which is expected to be a crucial swing state in the 2012 election campaign.

Many other tourism-driven towns stand to gain, too, simply because of the perception of a pristine ocean.

Ask Marsha Henson of Tybee Island, Ga., and she'll tell you Obama's decision brings her a sense of relief. She's co-owner of Sea Kayak Georgia, which gives offshore tours and paddling lessons to thousands of tourists along Georgia's 100 miles of Atlantic coast each year.

"Obviously he (Obama) is listening to people's current feelings of how we may in this lifetime never see a healing of what has happened in the Gulf," said Henson, whose business picked up after the BP spill because of more vacationers coming to oil-free coastal Georgia rather than risk having their trips ruined by fouled Gulf beaches.

In Maryland, Marie-Noelle Sayan, owner of the 22-room King Charles Hotel in Ocean City, Md., said she was thankful.

"If we have offshore drilling, one, just one, accident could put the whole town out of business because the town is completely driven by tourism," Sayan said.

On Wednesday, the Obama administration reversed a March plan that would have authorized officials to explore the potential for drilling from Delaware to central Florida, plus the northern waters of Alaska. The new approach allows drilling in Alaska, but officials said they will move cautiously before approving any leases. The focus instead will be on areas with active leases, which is largely in the central and western Gulf of Mexico and in a limited area of Alaska.

So far, rigs aren't leaving the Gulf en masse, but industry officials fear they will.

According to ODS-Petrodata, which follows the market for oil and gas producers, there were 36 floating rigs in the Gulf on Thursday, one more than were there the day before the explosion aboard the BP-leased Deepwater Horizon. However, the firm said that only six of the rigs were conducting operations Thursday — basically maintenance work, not exploratory drilling.

The lack of a decline could be due to the way contracts work. Because of the absence of deepwater drilling, some oil and gas firms have tried but failed to get out of leasing contracts with rig owners that were signed before the moratorium. Other firms have softened the blow by negotiating lower rates with rig owners to remain in the Gulf on a standby basis, but that reduces the rig owners' revenue because they command higher lease rates when rigs are drilling. Also, a number of rigs were headed to the Gulf before the BP well blowout, and those offset some of the rigs that departed.

"The government hates it, but it's true, there is a de facto moratorium in place," said ODS-Petrodata's Julian Gunther.

The Interior Department maintains it is simply making sure rig operators are in compliance with tough new regulations before issuing permits.

Chevron and Exxon Mobil both criticized the latest decision by the Obama administration. Technology Professionals LLC of Houma, La., a firm that sells and services computers and works with oil companies, has had a lot of projects put on hold or delayed, owner Jason Bergeron said. "At some point, we're all tied to the oilfield. Even the doctors offices we work with, they've seen a downturn," Bergeron said.

Todd Hornbeck, CEO of Covington, La.-based Hornbeck Offshore Services, which provides vessels and other services for the offshore industry, said Thursday he has already laid off some employees and may have to lay off more. While he wouldn't provide specific numbers, he said he will likely have to consider redeploying assets in friendlier waters overseas. He said half of his 85 ships are idle.

"Everyone is scared," Hornbeck said.

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Secret spaceplane returns to Earth

JOHN ANTCZAK
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES The U.S. military's secretive X-37B unmanned spaceplane slipped out of orbit and landed itself in early morning darkness Friday at a California airbase after a successful maiden flight that lasted more than seven months, the Air Force said.

The stubby-winged, robotic craft fired its engine to begin re-entry into Earth's atmosphere and autonomously landed at 1:16 a.m. PST at coastal Vandenberg Air Force Base, 130 miles northwest of Los Angeles

Range safety officers were on hand to track its descent over the Pacific and activate a destruct mechanism if the landing needed to be aborted. There were no immediate reports of any sonic booms being heard.

Vandenberg released infrared camera video of the craft rolling to a stop, recovery crews approaching in vehicles and working around it in protective suits, much the way space shuttles are handled upon landing.

The Air Force had emphasized that the primary purpose of the flight was to test the craft itself but classified its actual activities in orbit, leading to speculation about whether it carried some type of spying system in its small payload bay.

Program manager Lt. Col. Troy Giese said in a statement that all objectives were completed and the landing culminated a successful mission.

The Air Force immediately announced that a second X-37B, which had only been revealed last April, is scheduled to be launched next spring.

