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THE DAWNING OF A NEW DAY ISSUE



DANCING THE NIGHT AWAY

Brandon Wise *brandonw@smdp.com*

Children dance as pop violinist Josh Vietti plays Christmas songs during the Montana Holiday Walk on Friday night.

Renters seek temporary relief

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL At 87, Freda Mendelsohn still has an independent streak.

The Santa Monica resident lives alone and travels to Downtown Los Angeles some days to fill in as a federal court reporter, earning money to supplement her pension of a few hundred dollars and her Social Security check.

But, in recent months, work at the courthouse has become more sporadic, and with money tight, she made the difficult decision to ask her landlord for a temporary rent reduction.

"I'm not the only one that's in trouble," she said. "There are so many people who are in even worse trouble."

Mendelsohn is one of a growing number of Santa Monica residents living in rent controlled apartments who have sought temporary relief because of financial difficulties in the past year, said Tracy Condon, administrator of the city's Rent Control Board.

"We've been hearing [requests for temporary rent reductions], certainly, for the past year or so as the economy has changed and people are feeling the impact," Condon said.

Any agreement to reduce rent has to be reached between tenant and landlord; the Rent Control Board doesn't have authority to grant rent reductions.

But after being approached about the issue from tenants and landlords, Condon said the board's staff decided to include information explaining the policy on temporary rent reductions in its latest newsletter. She said, in the past year, the board has received a handful of inquiries each week about temporary reductions.

Under the Rent Control Board's existing policy, if an owner reduces rent for an agreed upon time period, the maximum allowable rent, or MAR, is not affected unless the temporary reduction occurs during the first term of tenancy. If the reduction occurs during the first term, the new MAR is determined by the average monthly rent paid during the first term.

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Special ed gets personal

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

SMMUSD HDQTRS For Kim Moran, negotiating special education services for her son was like sitting through an episode of "Let's Make a Deal."

"I didn't know quite where to go," Moran said about her experience navigating the district's special education program when she first enrolled her son. "It was confusing and I felt disconnected and isolated."

Today, Moran's son, who's on the autistic spectrum, is in the second grade at Grant Elementary School where she currently serves as a Parent Resource Network (PRN) volunteer, using knowledge gained over the past few years from advocating for her child to help other parents who ask the same questions she once had.

The Santa Monica-Malibu PTA Council launched the PRN last year after a long-brewing issue in special education came to a head with the release of an independent audit that revealed a series of concerning issues, from the practice of using confidentiality clauses in students' educational plans to allegations of intimidation.

Many parents say the program has made strides since the release of the Lou Barber report in early 2008, a nearly two-year-period of time in which the district has seen a new administration and increased collaboration between school officials and parents through ad hoc committees and biannual forums.

The network designates a pair of volunteer point persons at each school in the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District, giving parents access to an experienced individual who has been there before.

"I know that the parents who have been chosen as PRN representatives are excellent choices," Theresa Harris, the chair of the Special Education District Advisory Committee, said. "They have a real desire to create an avenue where parents in need of information can go to someone who's in a like situation for information."

Christy Hobart, who is the co-chair of the PTA Council's Special Education Committee and PRN volunteer, remembers the at-times challenging years of when her son — a fifth

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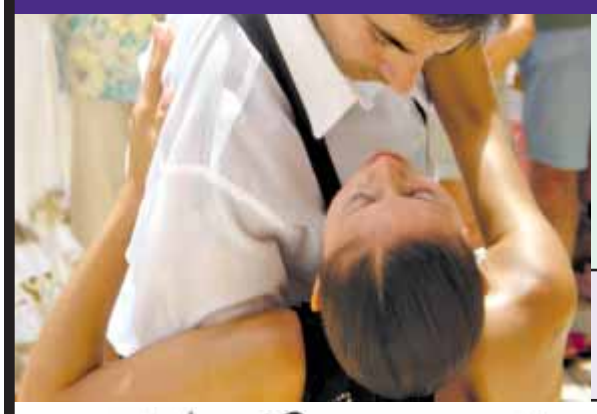

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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA AND SURROUNDS



Saturday, Dec. 5, 2009

Santa Claus is coming to town
Various locations
10:30 a.m. — 2:30 p.m.
Santa Claus and the Santa Monica's firefighter and police officers will be handing out thousands of candy canes at various stops along a set travel route as part of their 17th annual "Candy Cane Drive." Parents are encouraged to wait with their children and their cameras while waiting for the lights and sirens of the public safety vehicles. For a list of Santa's scheduled stops and more information, call (310) 458-8474.

The sounds of the season
Third Street Promenade
5 p.m.
Enjoy festive holiday music from Grammy Award Nominee Brian McKnight and 94.7 The Wave while shopping for gifts on the Third Street Promenade. Gift certificates to local shops, signed CDs and tickets to The Wave's holiday show will be given out. Performance selections will be from McKnight's holiday release "I'll be Home for Christmas." The event is free.

Main in lights
Main Street
6 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.
Warm your spirit and get dazzled with a tree lighting ceremony, candlelit walk, street caroling and holiday store parties along Main Street.

Sunday, Dec. 6, 2009

Irish Christmas memories
Santa Monica Playhouse
1211 Fourth St., 7 p.m.
Come and enjoy a solo musical performance that recalls winter memories in Ireland in Ken O'Malley's "Songs by a Winter's Hearth: Memories of My Irish Christmas." This Dublin-born singer-songwriter will not only demonstrate his rich singing ability, but also his musical talent on guitar and mandolin. Songs will be both in English and Irish Gaelic. For admission prices and more information, call (818) 389-8512.

Fun under the fig tree
Fairmont Miramar Hotel and Bungalows
101 Wilshire Blvd., 3 p.m. — 7 p.m.
Bring family and friends to celebrate the season under the historic Moreton Bay Fig Tree. The event will feature delicious goodies, live entertainment, and a gingerbread house display. A silent auction will also be held benefiting Chrysalis, a non-profit organization aimed to helping the homeless become self-sufficient through employment opportunities. For more information on the event, call (310) 576-7777

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.

Schools deploy masks to battle H1N1 virus

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SANTA FE SPRINGS, Calif. California school districts will receive 23 million masks and pairs of gloves to help curb the spread of swine flu, the state schools chief announced Friday.

"We want to keep students, teachers and staff healthy and in school," Superintendent of Public Instruction Jack O'Connell O'Connell said in a statement.

Details of the program were being released at a Los Angeles County warehouse in Santa Fe Springs packed with boxes of disposable gloves and masks.

The items, paid for by federal grants, will be shipped free to 58 county offices of education and to the Los Angeles Unified School District, which is the nation's second-largest district.

They are intended for roughly 10,000 public schools with about 6.3 million students in more than 1,000 districts, said Hilary McLean, a spokeswoman for the California Department of Education. Shipping of the supplies began late last month, she said.

Federal guidelines recommend that students with H1N1 symptoms such as fever, cough, and sore throat be sent to a separate office or sick room until they can leave campus.

But it can take several hours before parents can pick up their children, McLean said.

In the meantime, the child will be asked to wear a surgical mask while the school nurse or other staffer will wear a different type of mask and gloves, McLean said.

There have been more than 7,200 cases of swine flu reported in California this year, 366 of them fatal, according to the state Department of Public Health.

Although some counties have reported drops in the number of new swine flu cases, indicating the pandemic may have peaked locally, McLean said schools can always store the masks and gloves in case there's an outbreak of another type of flu.

"Next year, we're sure to have another flu season," she said.



GIFT MISSION

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United States Marine Cpl. Matthew Zavala collects a Thunder Tumbler from guest Marjorie Drubner at the Fred Segal 'Gifts Giving Back' event with Toys for Tots hosted by actress Rachael Leigh Cook at the Fred Segal store on Broadway on Thursday.

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Shorthanded Samohi girls making do

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

SAMOHI Even without a few key players, Samohi's girls are off and running.

Coming off a tough loss to Summit in the Brea Olinda Tournament on Wednesday, the Vikings rebounded nicely to exact a bit of revenge on a Canyon Springs team that knocked Samohi out of the semifinals of last season's California Interscholastic Federation Division I-A playoffs. The 65-60 win on Thursday came about despite the fact that the Vikings have yet to play a pair of transfers who Head Coach Marty Verdugo thinks will give his team the guns to blast their way to another deep trip into the playoffs.

"Revenge is sweet," Verdugo said. "For us, it says a lot about our program.

"We played about 11 [players] deep into our rotation and still found a win. You build character in wins like that."

The victory over Canyon Springs was especially big for senior Thea Lemberger. The UCLA-bound guard fouled out of the Summit game with a handful of minutes remaining with the Vikings clinging to a seven point lead. Summit rallied for the victory without the Vikings' top playmaker on the floor.

Verdugo said jokingly that Lemberger has been told she isn't allowed to foul out again this season. She responded Thursday with her first 30-point game of the season against Canyon Springs.

"It was good because I don't like them that much," Lemberger said of Canyon Springs. "But, they are fun to play against."

She said that a number of Canyon Springs players were running their mouths during the whole game giving her that much more motivation to send them home with a loss.

"They aren't very good sports," she said.

Verdugo agreed that Canyon Springs was a bit vocal and noisy, but said that the best part about the victory was that they were predicted by a number of insiders to be the top team in their division.

"It was one of the top five wins since I've been here," said Verdugo, who has been head coach for four seasons. "The mistakes that they made [against Summit] they didn't make again [on Thursday against Canyon Springs]."

As usual, Lemberger paced the offense on Thursday, but she had help from fellow guard Kristina Johnson and sophomore forward Sabrina Norton.

"Sabrina was a monster on the boards,"

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Leave smoking up to landlords

Editor:

It makes perfect sense to prohibit smoking in rental residences, but we certainly do not need a law to force that on everyone. Landlords already have the option to ban smoking in their rental units. Renters already have the option to live where neighbors aren't allowed to smoke in the building.

As to smoking outdoors, secondhand smoke has a negligible effect on air quality. Every car and truck on the road produces overwhelmingly more air pollution than a tobacco smoker. Anyone who believes that restricting outdoor smoking will enhance public safety needs to get a clue. The only way that Santa Monica residents can avoid air pollution is move to somewhere where there are no upwind cities or industries.

