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THE FOLLOWING UP ISSUE

Teen shooting victim speaks to investigators

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY A 16-year-old Samohi student was able to speak to police investigators Wednesday afternoon for the first time since he was shot multiple times in the upper torso on Tuesday.

Santa Monica police did not release what was said and continue their investigation.

The victim was transported to a local hospital Tuesday afternoon, where he underwent surgery for his injuries. As of Tuesday night, his condition was classified as "stable."

The attack occurred at approximate 3:30 p.m. Tuesday afternoon near the intersection of Pacific and Sixth streets, just blocks from Santa Monica and Olympic high schools.

Police say that two male Latinos exited a dark-colored sports utility vehicle and approached the victim on foot before firing multiple shots into the boy's upper torso with a small-caliber handgun.

The two suspects, described as men in their 20s, ran back to their vehicle and fled southbound on either Fourth or Fifth streets after the shooting.

It's the first shooting in Santa Monica since October 2010, said Sgt. Richard Lewis, spokesperson for the Santa Monica Police Department.

The investigation is ongoing. Those with additional information can call the SMPD at (310) 458-8495.

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Photo courtesy Impro Theatre

NEW TWIST: **Impro Theatre's 'Jane Austen Unscripted' gives actors a chance to change up the action based on audience suggestions.**

Jane Austen meets Monty Python with a dash of improv

BY LYNNE BRONSTEIN
Special to the Daily Press

BROAD STAGE The Impro Theatre is back in Santa Monica for the holiday season with "Jane Austen Unscripted," one of the company's most popular improvised shows. As produced in the intimate atmosphere of the Edye Second Space, this "unscripted" mélange of Austenesque situations and characters comes across with the elegance and wit of an actual Jane Austen story albeit with the absurd humor of a more polite version of Monty Python.

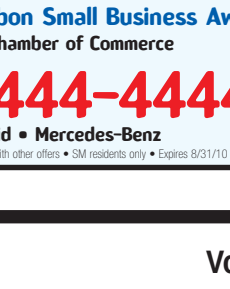
The Impro Theatre's technique is to have the cast members (there are 13 in the entire company but seven company members perform in an individual show, rotating members with each performance) create a variety of character types whom they can summon

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Suspect in attempted kidnapping arrested

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY Santa Monica police are confident they have arrested the man responsible for the attempted kidnapping Sunday of a 17-year-old girl as she walked along Pico Boulevard.



VEGA

Jefferdick Joseph Vega, 29, of Los Angeles, was arrested Tuesday around 1 p.m. after officers received a report of a suspicious person knocking on doors on the

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City Hall, Airport Commission at odds

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
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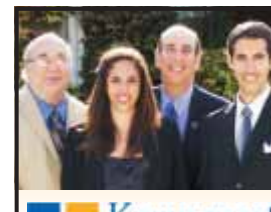
CITY HALL A letter released by City Hall Wednesday revealed concerns held by top city staff that some airport commissioners have crossed the line between "dispassionate policy advisors" to the City Council and neighborhood activists set on influencing the future of Santa Monica Airport.

"We are all biased, we all have preconceived notions and we are creatures of our

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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Thursday, Dec. 8, 2011

Joyous jingling
Santa Monica Public Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 11 a.m.
The Lyric Chorus, a three-part women's chorus, hosts its free winter concert with holiday songs and Broadway tunes. Founded in the 1940s, the Lyric Chorus is part of Santa Monica College's Emeritus College program. Come by the Martin Luther King, Jr. Auditorium for plenty of fun songs and holiday cheer! For more information, call (310) 458-8600.

Fun on ICE
ICE at Santa Monica
Fifth Street and Arizona Avenue, 2 p.m. — 10 p.m.
Skate in the sunshine at ICE at Santa Monica. Depending on the day, the rink offers lessons, rents itself out for private events and has special promotions with the Los Angeles Kings. For more information, visit iceatsantamonica.com.

Pictures with the man in red
The Market at Santa Monica Place
Broadway and Third Street
Snapping a picture with Santa Claus has been made easy at Santa Monica Place. All kids visiting Santa will receive a free gift. For more information and times, call (310) 260-8333.

Friday, Dec. 9, 2011

Space talk
New Roads School
3131 Olympic Blvd., 7:30 p.m.
Join experts as they discuss the salt ring of Saturn and other astronomical subjects. There will also be a presentation by the Santa Monica Amateur Astronomy Club. For more information, call (310) 495-7595.