The first X-37B, also known as the Orbital Test Vehicle, was carried into space atop an Atlas 5 rocket launched from Cape Canaveral, Fla., on April 22, 2010.

The flight followed the project's long and expensive journey from NASA to the Pentagon's research and development arm and then on to the secretive Air Force Rapid Capabilities Office. Hundreds of millions of dollars have been spent on the X-37 program, but the current total hasn't been released.

Built by Boeing Co.'s Phantom Works, the 11,000-pound craft is 9 1/2 feet tall and just over 29 feet long, with a wingspan of less than 15 feet. It has two angled tail fins rather than a single vertical stabilizer.

Solar panels deploy in orbit to charge batteries for electrical power.

Officials made public only a general description of the mission objectives: testing of guidance, navigation, control, thermal protection and autonomous operation in orbit, re-entry and landing.

However, the ultimate purpose of the X-37B has long remained a mystery, though some experts said the spacecraft is intended to speed up development of combat-support systems and weapons systems.

Last spring, Gary Payton, Air Force undersecretary for space programs, rejected characterization of the project as leading to the weaponization of space.

"It's just an updated version of the space shuttle kind of activities in space," he said during a conference call with reporters. "We, the Air Force, have a suite of military missions in space and this new vehicle could potentially help us do those missions better."

Top priorities for the project are to demonstrate an inexpensive and fast turnaround, he said.

Need for extensive servicing such as replacement of many thermal tiles would make it unattractive, he said.

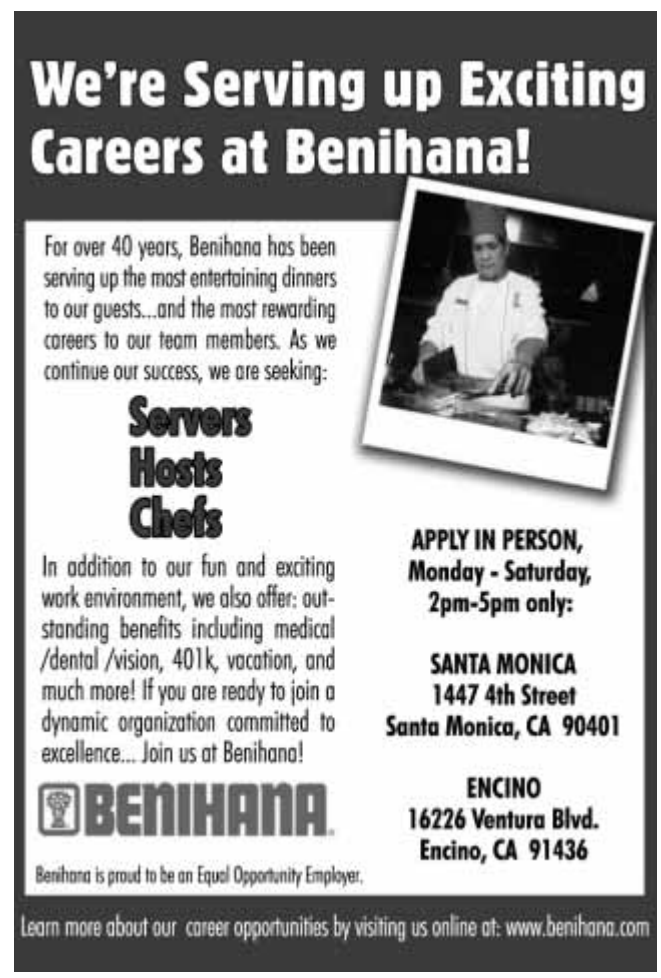
Payton suggested the X-37B would be useful for rapidly putting many small satellites into orbit, with a turnaround time measured at 10-to-15 days or less, operating more like an SR-71 spyplane than a routine space launch vehicle.

Like the first X-37B, the budget for the second spaceplane is classified, he said.

Defense analyst John Pike, a critic of the X-37B's usefulness, said the autonomous orbital and landing system apparently worked, but he remained skeptical of the program.

"They demonstrated that they could keep a secret about whatever else it might have been doing," said Pike, director of Globalsecurity.org. "It remains a mystery wrapped in an enigma."





NCAA FOOTBALL

Bragging rights on line for UCLA, USC

BY GREG BEACHAM
AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES UCLA is out of bowl contention, and Southern California never had a chance. No Pac-10 titles, no significant winning streaks, no postseason honors — nothing concrete is on the line.