Matt Horns
Venice

She doesn't speak for us all

Editor:

After reading Meredith Carrol write about being a Jew during Christmas ("Just a Jew trying to find her place amongst gentiles during Christmas," Dec. 3), your readers must know that she does not speak for all Jewish people. I for one am not even the tiniest bit conflicted during this season. I have no desire to eat ham. I never have and never will have a tree in my house and I count my blessings that I am spared from the excessive materialistic orgy of shopping and presents that is the main feature of Christmas. My main holiday season was over in the middle of October. (Chanukah is a minor Jewish holiday at best.)

Thank God I'm a Jewish boy.

Happy holidays (and chag sameach).

Jeff Gornbein
Santa Monica

City Hall should step up

Editor:

Regarding: "Study: Elevated pollution levels near SM Airport," by SMDP Editor-in-Chief Kevin Herrera – Nov. 19, 2009.

The newly published UCLA report regarding air pollutants to the east of Santa Monica Airport (SMO) adds validation to Bill Piazza's 1999 LAUSD risk assessment report regarding SMO and vise versa. Piazza's report was based on dispersion modeling while the UCLA report used state-of-the-art monitoring. Both show that air pollution from SMO aircraft operations encroaches well into the North Westdale neighborhood just to the east of the airport's runway. Both excellent studies are based on known data with regard to aircraft emissions. However, it is very disturbing that there is a lack of data about potential toxins in jet emissions. Therefore, the full impacts from SMO on the community are yet to be determined. As a resident of North Westdale and director of Concerned Residents Against Airport Pollution, I would very much appreciate it if the city of Santa Monica would pay serious heed to the conclusions of both studies, and match Los Angeles Councilman Bill Rosendahl's efforts to address this critical air pollution issue. After all, it is City Hall's responsibility to protect residents from toxic pollution.

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Just toying with us

'TIS THE SEASON TO GET STRESSED OUT shopping for toys and games, so I thought I'd help reduce some of that strain. Whether you shop on the Third Street Promenade or at a mall where you can find parking, buying toys and games is not easy. Reading this should make your trips to the toy store shorter and your visits to the holiday medicine cabinet less frequent.

If toys were capable of having an ambition, they would all want to be inducted into the National Toy Hall of Fame. But not every toy can get into the hall, which is located in Rochester, NY. If they didn't have stringent requirements, toys like chattering teeth and the home version of the "Judge Judy Show" would be in the hallowed hall. In the 11 years that the Hall of Fame has been in existence, only 44 toys have made the cut. This year, the Big Wheel, the Gameboy, and — hold on to your Silly Putty — the wheel. That's right. Considered one of the first and greatest inventions, the wheel had been neglected until this year. Even though it certainly deserves recognition — the stick and the ball were inducted earlier — I doubt that many of you will be buying a wheel for your favorite tot.

Kids might love having a wheel just as toddlers love playing with the box that toys come in. However, advertising and peer pressure aren't going to allow those simple things to be popular gifts. Let's just say that I don't think Toys 'R Us is going to have a run on wheels this year. Below are some categories of toys that probably will be selling well. You decide if you think any of them will end up in the Toy Hall of Fame.

GAMES THAT YOU REALLY DON'T HAVE TO BUY BECAUSE WHEN I WAS A KID YOU COULD HAVE THEM FOR FREE

These include things like Battleship, Jotto and Pictionary. I actually saw a Tic-Tac-Toe game selling for $19.95. I wonder how much they charge for a box of hide and seek.

TOYS THAT MAKE SURE KIDS DON'T PLAY LIKE WE USED TO

These toys contribute to the couch potato generation. There is a snowball launcher so children won't have to actually throw snowballs themselves. Also in this category are all kinds of video and computer games, and of course the extremely popular Wii. The Wii allows the entire family to pretend to play all kinds of games in their living room that they could be playing for real outside.

YOU'VE GOT TO BE KIDDING TOYS

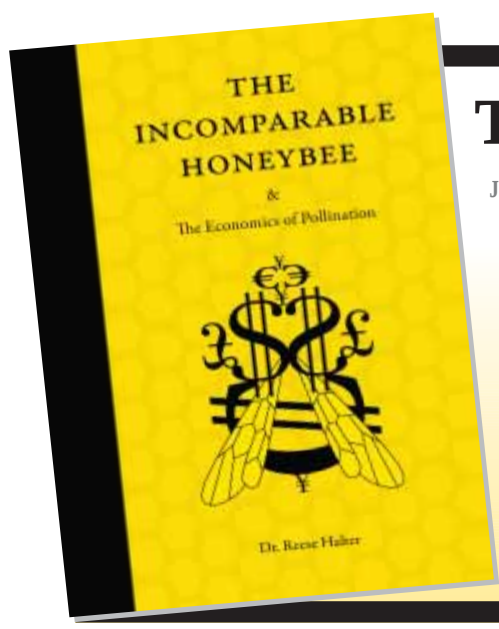
Leading off this category is the Pump Action Marshmallow Blaster. This ridiculous waste of food and money is capable of shooting marshmallows a distance of 40 feet. Unfortunately, there is no literature with this toy that explains why anyone would want to shoot marshmallows a distance of 40 feet. A trivia game with one of the most unfortunate names is called, Beat the Parents. I hope that none of the kids out there try to combine their Beat the Parents game with this year's toy, Medieval Axe. And don't worry, toy stores will be selling everything that has to do with "New Moon," a charming story about vampires.

'HOT' TOYS FOR 2009

When I say, "hot toy," I don't mean something like the classic Easy Bake Oven (a member of the Hall of Fame). A very popular toy this year is the Zhu Zhu pet hamster. Kids have always loved hamsters. Of course, since this is 2009, these cute little hamsters are battery operated. For a treat, do you feed them artificial bugs? According to those who claim to know, the Toy Of the Year may turn out to be various versions of Bakugan. In case you're like me and have been sleeping under a rock — hey, remember the Pet Rock? — Bakugans are toy warriors that are tucked into spheres and then rolled out onto a game card. It might not sound like fun to you, but they just may make kids forget the remote controlled tarantula.

So, which toy or toys do you think will be in the Toy Hall of Fame someday? It's hard to predict. However, if I were in the in the toy business, I think I would be trying to patent and package a game called Tag. And no, it's not in the Hall of Fame yet.

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The Q Line

GARDEN SHARING?

This past week, Q-line asked:

City Hall recently created a Garden Sharing Registry that seeks to pair homeowners with extra land with gardeners who need a place to do their thing. Would you be interested in either sharing your land or lending your expertise to till the Santa Monica soil?

Here are your responses:

"YES, I'M ALL IN FAVOR OF THE GARDEN Sharing Registry. In fact, I live over on Exposition and across the street over there at the trailer park that the city owns, there is some vacant land that is perfect for growing vegetables, fruits, and other items. This would be perfect because the city owns it and it's close by."

"IN THEORY, I THINK THE IDEA OF sharing gardens is excellent. But I do believe it could end up with lots of problems such as noise, littering and possibly theft. I think everybody on both sides should think it over and be very, very careful."

"IT SOUNDS LIKE A GOOD IDEA AS LONG as somebody doesn't decide to grow marijuana in your yard."

"I DO NOT HAVE ANY LAND TO SHARE NOR do I have any expertise in farming. As a youth during WW II, I slaved over a multi-acre patch of bell peppers and celery near the corner of Jefferson and Lincoln boulevards near Playa del Rey and did not like it … . Still I am curious where this extra land will be for gardening when one considers that the Bay Area between Palos Verdes and Malibu is the most over-built and congested area seemingly in the world. Still, again, everything looks over-built and congested to me. When I grew up in Manhattan Beach, the city had only 1,400 residents. I must admit we had a cantaloupe and tomato patch in the backyard."

SMOKING OVERFLOW

Last past week, Q-line asked:

A RENT CONTROL BOARD MEMBER IS supporting a ban on smoking in all apartments in Santa Monica. He plans to send the idea on to the City Council. Would you support an apartment smoking ban or do you think it goes too far?

Here are your responses that didn't make it:

"ACCORDING TO THE RENT CONTROL BOARD, their purpose is to control rent. What does smoking in an apartment have to do with the rate of rent or the control of rent? Isn't that rather a health department issue? So, perhaps if the Rent Control Board took care of rent control and didn't busy-body in areas where they have no business, then, perhaps there would be better politics, better relations, better business and less waste. But they don't have any business telling people that they can or can't smoke in their apartments. And I am a non-smoker."

"I HAVE NEVER SMOKED IN MY LIFE. I THINK that it is absolutely ludicrous and ridiculous to make a law like that because where does it start and where does it end? Why is everyone trying to take every right that we have in Santa Monica away from us. There is nothing but cameras everywhere. What is this world coming to? Has everyone lost their minds?"

"NOTHING MORE NEIGHBORLY THAN suing your neighbor, but why stop at smoking? Can I sue my neighbor if they make smelly food? I'd really like to sue the neighbor that listens to bad music. I though Mr. Kronovet was a Republican, and Republicans stood for limited government. Oh that's right, limited government unless they want to tell you what to do in the privacy of your own home."

"I THINK THAT IT IS TOTALLY RIDICULOUS. It has gotten completely out of hand, that you are not able to smoke in your own apartment. Totally taking away our rights there. That's like saying there's no cooking allowed in your apartment building."

"I DO NOT SEE IT AS A BAN ON SMOKING, I see it as a ban on those who smoke passing on their death wish in the form of deadly secondhand smoke to non-smokers. Former President James Earl Carter and Surgeon General C. Everett Koop mentioned loudly during their tenure in office that 500,000 Americans die annually in the United States due to the residual effects of smoking tobacco in the form of cigarettes. Trust me folks, it is not a pleasant death. It is a death that renders a strong, 200-pound man to a 98-pound weakling, hacking, coughing, and gagging for one final breath. Trust me folks, cigarettes are bad news … . I subscribe 100 percent to a ban on smoking cigarettes, in, on, or around residential apartment buildings."