Fairies and mice, oh my!
Pepperdine University, Smothers Theatre
24255 Pacific Coast Highway, 7:30 p.m.
The Malibu Civic Ballet presents its 20th annual production of "The Nutcracker," with dancers from the local area. The show is directed by Diane Linder, who spent years as a principal dancer with the Gene Marinaccio American Concert Ballet Company. Performances begin on Friday night and run through Sunday. Tickets range from $15 to $35.

'A Christmas Carol'
Santa Monica College Main Stage
1900 Pico Blvd., 8 p.m.
Join Ebenezer Scrooge as he learns the true meaning of the holiday season while visiting his past, present and future in "A Christmas Carol," by Charles Dickens. For more information, call (310) 434-4319.

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CORRECTION

In the article "WWII veterans look back on Pearl Harbor," which appeared in the Dec. 7 edition of the Daily Press, it should have stated that the USS Enterprise was not docked in Pearl Harbor at the time of the attack.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

SMMUSD HDQTRS

Retail therapy for local schools

It is the season of giving and there are plenty of opportunities to help local public school kids while purchasing gifts for the holidays.

At Barnes & Noble this Sunday, shop and support the Samohi Orchestras.

From 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. at the Barnes & Noble on the Third Street Promenade, just mention "Samohi Orchestras" and 20 percent of the purchase price will go to support the orchestra program at the high school, according to the Samohi PTSA.

The Samohi chamber group will be there from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. performing for shoppers.

From Dec. 11 to Dec. 16, shop online and 10 percent of the purchase will be donated to the orchestra. Go to www.barnesandnoble.com and at checkout, click on the box that says "Book Fair Purchase?" and enter the Samohi orchestra ID: 10591352.

Check out the talent Dec. 13 at the Samohi Orchestras' Winter Concert at Barnum Hall, located on the Samohi campus, 601 Pico Blvd. For ticket information, go to www.samohiorchestras.org.

ZJ Boarding House is also getting into the act. They are offering shoppers a chance to help the school of their choice every Tuesday from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. through Dec. 20.

The surf and skate shop will give 15 percent of every purchase to the local school of the shopper's choice. Just say the name of the school and the cashier will make the donation.

"This is a great opportunity for holiday shopping for friends and family while supporting local schools at the same time," read a statement posted on the Main Street establishment's website, www.zjboardinghouse.com.

Some schools already involved include Samohi, John Muir Elementary, John Adams Middle School and Olympic High School. To add a school to the list, call (310) 392-5646.

KEVIN HERRERA

MAIN LIBRARY

One-stop emergency shop

Flashlights, radios and energy bars make great stocking stuffers, according to City Hall, so why not show family and friends how much you care about them this season by giving emergency preparedness supplies as holiday gifts?

On Saturday, City Hall's Office of Emergency Management (OEM) will host the second One Stop Prep Shop for emergency preparedness at the Santa Monica Main Public Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. This event provides an opportunity for those who live, work, and play in Santa Monica to get prepared for emergencies in a fast and convenient way.

From 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., local vendors Fisher Lumber, REI, the Emergency Café, SOS Survival Products, and the American Red Cross of Santa Monica will be on hand selling emergency preparedness supplies in the Main Library courtyard.

City officials said they wanted to make it easy as possible for people to be prepared. Public safety officials encourage everyone to have seven days' worth of supplies at home, at work, and in their cars.

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BALL BATTLE

Morgan Genser *news@smdp.com*

Samohi's Paige Onouye tries to dribble past J Serra's Coco Miller on Tuesday at Redondo Union High School. Samohi lost the Battle at the Beach tournament game, 54-37. The Vikings will continue play in the tournament through the week.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Awards roll in for Samohi

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

SAMOHI Santa Monica's perfect run through the Ocean League didn't go unnoticed.

Samohi running back Kori Garcia won league Most Valuable Player and linebacker Chris Collins was tabbed MVP on defense.

Garcia and Collins are two of 15 players named to the All-Ocean League in football, it was announced this week.

"What a great year it has been for the program," said Head Coach Travis Clark, who was selected Coach of the Year. "These guys earned it."

Making the first team on offense are junior wide receiver Sebastian LaRue, senior offensive lineman Matt Schultz and junior guard Andres Meza.

The first team on defense includes senior defensive back Dylan Muscat, junior linebacker Nick Cardiel, junior nose tackle Pete Breceda and senior defensive lineman Craig Lowe.

Second team offense: senior running back London Lewis, junior offensive lineman Steve Becerra and senior quarterback Christian Salem.

Second team defense: junior defensive back Mathew Rusk-Kosa and senior linebacker Donovan Citrowski.

For good measure, senior wide receiver Anthony "Animal" Hernandez made honorable mention on offense.