Which just makes the intangible stakes even more massive when the Bruins host the Trojans to close a decidedly down season for football in Los Angeles.

"This game is like somebody just slapped your mom," UCLA defensive tackle David Carter said. "This SC rivalry is like a championship game, like a Rose Bowl, like bragging rights for the city. I don't want to go to the market and see somebody in an SC jersey and have to hide for a whole year. There's going to be a lot of anger, probably a couple of fights. I hope not."

Both of these decorated football programs are in for an extra-long offseason featuring probable changes at UCLA and looming dread at USC over the increased effect of NCAA sanctions next year. For just the fourth time in 35 years, neither team has a bowl game upcoming when they both take the Rose Bowl field in their home jerseys to honor a cool tradition revived two years ago.

Yet when two struggling offenses play for the Victory Bell in the crosstown archrivals' 80th meeting, a victory could resonate for years in a game that hits both teams on an uncommonly visceral level.

"I really don't like their colors. I really don't like Adidas," USC defensive tackle Jurrell Casey said, referring to UCLA's equipment supplier. "It's just something I didn't like since I was growing up."

USC has won 10 of the last 11 games, winning 28-7 in each of the last two meetings — including last season's contentious clash at the Coliseum, which ended with each team accusing the other of poor sportsmanship after a long USC touchdown pass in the final minute.

"This is red versus blue, good versus evil, all of that," UCLA safety Tony Dye said. "Nothing changes for us or them. It honestly doesn't matter what else went on this year."

While both schools' seniors are desperate to leave on a victory, both coaching staffs could use a little good news as well.

UCLA coach Rick Neuheisel's seat is more warm than hot, but a win would guarantee good feelings heading into 2011. USC's Lane Kiffin could quiet many doubters about a middling debut campaign by flattening the Bruins, just as Pete Carroll did in all but one try.

"This game conjures up great emotion and anticipation," Neuheisel said. "It's vital that you channel that into great focus. That's how you win these games. We played with great emotion (last year). We played with great passion, but we had some guys that didn't know how to handle that."

Kiffin refers to this matchup as "the players' game" because nearly everybody knows everybody else. Most local players have faced each other regularly since high school in the Southland, creating small pockets of knowledge that sometimes provide unusual advantages — and abnormal mutual dislike.

"We don't really care about SC and how they do," said UCLA tailback Johnathan Franklin, whose Trojan father is actively rooting against him. "We hope they lose every game."

The students have been up to their usual pranks during the week, with USC turning the water red — some Bruins called it pink — in a UCLA fountain.

And though both teams have downplayed it, the final minute of last season's game at the Coliseum still looms large in memory. USC attempted to kneel out the clock with a two-touchdown lead, but UCLA coach Rick Neuheisel called a timeout — so Matt Barkley threw a 48-yard TD pass, followed by a few uneasy moments when both screaming sidelines edged toward the middle of the field.

"I'm sure they have a bad feeling in their mouths after last year's loss, especially after what we did to them," USC linebacker Chris Galippo said with a smirk.

Neuheisel, who normally will chat about any subject, had nothing to say when asked about that moment.

Immediately after last season's game, he said only: "I don't forget much."

Kiffin believes Barkley will return from a 1-game absence to start his first game in the Rose Bowl. Barkley incurred a high ankle sprain during USC's loss at Oregon State and missed last week's loss to Notre Dame in which Kiffin was openly afraid of calling downfield passes for backup Mitch Mustain.

Barkley has made remarkable progress with an injury that typically requires several weeks of rest, and he hopes to play while wearing a heavy brace. Although the touted passer's numbers have improved in his sophomore season, he still hasn't really tasted significant team success at USC since last season's big victories at Ohio State and Notre Dame.

"I don't want to miss this game, ever," Barkley said. "I've been dreaming about this game at the Rose Bowl since I was a kid."