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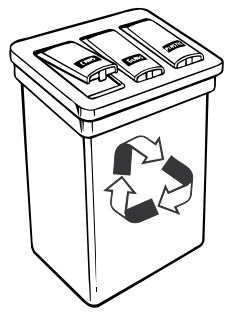
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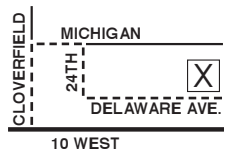


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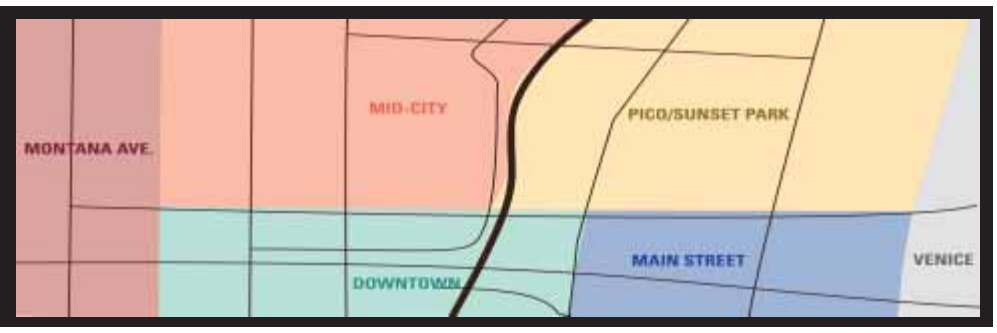
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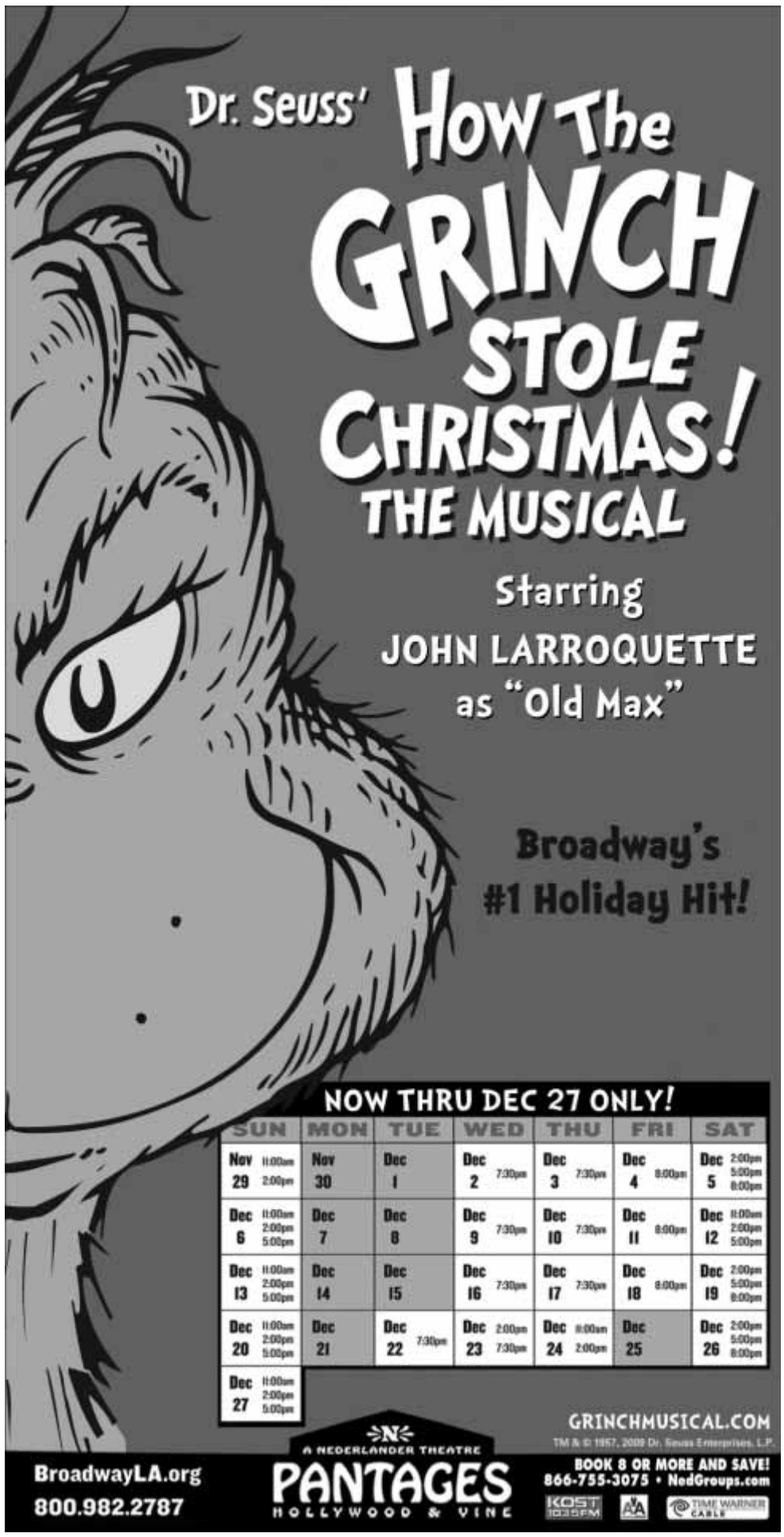
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Gift ideas for your favorite foodie who has everything

BY J.M. HIRSCH
AP Food Editor

Stymied by what to get the fussy foodie in your life?

Take this bit of advice — we all have more than enough aprons (kitschy, frilly, manly, profane and otherwise) that we don't wear; bottles of decorative vinegars consume valuable kitchen real estate and are so '90s; and with only two hands we can use only so many pot holders.

If you want to please a picky cook, look for gifts that solve problems and make work easier, or at least make it easier to love the work. Here are some suggestions that may make this year's holiday gift hunt a little less stressed.

HOST GIFT

When headed to someone's house for dinner, anyone can bring a bottle of wine or bouquet of flowers. To make an impression, head to the grocer and get a stalk of Brussels sprouts, instead. A stalk of sprouts (usually 2 to 3 feet long) has a rustic beauty and is easily dressed up with a ribbon or a wrap of tissue paper. The stalks are in season, cost just a few dollars and your host gets to eat the sprouts the next day.

Sprouts not your thing? Form a large cone out of butcher's paper or heavy-duty wrapping paper. Fold and tape the bottom of the cone, then fill it with pecans and walnuts (in the shell). Top the nuts with a wedge of Parmesan cheese and a nut cracker.

STOCKING STUFFERS

For the foodie with a techie bent (and an iPhone or iTouch), consider getting an iTunes gift card. Sure, they can download some tunes to jam to while whipping up dinner, but there also are numerous apps that make cooking easier and more fun.

Spend some time searching iTunes and assemble a list of suggestions for your recipient. While there are the obvious food and wine pairing apps, and recipe and grocery list options galore, there also are handy programs such as Convert ($2.99) from Tap Tap Tap.

This graceful app lets you convert units of just about anything, from distance and dollars to weight and volume. No more guessing about how many fluid ounces are in a cup (eight) or how many teaspoons are in a pint (96).

Hispanic food is where it's at, but if you don't speak the language venturing beyond chain restaurant offerings can be intimidating. Which makes Lourdes Castro's new pocket-style dictionary, "Eat, Drink, Think in Spanish" (Ten Speed Press, $18.99) so helpful.

Like most translation dictionaries, Castro's is divided into English-Spanish and Spanish-English sections. It will have your foodie navigating Hispanic markets with ease.

UTILITY OVER BEAUTY

Like measuring cups and wooden spoons, no kitchen can have enough towels. Skip the decorative ones found at most homes stores; they are pricey and not all that absorbent. So-called flour sack towels, the variety used in many professional kitchens, are a better choice.

These thin but large cotton towels wipe clean and absorb well. They are available at a bargain price from many online retailers, including Amazon.com, which sells a 12-pack for $22.39.

Most home cooks don't have good knives. And those who do often don't take proper care of them, which includes regular sharpening. Do you favorite cook a favor and get a gift certificate for knife sharpening. (Some hardware shops and many online specialty stores offer this service. Prices vary widely, but can start as low as $4 per knife.)

Or give them a good knife. To give your foodie a real edge, check out the Miyabi line of Japanese-style knives from Zwilling J.A. Henckels. These ultra-sharp knives are beautifully balanced, hold their edge well and sport an unusually long but comfortable handle.

Prices vary by style of knife, but you can expect to pay between $100 and $200 for the larger chef-style knives.

FOR KIDS

This one may get me in trouble, but I'm a firm believer in involving children in the kitchen. And that includes giving them their own knives at a very young age (my son got a 5-inch chef's knife for his second birthday).

Teaching children how to safely use a knife can be easy. When my son first got his knife, he had to follow one simple rule — if one hand is on the knife, the other had to be at his side and off the cutting board. It made it virtually impossible for him to cut himself.

This approach doesn't initially teach proper knife skills (having one hand at your side doesn't allow for holding the food being cut), but it fosters confidence working with knives and food. Three years later, my son is a pro who can hold his food and cut at the same time.

If you are going to give a young child a knife, grip and length are important. I got my son the Rachel Ray Furi Gusto Grip Li'l Edgy 5-Inch Santoku Knife ($28.99 online), which has a brightly colored, sticky silicone grip. It's a good length and won't slip out of his hand.

Not ready to arm your toddler with a knife? There are plenty of working cooking sets and utensils marketed especially for children. Playful Inc.'s Playful Chef Kit, for example, includes a variety of kid-size tools, an apron and recipe cards colored coded to the tools.

The kits, available in two sizes, come in a backpack for storing the gear. The sell for about $37.99 online.

FOR BIG SPENDERS

Got a cook who simply must have the latest and greatest? Think they'd mind waiting until the day after Christmas?

Check out All-Clad's new line of stainless cookware. Called Stainless with d5 Technology (for the five layers of stainless steel and aluminum from which they are made), these heavy-duty pots and pans sport the usual solid All-Clad elegance.

Those five layers make for exceptionally even cooking. There was a noticeable improvement even over All-Clad's own earlier stainless steel cookware lines. The outer layer of steel also has been crafted to work with induction (magnetic) burners.

The pans are available from Williams-Sonoma. Expect to pay about $800 for a 10-piece set. Individual pans start at $99.95. But in a decision that simply boggles the mind, they won't be available until Dec. 26.

Crispy seafood without the fat

JIM ROMANOFF
For The Associated Press

The Italian Christmas Eve tradition of serving a meal consisting of at least seven different seafood dishes can be a boon for healthy eating. That is, unless you work fried fish into the mix.

But if you want to keep the crunch without crashing your diet, you can make crispy seafood part of a merry Christmas.