The slew of honors follows what some Samohi faithful and observers called a "special season" in which Samohi ran the table in league, finishing the season 9-1 overall and 5-0 in league.

The Vikings followed that with an appearance in the semifinals of the CIF-Southern Section Western Division playoffs where they lost to fellow Ocean League member Culver City.

While Samohi finished a game short of playing for its first title in a decade, Clark and company aren't hanging their heads.

In fact, they are already thinking about next season.

Clark said that a record number of players have been hanging around the weight room just days removed from the disappointing loss to Culver City last Friday.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Stand up to racism

Editor:

It's been seven months since the wrestling racial incident [at Santa Monica High School]. Tim Cuneo has left the superintendent position of Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District and Dr. [Hugo] Pedroza has long since left the Samohi campus. What they left behind are students, administrators and faculty observing that no proactive stance has been taken to turn a horrific racial incident into a powerful learning tool.

The SMMUSD Board of Education, the new superintendent and the new high school principal are moving forward, but it is December and there are still people at the school who don't believe anything happened. There are still teachers on the campus who silence any student who brings up racism. There are still people on campus who are trying to ride it out like I have learned has happened with every other racial incident that has taken place at the school. Well, speaking as the mother; it's time to just say "No more!"

The Coalition on Racism (based here in Santa Monica) has met with each Board of Education member, the superintendent and the Samohi principal. Concerns were given, suggestions have been made and research has been done on proven racial empathy programs to be implemented at the school. I appreciate the movement that has already taken place, but when students on campus are still being treated as unworthy and teachers on campus are still denying the existence of racism, it's time for much more action! Programs need to be implemented now!

What is insanity? No more!

Victoria Gray
Santa Monica

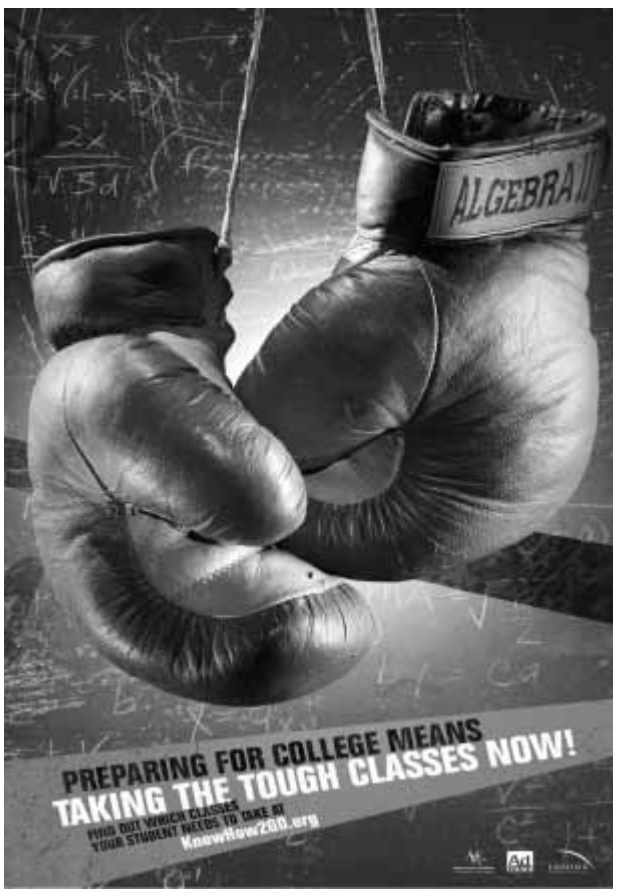
Editor's note: Victoria Gray is the mother of a Samohi student who was the target of an alleged racial incident at the school last spring.

Didn't bother to attend

Editor:

Had Bill Bauer attended the State Senate Select Committee on Air Quality hearing on Nov. 30, then he might understand why Sen. Lieu singles out Santa Monica Airport with regard to air pollution ("Lieu lays another egg," My Write, Dec. 5). Calling the senator a "chicken" is nonsense and, at best, disrespectful. Here is a link to the full 3 1/2 hour hearing: lacity.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?publish_id=2261.

Martin Rubin
Director, Concerned Residents Against Airport Pollution



Life Matters



JoAnne Barge & Katrina Davy Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Learning to leave work at the office

DEAR NEW SHRINK,

I have been finding it difficult to find a balance between work and home. I often stay in the office late at night and end up taking work home on the weekends. While I really enjoy my job, it seems that all I do lately is work. I'm constantly connected to the office and end up checking my work e-mail more than I check my personal e-mail. As a result, I have found that I have much less time for friends or dating than I used to. I cannot consider leaving my current job, but are there things I can do to find a better balance?