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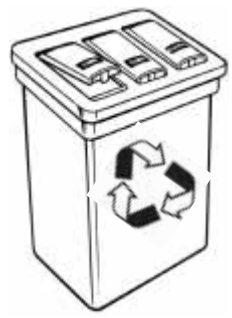
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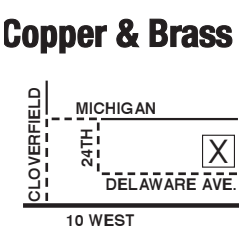
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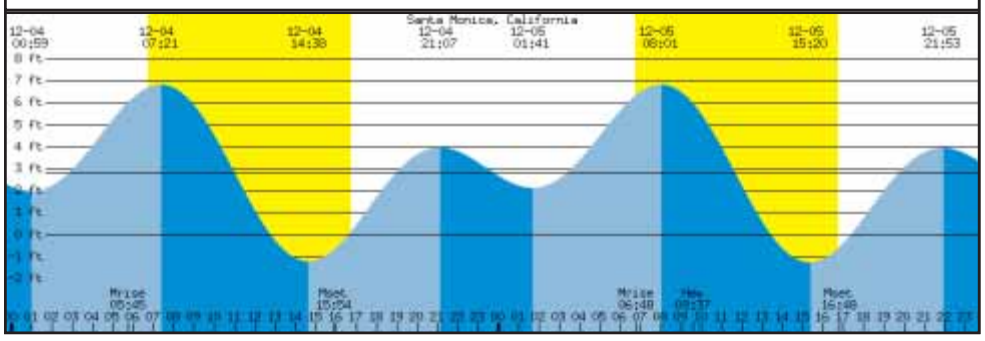
Swell Forecast

Looks rather small as well.

Long Range Synopsis

We could see wind swell increase to chest high around west facing breaks, but sloppy and storm driven.

Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica



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NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

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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 -- 9
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 32 / 19
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 13 / 22

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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 Las Aliso creeks.	A+	A+
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A	A+
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A	A+
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A	A+
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	A+
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	B	F
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A+	A+
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Solstice Canyon at Don 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+	D
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	D
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	F	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	F	B
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	A+
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	A+
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A+	D
Pena Creek at Los Tunos County Beach.	A+	A+
Tuna Canyon.	A+	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	D	A+
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	A+
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	F	B
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).	B	C
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A	C
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	C	F
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	B	C
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	D	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+	B
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	F
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	A+	C
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A+	C
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St..	A+	D
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower.	F	A
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	D	D
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	A+	A+
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	A+	F
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty).	C	C
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	A	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 must work to win over World Cup fans

MICHAEL CASEY
AP Sports Writer

DOHA, Qatar Qatar won over FIFA with a promise that a World Cup in the Middle East would be good for soccer. Now it faces what could be an even harder task: Convincing skeptical fans who fear the desert nation will hold a sweltering and alcohol-free tournament.

Some fans wrongly believe Qatar has the same social restrictions of Saudi Arabia or the violence that plagues Afghanistan and Iraq.

Twitter was abuzz with such concerns immediately after Qatar was awarded the 2022 tournament on Thursday. Some fans suggested Qatar would keep women out of stadiums and many fretted they won't be able to buy a beer.

They might be surprised to find a largely safe, cosmopolitan capital where celebrity British chef Gordon Ramsay has set up shop, malls are filled with designer goods and the skyline rivals any in the United States. Women are free to work, drive and cheer on their favorite soccer team, as they did during last month's Brazil-Argentina exhibition. Drinking is allowed, but mostly restricted to ex-pat havens.

Still, this country of 1.6 million is no Paris or Rio or even neighboring Dubai — and Qataris seem to want to keep it that way. Drinking and dancing is limited to the handful of raucous bars and nightclubs in four- and five-star hotels, public affection is usually tolerated but occasionally punished. Bikini-clad swimmers only began appearing on beaches two years ago.

Most understand, though, that the country will have to open up with the World Cup coming and find a balance between the modern and traditional. Organizers have already promised to allow drinking in designated fan zones and Qataris have resigned themselves to the sight of scantily-clad foreigners strolling through their streets — something that is frowned upon.

"I never wanted the World Cup in the first place because of the girls and the drinking. It's against our religion," said Mohammed al-Sayegh, a 16-year-old Qatari dressed in full-length white thobe worn by most men.