Oven-frying fish or shellfish can give you results that are close to deep-fried, but with dramatic cuts in fat and calories.

The first step is to coat fish fillets, shrimp or scallops with a layer of buttermilk, mustard, or even a low-fat creamy salad dressing. Then coat the pieces with fresh seasoned breadcrumbs, crushed flake cereals or cornmeal.

Panko, a Japanese-style breadcrumb that can be found in the Asian section of most grocers, has a lighter, crispier texture than most Western-style breadcrumbs, making it well-suited for oven frying.

You also can use spices such as ground chilies, herbs or even a bit of grated Parmesan cheese to boost the flavor even more.

Next, all sides of the coated seafood are misted with cooking spray. This helps the coating crisp without adding much fat. And to get golden, crispy results on all sides, the fish is cooked on a wire rack. This allows hot air to circulate under and around each piece.

Fresh herb and panko-crusted tilapia fillets

Start to finish: 30 minutes (10 minutes active)
Servings: 4
Olive oil cooking spray
1/4 cup buttermilk
1/2 tsp. salt
1/4 tsp. ground black pepper
1 1/4 pounds tilapia fillets
2 cups panko (Japanese-style) breadcrumbs
2 tbs.s finely chopped fresh flat-leaf parsley
1 tbs. finely chopped fresh basil
1 tbs. finely chopped fresh oregano
1 tsp. garlic powder
1 lemon, cut into wedges

Place a rack in top third of oven. Heat the oven to 425 degrees. Set a wire rack on a baking sheet and coat it with cooking spray.

In a bowl, whisk together the buttermilk, salt and pepper. Add fish fillets and turn to coat evenly.

In a shallow bowl or pie plate, combine the panko, parsley, basil, oregano and garlic powder.

One at a time, dredge each piece of fish through the breadcrumb mixture, coating both sides evenly. Arrange the fish on the prepared rack. Coat evenly with cooking spray on all sides.

Bake for 12 to 15 minutes, or until the panko coating is golden brown and crisp, and the fish is opaque at the center. Serve with lemon wedges.

Nutrition information per serving (values are rounded to the nearest whole number): 361 calories; 50 calories from fat; 6 g fat (2 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 71 mg cholesterol; 41 g carbohydrate; 36 g protein; 3 g fiber; 726 mg sodium.

Finding a book for every cook

BY MICHELE KAYAL
For The Associated Press

Whether your holiday gift list is filled with gourmet chefs, television addicts or people who just love a good tale, this year's crop of cookbooks and other food-related volumes offers some excellent gift choices. Here's a guide to help you pick through the deluge.

FOR FOOD NEWORK JUNKIES

Can't pry that friend/cousin/husband/wife away from the Food Network? Stash a copy of "Alton Brown's Good Eats: The Early Years" (Stewart, Tabori & Chang, $37.50) under the tree. Brown's wacky spunk drives the episode-by-episode breakdown of his hit show's first six seasons. Complete with 140 recipes and a fold-out poster!

"Ace of Cakes: Inside the World of Charm City Cakes" (William Morrow, $35) offers a photo album-scrapbook of life at Baltimore's Charm City Bakery, the birthplace of those spectacular towers of fondant featured on the show.

Or surprise your aspiring Top Chef with "Top Chef: The Quickfire Cookbook" (Chronicle Books, $19.95), a collection of 75 recipes from the show plus advice on staging your own Quickfire Challenges at home.

FOR CHEF GROUPIES

Know someone two steps away from tattooing "I Love Ramen" across their chest? Give them "Momofuku" (Clarkson Potter, $40), super-chef David Chang's spirited account of creating his beloved and unlikely group of New York restaurants.

Last year, devotees of British chef Heston Blumenthal would have paid $250 for the cookbook illuminating his science-enabled cooking. The recession-friendly re-issue of "The Fat Duck" cookbook clocks in at $50 and offers everything but the gilt (honest) and size (down to 5 pounds from 12). No one will ever cook from it, but it is an extraordinary and beautiful monograph (Bloomsbury, $50).

For the truly chef obsessed, "Coco: 10 World-Leading Masters, 100 Contemporary Chefs" (Phaidon, $49.95) tasks 10 chefs — including Ferran Adria, Mario Batali and Alice Waters — with critiquing 100 contemporaries in a cookbook-restaurant guide-who's who on the international food scene.

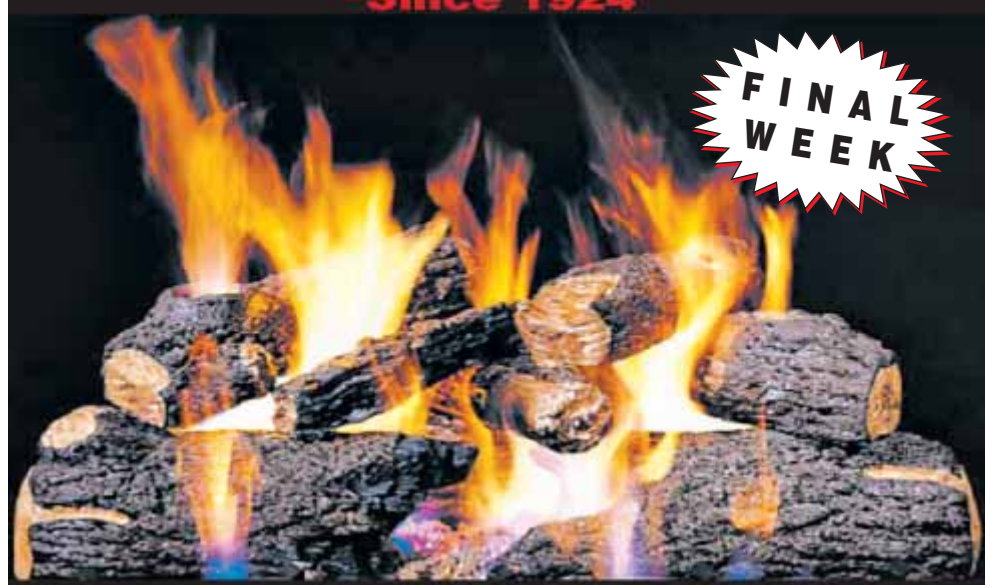
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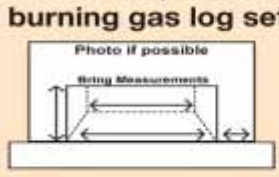
No serious cook can live without "Larousse Gastronomique," the authoritative culinary encyclopedia that dates to 1938. This 2009 revision (Clarkson Potter, $90) includes cooking methods that have emerged since the 2001 update, such as sous vide and molecular gastronomy, new biographies of contemporary chefs such as Ferran Adria, and more than 400 photographs.

Think of "The Deluxe Food Lover's Companion" (Barron's, $29.99) as Larousse-lite, a handy, accessible, countertop reference for more than 6,000 tools, techniques, ingredients and tips.

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ASKING FOR RELIEF: **Freda Mendelsohn applied for a rent decrease but was denied by her landlord. More tenants have been asking the Rent Control Board about rent decreases because of the struggling economy making it harder to make rent.**

Rent reductions more common, but not every request approved

FROM **RENT** PAGE 1

Michael Millman, an attorney and property owner in Santa Monica who urged the board to clarify its policy on temporary rent reductions, said many landlords are offering tenants temporary reductions in a time of high vacancies.

"It's not the tenants that are coming to the owners, it's the owners coming to the tenant saying, 'Look, if you stay here I'll reduce your rent,'" he said.

It was important for the Rent Control Board to clarify the rules to prevent potential disputes once the economy improves and owners want to increase rents, he said.

Millman said, given the Rent Control Board's "spiritual, intellectual and philosophical make up," owners were concerned that tenants might be able to successfully argue temporary rent reductions should become permanent.

Wes Wellman, president of Wellman Realty Co. and the Action Apartment Association, which represents scores of landlords in Santa Monica, agreed that it's become more common for local apartment owners to grant temporary reductions in rent.

"In the vast majority of cases, owners have learned that it's better to adjust [rents] to market" rather than risk ending up with empty buildings, he said. Landlords have lately become "very proactive working to retain tenants," he added.

Still, not every request for a temporary rent reduction meets with approval.

In a letter to her landlord in November, Mendelsohn, who pays $717 a month for a one bedroom apartment on Stanford Street south of Wilshire Boulevard, explained her difficulties before asking for leniency.

"The work that I have been doing as a contract reporter has been severely cut back," she wrote. "I am 87 years old and in need of a knee replacement and will be incapacitated for probably six months so that I will have to live on my Social Security income … . This is a very difficult favor for me to ask, but my situation is such, as you can see, [that it's] necessary for me to make this request of you."

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The response she received from RDM Management, Inc. the next day denied her request.