Signed,
Workaholic

DEAR WORKAHOLIC,

Finding a balance between work and play can be a difficult feat. To start on your pathway to better balance, I would ask you to consider that finding balance isn't a matter of time but of choice. Creating a better work-life balance will require that you acknowledge that you have the power to choose where you spend your time, how you will utilize your passion, and where you will dedicate your energy. Balancing life's requirements comes down to making clear choices about what's important to you. In other words it's about you defining your values and making commitments to those values. Personal values can change throughout life based on individual situations and circumstances. Where we allocate our time will also need to adjust as we grow and develop on a personal and a professional level. It may be time for you to ask yourself a few questions.

Do you know where you are spending your time? You may find it helpful to keep a journal tracking where you spend your time and energy. Start by making a list of things that are most important to you. For instance: your career, your relationships, religion, friends, travel, down time, family, hobbies, etc. Then keep a log of what you are doing over the week and how much time you are spending on each activity. Since each week may have its ups and downs, it may be helpful to track for an entire month to get a true sense of where you're dedicating your time.

Then evaluate and analyze your list. Consider whether all of the things listed are absolutely necessary? Are your top values part of your busy agenda? How much of your week is dedicated to those things that are truly most important for you?

Do you know your limits and are you being honest with yourself about them? It's natural to push yourself harder and harder to reach your goals, especially when you are looking to secure or advance your career. Do you truly allot time that is just for you? And if so, do you keep your personal time sacred? In order to be successful at home or at the office it is crucial that you make time for yourself. Protecting your private time will likely make you more successful in the office. You'll find that you may come in to work more refreshed, with greater creativity and excitement for your work.

Finally, what do others think about your work habits? It may be helpful to get feedback from friends, colleagues, and family. Sometimes gaining feedback from your colleagues may help you determine whether your hours are in line with company expectations. It may also be helpful to get a buddy so you can keep each other in check.

Are you maximizing your time at work to complete your tasks? Is the amount of time you are spending at the office necessary to get the work done? It is not always true that more time in the office means better work. Does your company have any policies to help support employees work-life balance? Consider scheduling a confidential meeting with human resources to learn more about the resources or workshops that might be available to you.

Knowing your values and your priorities will help you live a more balanced life. Remember, you are the only one able to determine what's most important for you and it's up to you to make the changes that are best for you. Keeping in mind the common phrase, "Don't be so busy making a living that you forget to make a life."

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Hot diggity dams

AS THE LONG SEASON OF DARKNESS sweeps over the country, it's a natural time to think about lighting — and how dependent we are on electricity during this dim time of year. You can heat your home with several different energy sources, including natural gas, heating oil or wood. But unless you're living off-the-grid, the lights throughout your abode burn brightly because of electricity from the grid.

Yes, I have a couple of candles, a flashlight and two kerosene lamps in my household. But I don't use them. Instead, like more than 99 percent of us, I just flip up a switch to turn on electric lights throughout my house.

Of course people use electricity for many other purposes. We run all the equipment in emergency rooms on electricity — and when I'm trying to wake up in the morning I sometimes think it's almost equally important that we run our coffee makers on electrical current, too.

It's commonplace to note that the landscape of energy is changing in this country. But it's harder to get agreement on where we should get our electricity in the coming years. People disagree about that, and for some good reasons. But no matter what you feel about our various energy options, some basic facts about solar energy are worth review.

We could start by noting that most of the energy we use is ultimately solar in origin. Fossil fuels, after all, represent solar energy that Mother Nature stored deep in the Earth over whole geological eras. One down side about fossil fuels is that once we use them, they're gone.

Engineer Bob Olsen of Washington State University recently explained to me his view that we have quite a wonderful system of "renewable solar" energy in place, especially in the Western parts of the U.S. and around the region of the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA).

"That's the case not because of solar electric panels, but because of the world's largest solar collector — seawater," Olsen said.

Because we live on land, we don't often think too clearly about the seas. But the oceans cover about two thirds of the planet. They absorb a lot of heat energy when light shines on them. Each day they soak up enormous quantities of energy from the sun, warming and evaporating as they do so. It's evaporation from the seas that fills the sky with clouds. Water in the clouds comes down as rain or snow.

Olsen sees precipitation as the linchpin of renewable solar energy. That's because the rains flow into major rivers, across which we've built hydroelectric dams. By running the water behind the dam through turbines, we generate electricity. Electric utilities take that energy and move it from the dams to our kitchens and workplaces.