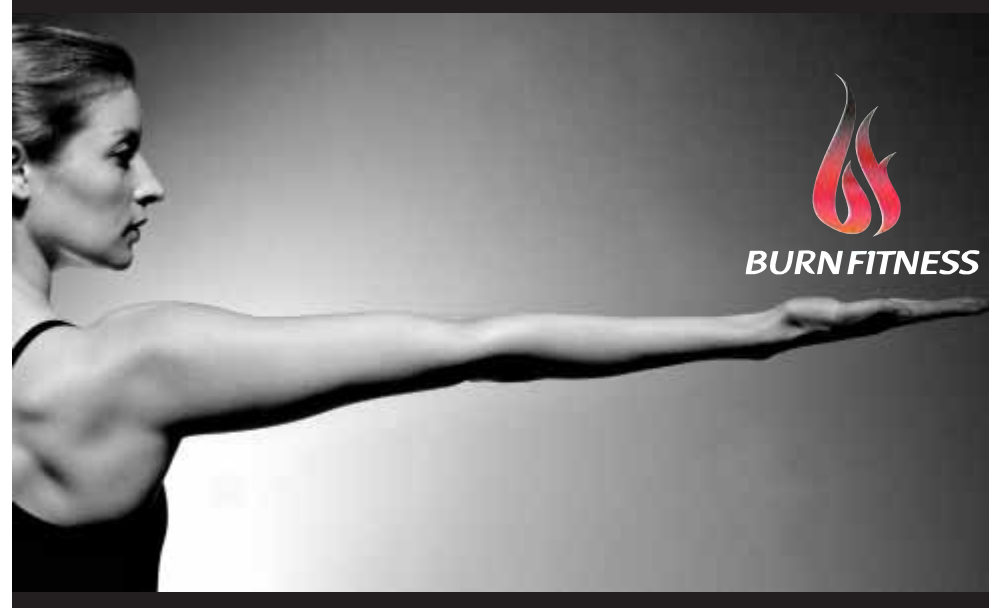
But like many of his friends shopping at the Villagio Shopping Center — complete with an ice skating rink and canal network with gondolas — al-Sayegh supports the bid as a way to boost the country's standing on the international stage.

"We want to take the World Cup, but we can't take everything," he said. "We can show the world that we can preserve our culture even if we host such a big event."

Another Qatari shopper in the mall, 21-year-old Hassan al-Emadi, said he was willing to take the "good with the bad" that would come with the World Cup.

"The good will be that other countries know Qatar is a peaceful place and has the capacity to host big events," he said. "The bad is the drinking in the streets. By 2022, there will be a new generation and when they see people acting like this, they will think this is Qatar."

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Mum's the word, Capricorn

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Nothing is forever. Scheduling one-on-one time might be a necessity, especially if traveling or visiting with others. A partner or friend feels left out and perhaps confused by the whirlwind around you. Be clear about your intentions. Tonight: Opt for a different experience.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Determining your plans could take some time, as you speak to different friends and family members. Opt to make very special time for a dear friend. On a one-on-one level, you relate with depth and clarity. Enjoy a leisurely meal around a favorite activity. Tonight: Be a duo.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Head to the gym, or get a few errands done this morning. Once you go out or clear out work, you will want to leave all that behind. Catch up with friends, and make time to visit with a special person. Tonight: Where the action is.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ What might have seemed like a perfect lazy day has you jumping through hoops by the afternoon. You might not believe how much you need to accomplish. Of course, you can always give yourself permission to say "no" and continue as you would like. Tonight: Just don't push.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ How you start your day might be very different from what occurs. Your plans could transform. Never fear -- the going gets better and increasingly more fun. Allow the kid in you to reveal him- or herself one more time. Tonight: Be a wild thing.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Reach out for a neighbor or sibling this morning. Staying close to home could be more satisfying than running around. Invite a friend or two over. Many of you will get into a project you have been putting off. Tonight: At home.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Know the balance in your checkbook as well as your financial landscape. Spontaneity takes over. You don't want to leave anything up to mystery and have a problem later. Join a friend at a favorite spot or go off to a movie or a game. Tonight: Let it unfurl naturally.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Use the morning hours, when you have the most energy and vim and vigor. Later, you will want to relax or perhaps even be a tad lazy. Make it OK to not plan anything and just hang out wherever you want. Tonight: Your treat.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Though you are slow to start, you hit the finish line. This morning, you might want to veg, but by the afternoon, you are your sunny self. A decision or a new resolution you make will stick with the New Moon in your sign. Tonight: You are all smiles.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ Use the morning to visit with a friend or do something important. Unexpected news tosses you into a new frame of mind. Vanish this afternoon. Remember, you don't need to share everything. Tonight: Mum's the word.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Check in with an older relative or friend you care about. Making plans with this person could prove to be quite fun. Don't minimize the importance of another friend. You might want to mix it up. Tonight: Where the party is.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ Take off this morning; if you are planning a mini-trip, take off ASAP. If you hang at home too long or where people know to find you, you could be doing someone a favor or filling in at work. Tonight: A force to behold.