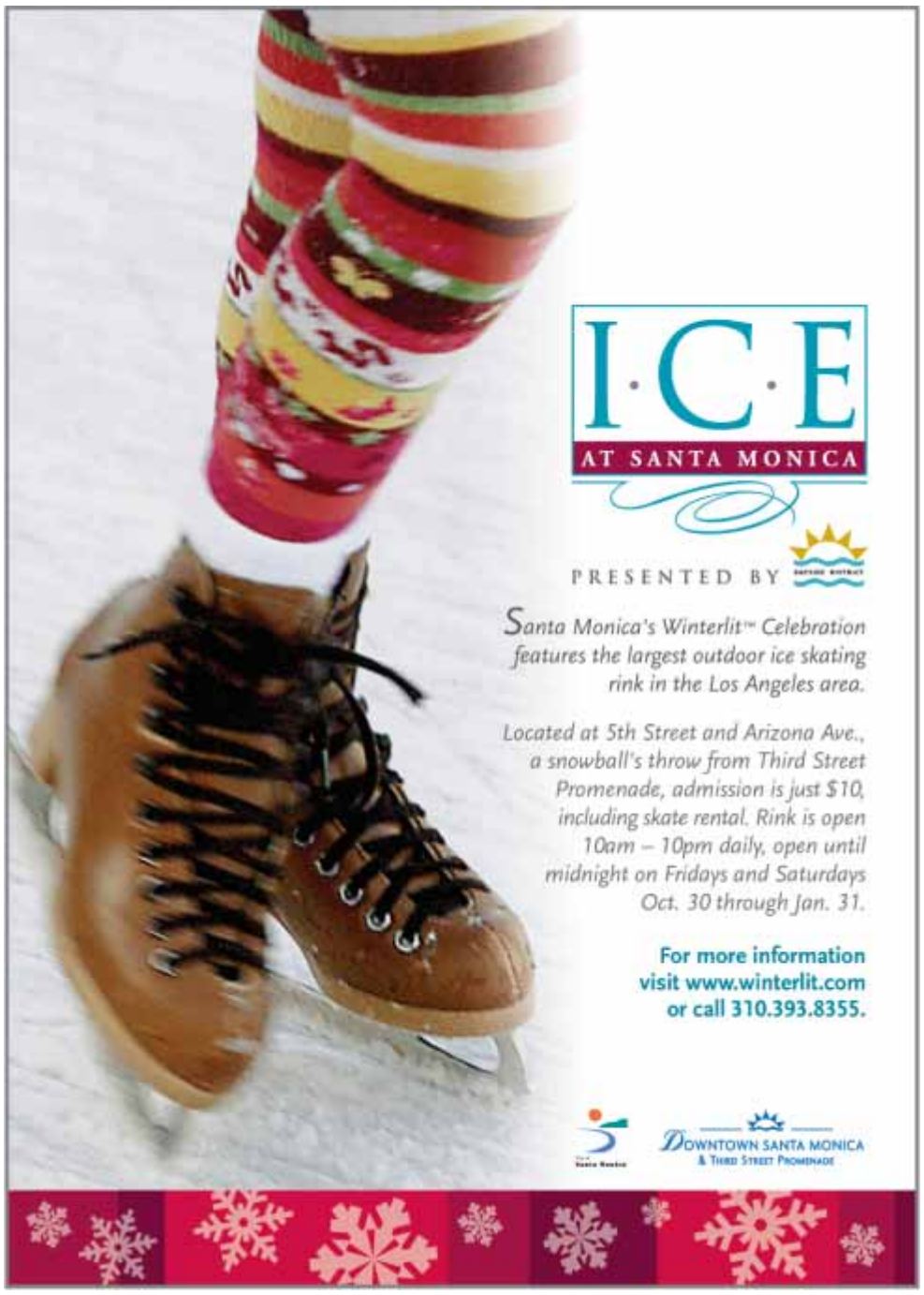
"Based on the market rents in your area and other rent amounts in your building, your current rent is far below market rent," the letter said in explanation.

"I was disappointed, but I wasn't surprised," Mendelsohn said. "It leaves me with hardly anything. My children started to help me — at least I'll have food."

Robert Kronovet, a rent control board member and property manager, said he's happy to hear from constituents, but added it's inappropriate for the board to intervene in disputes where there's no allegation of mistreatment by either party.

"[Tenants] can vent their issue as they wish but the Rent Control Board is not designed to interfere with the relationship between a tenant and their housing provider," he said.

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Parent Resource Network to expand to all schools in 2010

FROM SPECIAL ED PAGE 1

grader who has epilepsy and is developmentally delayed — first started school, saying that she had good and bad experiences, including fighting to get supervision for her son in the first grade because he was having seizures.

Hobart said she also felt in the past that the district wanted to keep parents away from each other.

"They didn't want us talking to one another, sharing stories and tips and advice but it's a new day in the district and I couldn't be happier," she said.

Her son attends McKinley Elementary School and daughter, who is in general education, is a student at Franklin Elementary.

Hobart decided to join the Special Education Committee and volunteer for the PRN because she understands how lonely it can be to have a child with special needs.

There are about 25 parent volunteers with the program, many of whom received training last year with officials from the San Ramon Valley Unified School District, which experienced a similar set of challenges in its program several years ago. The PTA there formed its own Special Needs Committee in the fall of 2002 to provide support to parents and serve as an informational resource for both families and district staff.

All 17 Santa Monica-Malibu schools are expected to have a Parent Resource Network volunteer next year.

"Schools can be daunting and people don't understand how it works and may be intimidated," Superintendent Tim Cuneo said. "This is a way for them to have that connection to help them out."

> **"THEY HAVE A REAL DESIRE TO CREATE AN AVENUE WHERE PARENTS IN NEED OF INFORMATION CAN GO TO SOMEONE WHOSE IN A LIKE SITUATION FOR INFORMATION."**
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> **Theresa Harris**
> Chair, Special Education
> District Advisory Committee

Moran was approached by the PTA president at Grant Elementary about joining the Parent Resource Network, agreeing to volunteer given her own experience.

"I would have appreciated having the Parent Resource Network so I feel really good about being a person who can help parents make that connection and answer people's questions because it was very difficult for me," she said.

The reception from parents has been positive.

"The parents seem really happy to have someone to talk to and I would say that they use (the network) a lot," Moran said. "I get a call probably every week."

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Vikings turn attention to tournaments

FROM HOOPS PAGE 3

Verdugo said.

The 2-1 Vikings now turn their attention to the fifth place game of the Brea Olinda against Narbonne on Saturday. Samohi will again be without the services of junior transfers Moriah Faulk and Bianka Balthazar, who have yet to be cleared by the CIF to play. Verdugo hopes they will be available within a week once the required paperwork is completed.

"We don't want to do anything and have CIF come back and say they weren't allowed to play," Verdugo said.

Once Samohi completes the Brea Olinda Tournament this weekend, the Vikings will begin the Redondo Tournament on Monday. This will give Samohi another chance at revenge; this time against Long Beach's Millikan High School, who knocked the Vikings out of last year's tournament with a buzzer beater.

Later this month, Samohi will take part in the massive Nike Tournament of Champions in Arizona. They will be part of a field of 16 teams that Verdugo expects to tout a number of high-powered teams that will give his Vikings a good idea of where they stand going forward into the season.

"(The tournament) is huge for us," Verdugo said of the trip to Arizona.

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'Up'

Leading animated filmmaker Pete Docter ("Wall-E," "Monsters Inc.") directs this box office winner that features the voices of Ed Asner, Christopher Plummer, Delroy Lindo and John Ratzenberger in a humorous and crowd-pleasing adventure. By tying thousands of balloons to his home, 78-year-old Carl Fredricksen (Asner) sets out to fulfill his lifelong dream to journey through South America. Soon after taking off he discovers he has a travel companion. Russell (Jordan Nagai), a wilderness seeking explorer in his own right and about 70 years younger than Carl, has inadvertently become a stowaway on the trip. Bonus segments include short films on some of the characters, filmmaker commentary and a documentary of the filmmakers' trip to research the story in South America. (Disney)

'Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone' Ultimate Edition

This filmed version of "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone," adapted from the very popular book by J.K. Rowling, brings to life Harry Potter's world of Hogwarts, the school for young witches and wizards. The four-disc set comes with both the theatrical and extended versions. There are five hours of special features, including a new documentary – "Creating The World of Harry Potter" Part 1: The Magic Begins, in which viewers get an inside, in-depth look at the planning, creativity, personalities and other elements that went into the initial creation of Harry's screen world. A 48-page photo book features: Diagon Alley; Tour the Gryffindor Common Room, Harry's Room and the Great Hall – A self-guided tour of Hogwarts; Classrooms: Defense Against The Dark Arts; Spells And Charms; Potions; Transfiguration; Third Floor Corridor; "A Glimpse into the World of Harry Potter" 2001 international TV special; deleted scenes; trailers and TV spots; and a digital copy of the theatrical film. You'll also get a lesson from Oliver Wood on how to play quidditch and tour Hagrid's hut. (Warner Bros.)

'Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets' Ultimate Edition

Harry's second year at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry involves a darker, more sinister beginning with the petrified bodies of several Hogwarts students and magical clues leading Harry (Daniel Radcliffe), Ron (Rupert Grint), and Hermione (Emma Watson) to a 50-year-old mystery in the monster-laden Chamber of Secrets. The four-disc set with theatrical and extended versions includes a bonus digital copy. The second part of "Creating The World of Harry Potter" eight-part documentary: Part 2: Characters, presents a first-hand look at the unique strengths of each of the films' directors and what they brought to the principal characters in the Harry Potter film series. The five hours of special features covers a photo gallery; deleted scenes; an EA game preview; screen tests of Daniel Radcliffe, Rupert Grint and Emma Watson; "Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets Revealed" 2002 HBO First Look special; trailers and TV spots; Lockhart's classroom; a self-guided tour of Professor Dumbledore's office and Diagon Alley; a conversation with J.K. Rowling and Steve Kloves: the author and screenwriter detail how the books are brought to life and the changes that happen in the process. There is also a Spellcaster Knowledge Challenge game and a 48-page photo book. (Warner Bros.)

'National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation' Collector's Edition

"Bah! Humbug!" can never be far from Christmas cheer with Chevy Chase as a disaster-prone dad determined to celebrate the holiday in the old-fashioned way. Inside a collectibles gift tin include a replica of Clark Griswold's holiday Santa hat, a set of holiday themed drink coasters with memorable quotes from the film, a box of faux snow and an "I Survived a Griswold Family Christmas" button. (Warner Bros)

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Play Time

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Cain and Shakespeare write a history for the winners

I'M HAVING A HARD TIME COALESCING my thoughts about Bill Cain's new play, "Equivocation."

Enjoyable, yes. Easy, not so much.

An anachronistic, erudite visit with William Shakespeare and what he might have called "The Old Globe Gang," the play begins with an order issued by King James I for a new drama to establish the "true history" of the Gunpowder Plot of 1605. This act of treason, an attempt to blow up The Houses of Parliament and the King and return England to its "true faith," Catholicism, was a failure, but a colorful one. It remains in the public memory as Guy Fawkes Day, which the Brits still observe with bonfires and fireworks every Nov. 5. In actuality, however, the treasonous plot had been fabricated by the King's (Protestant) partisans to provide a rationale for confiscating the property of the Church and executing certain "enemies of the Crown."

Now, as true in the 17th century as it is in the 21st, that "history is written by the winners," King James' chief advisor (read "Dick Cheney"), Sir Robert Cecil, has been sent with specific directives for Shakespeare's new historical play.