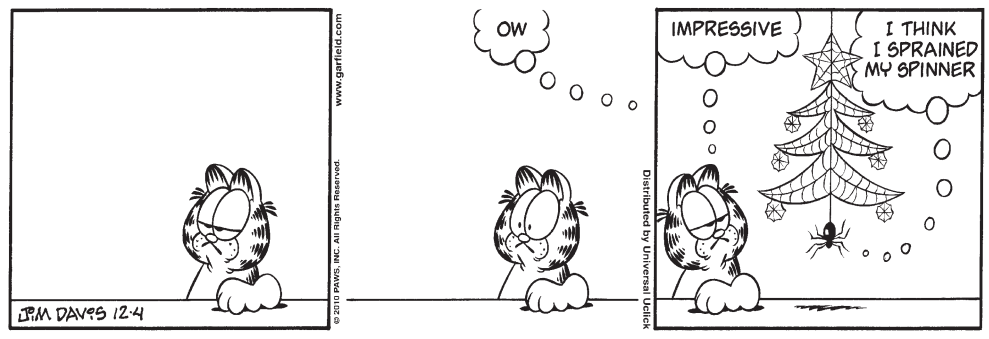
Happy birthday

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★★★★★Dynamic ★★ So-So
★★★★ Positive ★ Difficult
★★★ Average

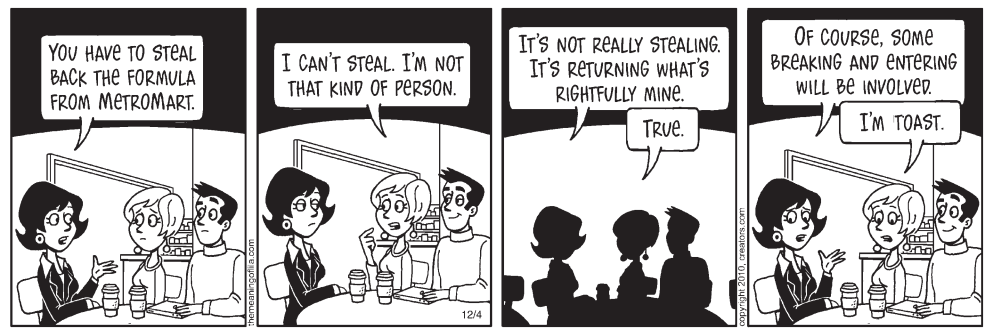
This year, your birthday falls on a New Moon, making new resolutions and beginnings unusually fortunate. This lunar gift adds to your personal charisma and energy, making 2011 a year not easily forgotten. If you could wish upon a star, what would you like to happen? Then you will understand which direction to head. If you are single, you easily could be enticed to change that status. Someone very interesting probably will be entering your life. If you are attached, the two of you will enjoy more quality time together. A fellow SAGITTARIUS is very different but has similar problems.



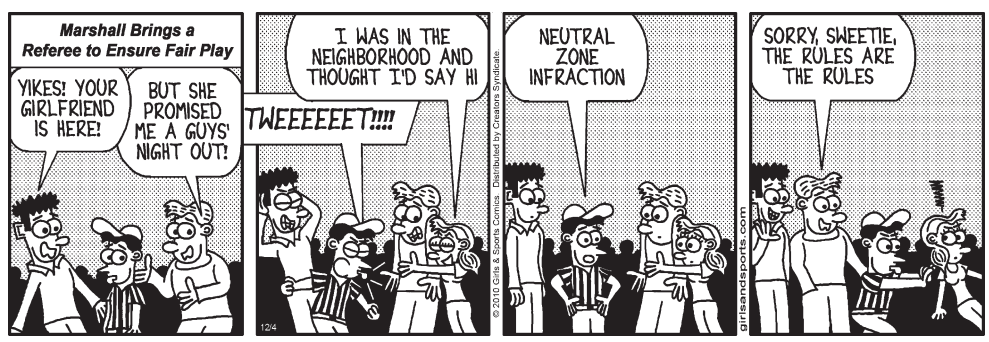
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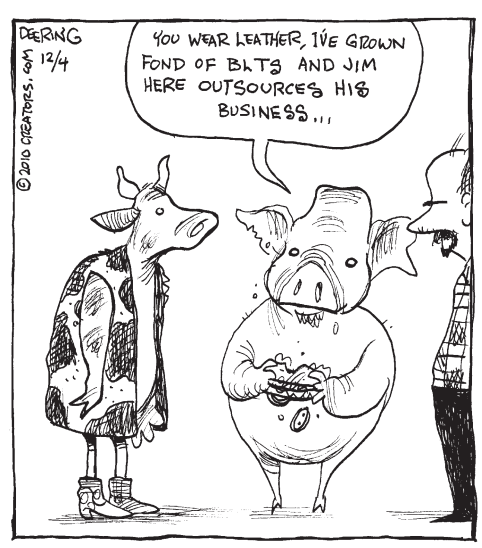
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Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★★★

7			8	1			9	
		9						8
	4				2			
2						5		
9				4				3
		7						2
			1				6	
4						7		
	3			8	6			9

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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

2	9	6	3	5	4	1	7	8
8	5	7	1	6	9	2	3	4
4	1	3	2	8	7	5	9	6
9	8	2	4	3	6	7	5	1
1	3	4	5	7	8	9	6	2
6	7	5	9	1	2	8	4	3
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ACROSS

1 Study all night
5 Alerts
10 Did galley work
12 Block-head
13 Confuse
14 Church tenet
15 Cinch
16 Tourney pass
18 Guy's friend
19 Bach work
21 Repast
22 Use force on
24 Choir accompa-nier
25 Apollo hero
29 Entreaty
30 More madcap
32 Chick holder
33 Coat-rack part
34 Semi-circle
35 Like the Vikings
37 Conjure up
39 Districts
40 Did shoe work
41 Release
42 Ties the knot

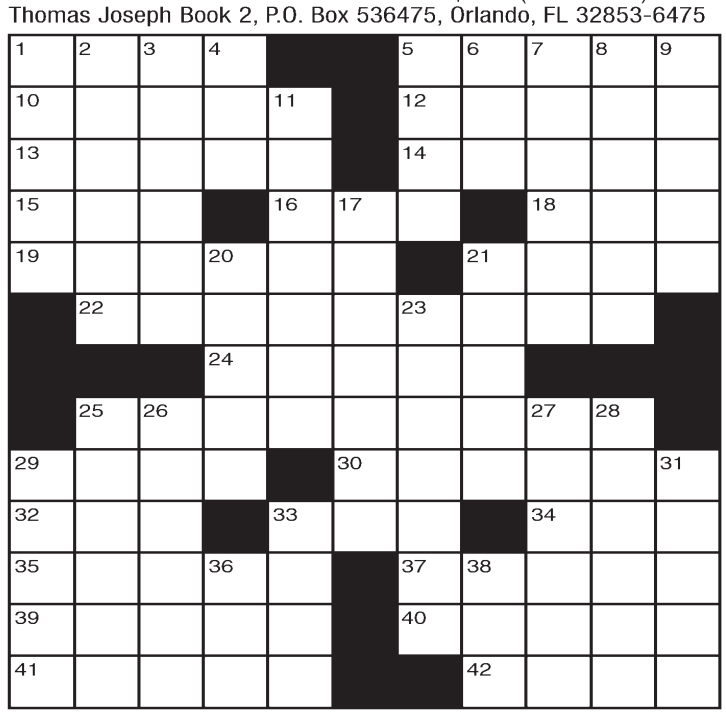
DOWN

1 Paint layers
2 Hams' needs
3 Pas-sionate
4 Singer Tillis
5 Expansive
6 Fuss
7 Sailor, at times
8 Polite denial
9 Stable section
11 Ones who owe
17 River of China
20 Kitchen output
21 Massenet opera
23 Mechan-ics' work-places
25 1990s veep
26 Feel bad for
27 Tom's ex
28 Overdid the techie lingo, with "out"
29 Prison-related
31 Oboists' needs
33 Cuban coin
36 Droop
38 Promise