The commission presents Shakespeare with an ethical dilemma: How to maintain his integrity while rewriting history to please a monarch who has just had the audacity to rewrite the Bible in his own name. Thus, equivocation, defined in the dictionary as "a statement that is not literally false but that cleverly avoids an unpleasant truth." Or, as put succinctly by the character of Father Henry Garnet, "telling the truth in difficult times." The secret, according to Garnet, is not to answer the question asked, but the one that will follow. For example, if a soldier comes to your door and asks if you are harboring a criminal, the "truthful" answer might be "yes." But the answer to the next question, "Will you let me inside to arrest him?" is "no." Thus, he sums up, "equivocation is telling the truth but not getting caught at it."

Telling the absolute truth while rewriting history, however, becomes, for Shakespeare, a question of "your King or your soul." Even though his daughter Judith remarks sardonically, "How can there be anything true in a play!" and Father Henry Garnet assures him that, if there is blood, "it will wash."

Meanwhile, each of Shakespeare's players morph back and forth from his historical contemporaries to the actors portraying characters in his plays. Harry Groener, for example, plays Richard Burbage, a famous actor in Shakespeare's company, who plays King Lear and Macbeth onstage. Groener also plays Father Henry Garnet, a true character who was hanged for his supposed role in the actual Gunpowder Plot. In short, each actor plays multiple parts, often using Shakespeare's very words to define and amplify their opinions.

If all this sounds confusing, you can't imagine how convoluted it gets when Shakespeare (the always excellent Joe Spano) begins a diatribe about political strategies, terrorism, and torture that reverberates as a virtual denunciation of current policies in 21st century America. "You can't legislate soul into a country," he asserts. "For that, you need a story." Or, as in America's current situation, "to reduce all reality to spectacle."

Playwright Bill Cain was once a Jesuit priest, a juggler, and the founder and artistic director of the Boston Shakespeare Company. His previous plays, "Stand-Up Tragedy" and "Thicker Than Blood," have won numerous awards and he has won a Peabody Award for Outstanding Achievement in Television for the ABC series "Nothing Sacred." "Equivocation," which premiered at the Oregon Shakespeare Festival earlier this year, has been trimmed and tweaked a bit for its current production at the Geffen Playhouse and is currently being produced in theaters around the country.

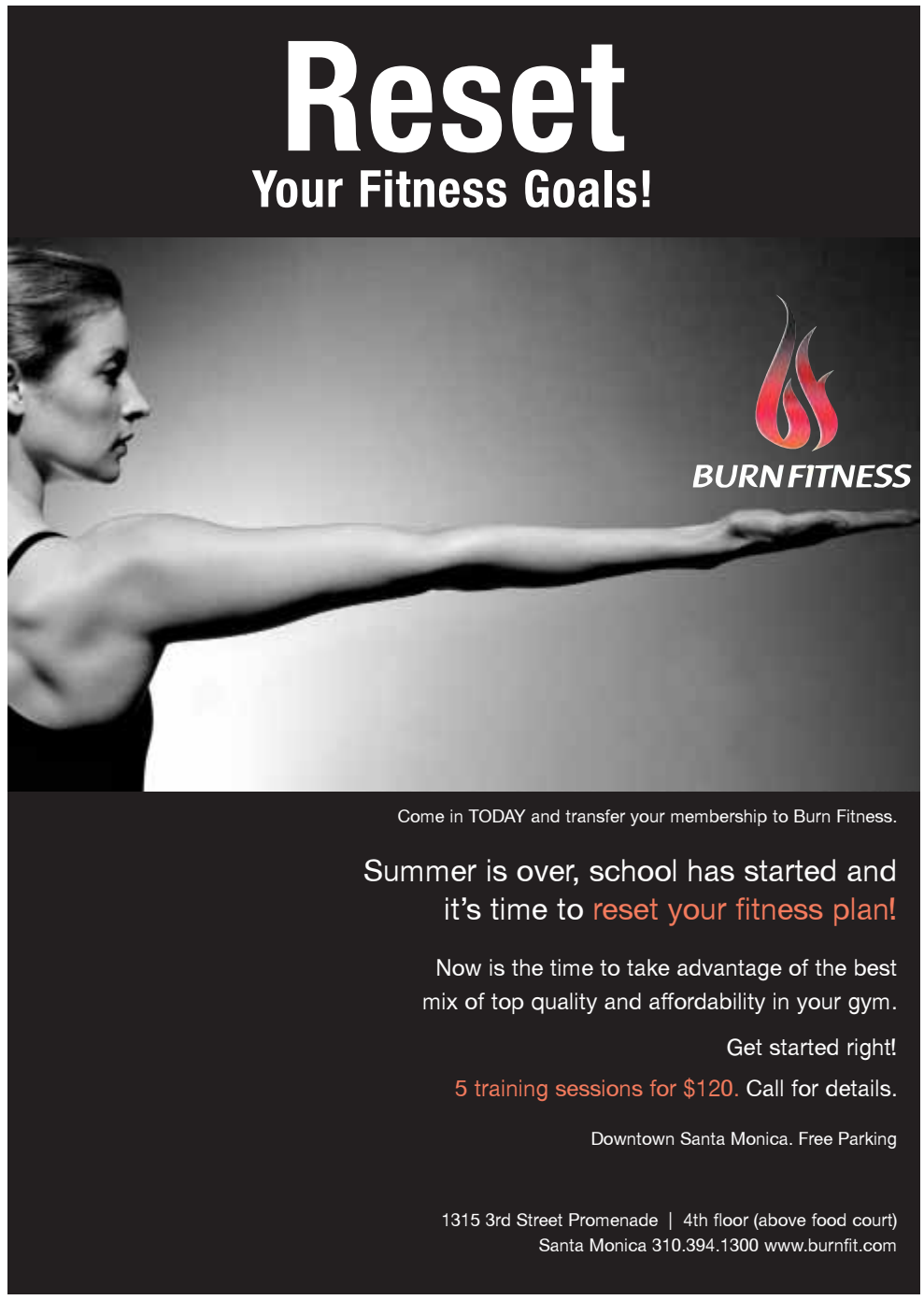
In the Los Angeles production, in addition to Joe Spano and Troian Bellisario, as Shakespeare (called here "Shag") and his daughter Judith, the cast includes Patrick J. Adams, Harry Groener, Brian Henderson and Connor Trinneer. They march to the beat of David Esbjornson, director and set designer, who could have provided the production with a little more clarity and a less boring set. Frances Kenny's costumes, Scott Zielinski's lighting, and Jon Gottlieb's sound design, however, match the fervor and intensity of the acting. And, if you are well versed in your Shakespeare, there are even a few laughs! All in all, a must-see for Shakespeare buffs and a worthwhile entertainment for the rest of us.

"Equivocation" will continue at The Geffen Playhouse Tuesday through Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 3 p.m. and 8 p.m., and Sunday at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. through Dec. 20. The Geffen Playhouse is located at 10886 Le Conte Ave. in Westwood. Phone (310) 208-5454 for reservations.

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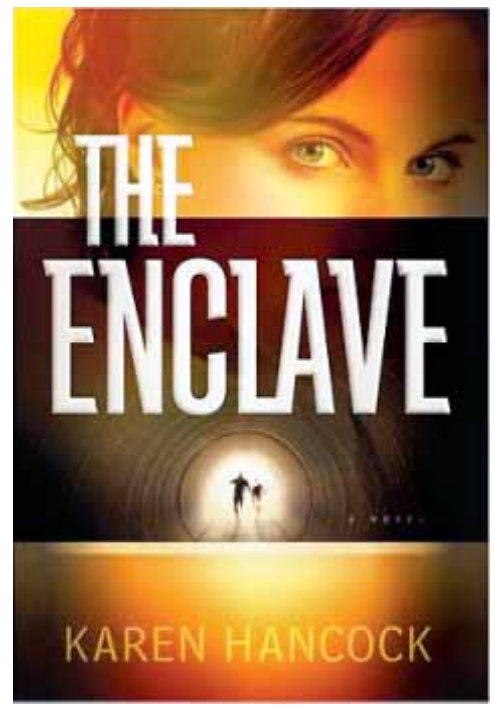
BOOKREVIEW

BY DANE ROBERT SWANSON



'The Enclave'

By Karen Hancock • Bethany House



Bethany House adds another exciting suspense tale to its line up. This one is set in a research facility where everything is not as it seems.

Someone is trying to convince Lacey McHenry that she is having hallucinations. A new arrival at the lab, she is assigned to work in the frog lab. The action begins when she is attacked in the frog lab by an intruder. "Maybe seventeen or eighteen years old, he was tall, lanky, and course featured with strong brow and jaw."

Someone is releasing the frogs from the tanks and eating the legs. The lab director is trying to hush something up. What is it that he is afraid to have known?

Our other main character is a geneticist, Dr. Cameron Reinhardt, who is a bit absent minded and is unaware of what the longevity institute he works in is doing. He is the only one who believes her.

What we have here is a tale of genetic engineering gone wrong. As the story progresses we have the story running on two different levels: the lab and a place called New Eden. Dr. Cameron Reinhardt is having flashbacks to his time in Afghanistan. Director Swain is trying to say Cameron is unbalanced. But there is something that is going on that triggers the flashbacks.

The story plot line is too on two levels. We have a rescue plot line when it is discovered that New Eden is not what it seems and the inhabitants must be saved from destruction by a person named Father to whom they proclaim affirmation.

The other plot line is control of life. Who ultimately has the right to create? Does the scientist in the lab? Should they do so and what is the outcome?

There is a lot of talk about cloning in the news today. Science is able to do many wondrous things but should they? And who is going to be able to keep ego in check? How far will you go to cover up? Who is going to control the creator? These are just some of the questions that this suspenseful tale touches on.

The story gets intense when the two worlds — New Eden and the lab — intersect in a believable way. How are the two related? This forms a story within a story that at the end when brought together offer a thrilling and violent confrontation.

The story also works as science fiction. If so, Bethany House is entering the science fiction genre as a possible market.

Escape can be sought in a book. The best looking book reviewer in Santa Monica is going to be offering you a trio of suspense books. Stay tuned in the weeks to come. Meanwhile you can contact **DANE** at smdp_review@yahoo.com and put your two cents in.

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Drop in jobless rate raises hopes

CHRISTOPHER S. RUGABER & JEANNINE AVERSA
AP Economics Writers

WASHINGTON Two years of steep job cuts all but ended last month, unexpectedly pulling down the unemployment rate and raising hopes for a lasting economic recovery.

Federal figures released Friday showed that the rate fell from 10.2 percent in October to 10 percent as employers shed the fewest number of jobs since the recession began two years ago. The government also said far fewer jobs were lost in September and October than first reported.

And the so-called underemployment rate, counting part-time workers who want full-time jobs and laid-off workers who have given up their job hunt, also fell, from 17.5 percent in October to 17.2 percent.

The better-than-expected figures provided a rare dose of good news for the economy, but the respite may be temporary. Job creation is still so weak that more than 15 million out-of-work Americans face fierce competition for few openings.

"We will need very substantial job growth to get unemployment lower, especially when the labor force ... starts growing again," said Lawrence Mishel, president of the Economic Policy Institute, a liberal think tank.

Even counting last month's decline, the unemployment rate has more than doubled from 4.9 percent when the recession began.

The report showed how hard it remains to find work. The number of people jobless for at least six months rose last month to 5.9 million. And the average length of unemployment has risen to more than 28 weeks, the longest on record dating to 1948.

Carolyn Malone of Milwaukee had not looked for work in decades — until she was laid off from her customer-service job in May.

Malone, 62, laughed when asked Friday how many jobs she had applied for. She can't remember. But she does recall how many landed her an interview: One. It didn't lead to a job.

"I just want to get my toe in the door," she said, scrolling through her e-mail at a hiring center.

Still, economists and investors drew hope from Friday's Labor Department report. Employers sliced just 11,000 jobs in November, compared with a loss of 111,000 jobs in October. It was the best reading since December 2007 — the last time the economy added jobs and the start of the worst recession since the 1930s.

The unemployment rate had not fallen since July, when it declined from 9.5 percent to 9.4 percent.

Factories, retailers, construction companies — hardest hit by the recession — all slowed the pace of layoffs in November. So did transportation companies and those in leisure and hospitality.

Job gains were produced in education, health care and professional and business services, which mostly reflected temporary hiring. The government added workers, too. Those included states and localities, mainly reflecting the hiring of teachers.

President Barack Obama welcomed the news but lamented that too many Americans "have felt the gut punch of a pink slip."

Facing the prospect of high unemployment well into the 2012 presidential election year, Obama is drafting a proposal to try to stimulate hiring.

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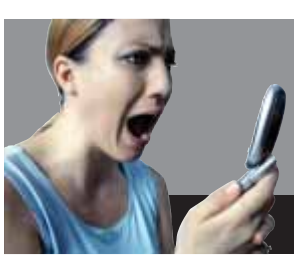

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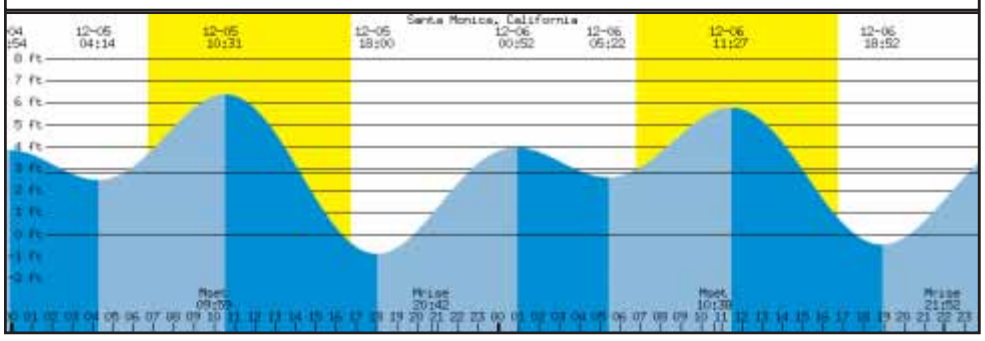
Swell Forecast

Should be the peak day of this swell with chest+ surf at most west facing breaks, waist to perhaps chest high at times at direct south facing spots.

Long Range Synopsis

Looks smaller as this swell should back off. Winds are likely to be lightly onshore. Rain is currently forecast for the evening.

Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica



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QUICK STATS (for the last 28 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 0
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 8
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 40 / 14
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 5 / 2

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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
Los Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Seguit Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechasa and Las Alisos creeks.	A+	A+
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	A+
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	B	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	A+
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	A	ns
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A+	A+
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A	ns
Solstice Canyon at Don Blacker County Beach.	F	A+
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	A+	F
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	ns
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	A	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	A+	ns
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	ns
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	A+	A+
Tuna Canyon.	ns	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	A	ns
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	B	F
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	C	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	A+	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A+	ns
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	F	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	A+	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A+	ns
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A	ns
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A+	A+
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A	ns
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	F	A+
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A+	ns
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St..	A+	ns
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower.	F	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	A	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	A+	A+
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	A	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty).	A	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	A+	A+
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant.	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	A	ns

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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NCAA FOOTBALL

Carroll doesn't apologize for exuberance on field

BY GREG BEACHAM
AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES The officiating crew cautioned Pete Carroll during halftime at last season's Rose Bowl. If Southern California kept celebrating its success with the same wild abandon, the Trojans would get a 15-yard penalty or more.

The warning hit a nerve in the Trojans' decorated coach, who considers himself something of an ambassador for fun in football.

"I blew it, because I wanted to make them call that penalty," Carroll said Tuesday during yet another round of discussion of the Trojans' enthusiastic actions at the close of last week's 28-7 victory over UCLA.

"I wish we would have done it so they would have called the penalty on us," Carroll recalled of that blowout win over Penn State. "So we could have gotten penalized for having too much fun, because I don't understand that."

Heading into their season finale against Arizona, Carroll said the Trojans (8-3, 5-3 Pac-10) won't change the fun-filled, flamboyant ways in which they celebrate everything from a big play in practice to a winning touchdown in the Rose Bowl — even though they won't be celebrating a BCS berth for the first time since 2001.

Yet the Trojans' sportsmanship again was called into question last weekend: First for the decision to throw a long touchdown pass in the final minute of their win, and then for the hopping, chanting, team-wide celebration on the sideline during the ensuing TV timeout, drawing the Bruins out to midfield for a shouting match that appeared to be one punch away from a brawl.

Carroll insists the celebration was nothing out of the ordinary for players who are encouraged to get together on the sidelines to send the Trojans' special teams onto the field after each score.

"I don't know if you've ever noticed that, but we do that," Carroll said. "We've been doing that a long time, and that happens across the sidelines, and over the sidelines. That's where we were. We were on our side of the numbers."

The USC program has more than its share of remarkable achievements, from the row of Heisman Trophies greeting visitors entering Heritage Hall to the now-ending decade of Pac-10 domination that includes two national championships.

Carroll's exuberant intensity in every aspect of football also sets the Trojans apart. The players who chose Carroll's style out of high school are eager to preserve the high-energy approach, even when others say they cross the lines of decorum as easily as the goal line.

"I haven't seen any team in the country do the stuff we do," USC linebacker Michael Morgan said. "As far as jumping up and down, showing the love for the game and being free, nobody does that like us. ... We didn't cross the field (against UCLA). They were the ones up there. We celebrate after every touchdown, so I guess they just got mad. Before every touchdown, every special teams kickoff, we're always like this."

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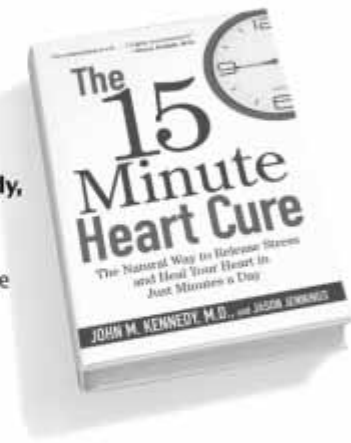
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Star Trek III: In Search of Spock (PG) 1hr 45min
Star Trek IV: The Voyage Home (PG) 1hr 59min
7:30

Sunday
London River (NR) 1hr 27min brenda blethyn
The Door (NR) 1min
7:30

AMC Loews Broadway 4
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Bad Lieutenant: Port of Call New Orleans (R) 2hr 1min
11:15am, 1:55, 4:40, 7:20, 10:00

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

Pirate Radio (R) 1hr 55min
11:20am, 2:05, 5:00, 7:40, 10:25

The Men Who Stare at Goats (R) 1hr 33min
11:10am, 1:40, 4:15, 7:00, 9:30

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2012 (PG-13) 2hr 38min
12:00, 3:30, 7:00, 10:20

Disney's A Christmas Carol in Disney Digital 3D (PG) 1hr 36min
11:30am, 1:50, 4:20, 6:50, 9:20

Fantastic Mr. Fox (PG) 1hr 27min
11:25am

Fantastic Mr. Fox (PG) 1hr 27min (Digital Presentation)
12:20, 2:40, 5:00, 7:15, 9:40

Ninja Assassin (R) 1hr 39min
12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30

Old Dogs (PG) 1hr 28min
11:50am, 2:10, 4:30, 6:40, 9:00

Brothers (R) 1hr 50min
11:20am, 2:00, 4:40, 7:30, 10:10

The Hurt Locker (R) 2hrs 10min
1:40, 4:50, 7:45, 10:45

Laemmle's Monica Fourplex
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Coco Before Chanel (PG-13) 2hr 5min
1:10, 4:00, 7:00

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

Precious (R) 1hr 59min
1:40, 4:30, 7:20, 10:00

The End of Poverty? (NR) 1hr 59min
1:30, 7:00

Everybody's Fine (PG-13) 1hr 50min
1:50, 4:40, 7:30, 9:55

Inglourious Basterds (R) 2hrs 48min
9:40

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The Blind Side (PG-13) 2hrs 6min
11:40 am, 1:20, 2:20, 4:20, 5:20, 7:10, 8:15, 10:10, 11:00

Planet 51 (PG) 1hr 31min
12:30, 2:40, 4:50, 7:30, 9:40

The Twilight Saga: New Moon (PG-13) 2hrs 10min
11:10 am, 1:00, 2:00, 4:05, 5:00, 7:00, 8:00, 10:00, 11:00

Armored (PG-13) 1hr 28min
12:50, 3:00, 5:10, 7:20, 9:30, 11:40

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Let your spirit soar, Sagittarius