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A	R	E	N	A	■	A	V	E	R	T
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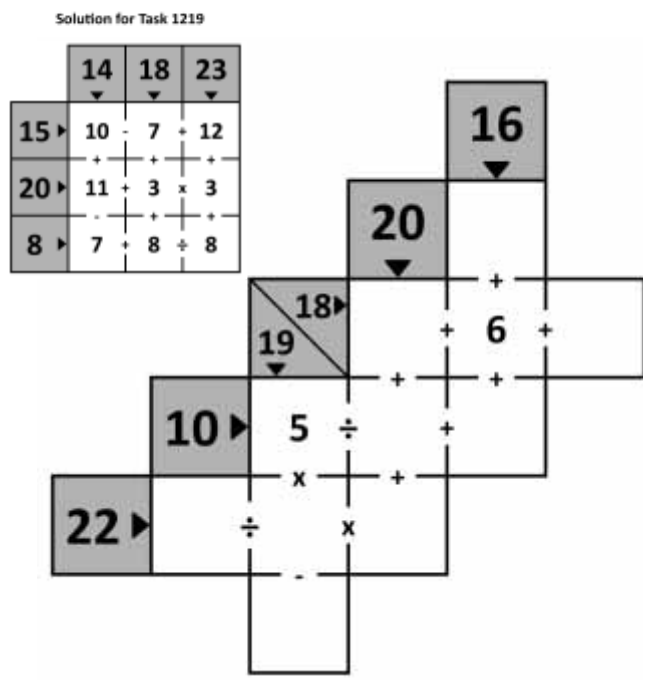
- Fill the grid with the set of given numbers (1 to 12) to satisfy the Equa demands (7 to 24) in the shaded boxes. The Equa demands represent the sum of the digits that you will insert into the empty squares.
- Each horizontal row has one Equa demand to satisfy; each vertical column also has one demand to satisfy. Each empty square in the grid dictates the math operation (addition +, subtraction -, multiplication X, and division ÷) that must be performed to meet the demands.
- You must follow the given math operations for each square and you must make sure all the numbers satisfy the demands in the shaded boxes when connected in adjacent threes and calculated together from left to right, and top to bottom.
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ **Judgment-Challenged:** (1) Tommy Riser of Blaine, Wash., had a rough Sept. 13. After a bout of drinking, he crashed a truck into a utility pole, and a few minutes later, crashed his wife's car into a guardrail trying to drive away. Later, he retrieved his personal tow truck and drove it back to the scene, intending to tow the two crashed vehicles home. However, a sheriff's deputy was on hand and, noting that Riser was still tipsy, charged him with three separate DUIs. (2) Theodore Davenport Jr., 53, who was wanted for robbing the same PNC Bank branch in Harrisburg, Pa., twice in the previous month, was arrested in November when he approached a teller at that bank to inquire about the balance in his own account.

■ Bedford, Pa., district judge Charles O. Guyer was charged in August (1991) with improperly favoring a defendant in his courtroom. Police said Guyer privately offered a lenient sentence to a 21-year-old man on the condition that the man would allow Guyer to shampoo his hair. The defendant reported the offer to authorities, and two undercover police officers, claiming to be friends of the defendant, allowed Guyer to wash their hair to gather evidence. (Guyer went on to resign in May 1992 after apologizing for his conduct and agreeing to forfeit his pension benefits.)

TODAY IN HISTORY

1991 Journalist Terry A. Anderson is released after 7 years in captivity as a hostage in Beirut. He was the last and longest-held American hostage in Lebanon.

1991 Captain Mark Pyle pilots Clipper Goodwill, a Pan American World Airways Boeing 727-221ADV, to Miami International Airport ending 64 years of Pan Am operations.

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Obituaries

Bobby J. Parker



Simi Valley, Bobby J. Parker age 83 passed away on Sunday November 28, 2010 in Van Nuys, Ca. Know to everyone as "Bob", he was born on October 19, 1927 in Kankakee Illinois. He was a 5 year resident of Ventura County moving there from Canyon Lake in Riverside County. As an excellent mechanic for at least 30 years Bob really loved old cars and was a big fan of N.A.S.C.A.R. He enjoyed football and basketball and cheered for his L.A. Lakers any chance he got.

Bob is preceded in death by his mother; Thelma, brothers; George Parker and Larry & Roy Montgomery as well as his sister Wray-Nell Pierson. He is survived by his loving wife Aileen; daughters, Sandra Parker & Linda Greiner (Robert); granddaughters Doriana Hazama (Will) & Heather Greiner; great grandsons Peyton Hazama & Declan Jenkins. A Memorial Service will be held in his honor at the Reardon Simi Valley Funeral Home located at 2636 Sycamore Dr. Simi Valley, Ca on December 10, 2010 at 2:00PM

Announcements

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