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ You are full of fun and energy, and a child is very drawn to this playfulness. You will wonder which way to go or what is best for you. Your understanding grows to a new level. When you just relax, you connect on a deeper level. Tonight: Put on your dancing shoes.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ You might want to stay close to home in the afternoon. Start decorating and getting into the holiday season. How you handle a matter and what you do could change radically once you hear news. Even after you absorb new information, hold back for a while. Tonight: Put on a favorite piece of music.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Keep the give-and-take between you and others. Though someone might really want you to him- or herself you might not be inclined to do just that. Juggling your desires with this person's needs could be interesting. You could do this successfully. Tonight: Hang out.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ Get into shopping and clear out as much as you can. In fact, once you get into the spirit of the holiday, you are all smiles. Stop and meet a friend for some eggnog or dinner. Tonight: Your treat!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ You are on cruise control and feeling as if it could be difficult to stop you. A heavy conversation could cause you a hassle. Listen to what is being shared by a child or loved one. Take it to heart. Tonight: What you want.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ Listen if you want to understand a lot more of what is going on. You'll see a situation in a far different light. Remain sensitive to a roommate or someone you care deeply about. Tonight: Vanish and know that you don't need to explain.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Remember what you like most about each person as you choose his or her holiday gift. If you reflect some of the sunshine that exists between the two of you, you cannot go wrong. Tonight: Get into some local festivities, or at least put on some Christmas music.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Others continue to look to you to take the lead. Understand what is happening with a boss or relative you look up to -- this person might be more pressured by what is occurring than you realize. Tonight: A must appearance.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ Take off for a day at the flea market or shop for a tree. Enjoy the change and worry less about this or that. You'll recharge your batteries and feel nothing less than terrific. Tonight: Let your spirit soar.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Relate to a loved one as if there is no tomorrow. You could be surprised by a newfound closeness, which could be an enormous relief to both of you. What a wonderful way to enter the holidays. Tonight: You don't need to explain anything!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ Can you postpone the moment? No; nor should you. Celebrate living and life without a doubt that you are doing the right thing. A friendship could evolve to a new level if you just hang out. Tonight: Say "yes" to living.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Play it nice and easy the next few days. Though you could be worn out by what is happening, decide to accomplish only what is necessary. Start working on holiday cards or choosing your e-mail selections. Tonight: Living it up.

Happy birthday

This year, you break past former restrictions, knowing when enough is enough. Realize that at this point, you might want to establish a new type of attitude and open yourself up to many opportunities. Often you will be intrigued by foreigners and want to get to know their style better. If you are single, you make friends with ease. The unusual or different person will catch your eye. If you are attached, take a seminar together or plan that special vacation. Make friendship an even more important part of your relationship. LEO often expresses very different views.

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

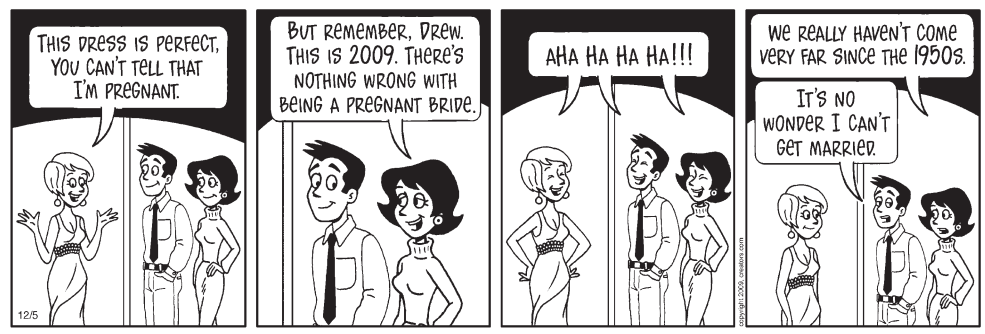
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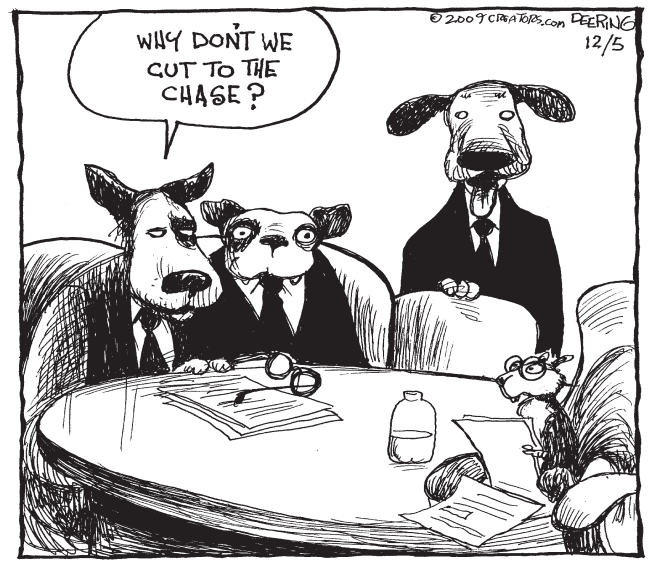
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Difficulty Level ★★★★

	9				4		2	
3						1		5
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			3		1	8		9
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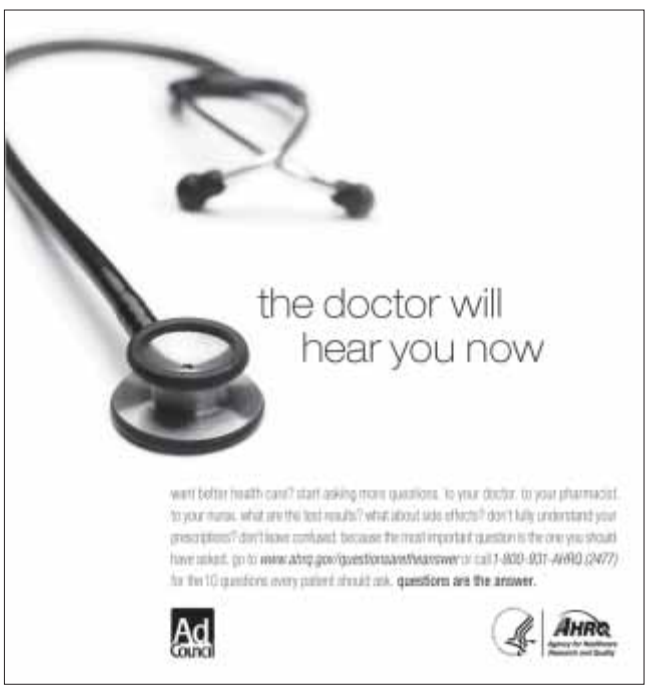
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SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

1	5	4	9	6	2	8	3	7
6	9	8	4	3	7	5	1	2
3	2	7	5	1	8	6	9	4
7	1	6	8	5	9	2	4	3
8	4	2	3	7	1	9	5	6
9	3	5	2	4	6	7	8	1
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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5 One-sided wins
10 Toil
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13 Bring together
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15 Quarrel
16 Auction signal
18 Oxford bigwig
19 Blackened
21 Brusque
22 White flowers
24 Fencing weapon
25 Like some epic poetry
29 Greets the villain
30 Blew one's top
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34 Application info
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37 Take it easy
39 Static
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42 Pertness

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2 Indian crafts
3 Luke's mentor
4 Young one
5 Have a novel experience?
6 Crew need
7 Depleted
8 Bocelli and Caruso
9 Bias
11 Magazine order
17 Eccentric
20 Valentine's gift
21 Wood units
23 Some Louvre works
25 Thyroid need
26 Old fogy
27 Roma's land
28 Cuban exports
29 Dyeing technique
31 Some messages
33 Bohemian
36 Go wrong
38 Noncommittal grunts

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Yesterday's answer

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1	2	3	4	■	■	5	6	7	8	9
10				11	■	12				
13					■	14				
15			■	16	17		■	18		
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Oops! (1) Three men and a woman from Atlantic City, N.J., were arrested in August and charged with robbing the Artisans Bank in Bear, Del. Their escape after the robbery had been delayed when they accidentally left the keys to the getaway car in the bank. (2) Andrew Burwitz, 20, was arrested in Appleton, Wis., in November and charged with drive-by shootings into two residences. No one was hit, and the major damage was done to Burwitz's car, in that Burwitz fired the first shot before he remembered to roll down the window.

■ Thousands of airline passengers continue to attempt to bring prohibited carry-on items on board. The New York Post reported in September that the Transportation Security Administration had confiscated 123,000 items so far this year from just the three main airports serving New York City. Included were 43 explosives, 1,600 knives, a 10-point deer antler, several fire extinguishers, a tree branch, nunchucks, a grill, a baby alligator, "unwashed adult toys," a gassed-up chain saw and a kitchen sink.

n In Milwaukee, the family of Robert Senz demanded shortly after his burial last July (1996) that Borgwardt Funeral Home dig up the body because Senz's wallet was missing. Sure enough, the wallet containing $64 and credit cards was still in Senz's pocket. In February (1997), Borgwardt sent the now-$64-richer family a re-burial bill for $2,149, but after the family protested, decided the whole thing was the county medical examiner's fault and sent the bill there.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1496 King Manuel I of Portugal issues a decree of expulsion of "heretics" from the country.

1590 Niccolò Sfondrati becomes Pope Gregory XIV.

1746 Revolt in Genoa against Spanish rule.

1766 In London, James Christie holds his first sale.

1815 Foundation of Maceió in Brazil.

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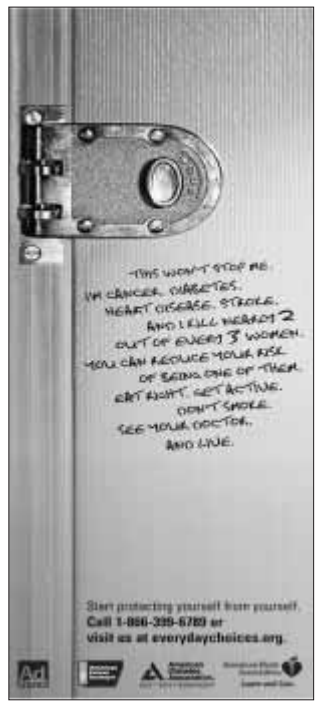
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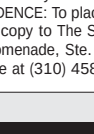
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North of Montana	$2,800,000	$1,449,500
Between Wilshire & Montana	$1,600,000	$809,250
South of Wilshire	$865,000	$607,000
Sunset Park	$1,274,000	$654,500
Ocean Park	$1,365,000	$1,049,000

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