The dams have several good features. One is that they have the ability to cheaply store a great deal of energy. The vast reservoirs behind each dam are natural storage devices. Solar electric panels on a roof don't have this feature unless linked to expensive batteries that degrade over time. Simply put, dams can easily produce electricity when the sun isn't shining, a clear advantage in having them power the grid.

If we ever get a large slice of our electricity from windmills and solar panels, I think there will still be room for the dams. They — like fossil fuel and nuclear plants — are able to produce juice on a still night when the wind isn't blowing and the sun isn't shining. Because we want large amounts of electricity at our fingertips 24-7, windmills and solar panels cannot be our sole source of electricity.

Another positive attribute of the dams is that they make a lot of electricity without producing any greenhouse gases. And once the basic investment of constructing the dams is finished, they are economical to run because their "fuel" is freely supplied by Mother Nature. That's essentially why those of us who live in regions of the country with dams have relatively cheap electric rates.

From where I sit, the hydroelectric dams are gifts that keep on giving — every time we switch on the lights.

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The Q Line

Spreading the wealth

The SMMUSD school board last week approved a new districtwide fundraising policy that is intended to stop school site PTAs from paying for staff salaries. The new policy will now collect and distribute raised funds across the district.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
Do you think this is a good idea or is the district alienating certain groups?

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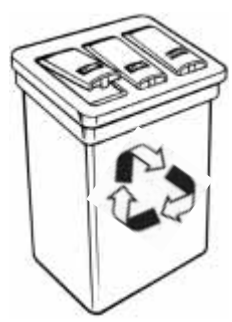
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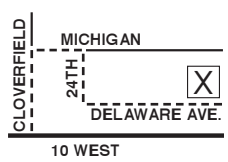






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A PEEK: **Milla Bankowicz as Krystyna Chiger and Robert Wieckiewicz as Leopold Socha.**

MOVIE REVIEW

Holland's in Poland for 'In Darkness'

BY CYNTHIA CITRON
Special to the Daily Press

Many people judge Stephen Spielberg's film "Schindler's List" to be the definitive Holocaust movie. Until now.

Giving Spielberg a run for his money is Agnieszka Holland's latest film, "In Darkness." Poland's official entry for Best Foreign Language Film in this year's Oscar race, "In Darkness" is exactly what its title proclaims: a dark, intense, blood-curdling true story of 11 Jews — two of them children — who huddled for more than a year in the sewage system under the city of Lvov during World War II.

They shared the dank, cold, filthy, sewage-laden tunnels with the city's rats and the occasional rotting bodies of other fugitives. They shuffled from one watery cavern to ever-smaller cubbyholes as they were sought by bands of marauding soldiers and other thugs who coveted the 500 zlotys they would earn for each captured Jew.

And they depended for their lives on the good will of a small-time hood named Socha, who, for an exorbitant fee, brought them food from time to time.

Outside the tunnels there is more gratuitous horror. A flock of naked women run screaming through a forest, chased by warmly clothed soldiers with guns, followed by a brief glimpse of the women, dead, lying face down in a clearing.

A group of soldiers surround an elderly Jew and taunt him as one of them cuts off his beard. Then, impatient with the sport, the would-be barber grabs the remaining beard in his hand and pulls it off, taking a portion of the man's flesh with it.

A woman gives birth in the sewers, and the bloody delivery is more gory than anything ever seen on "ER."

But the scenes above ground are not much lovelier. Crammed into hovels in a miserable ghetto, the Jewish population, before they are systematically shot or shipped off to "labor camps," try to maintain a semblance of life in single rooms filled with multiple couples and their children. A couple making love in the middle of all this is meant to make the viewer feel intrusive and uncomfortable, and it does.

Moreover, Holland does not whitewash the basic humanness of this group of Jews. "The fear, the terrible conditions, their own selfishness make them complex and difficult, sometimes unbearable human beings," she says.

Further, there is nothing intrinsically heroic about Socha. Even though he knows he would be executed if his role in helping this group of Jews were discovered, he is in it for the money and, as he tells his young assistant, "We can always turn them in later." Presumably when their money runs out. As director Holland notes, he is "religious and immoral at the same time, perhaps an ordinary man living in terrible times."

By the time the money does run out, however, Socha has been transformed by the experience. He returns a fistful of money to the man who has been paying him, with the admonition, "Pay me with this next week, and be sure to do it in front of the others. I wouldn't want them to think I would be fool enough to do this for nothing!"

"There is nothing easy or sentimental in (Socha's) journey," Holland notes. "This is why it's fascinating; it's why we can make this journey with him."

For his incredible experience Leopold Socha and his wife Wanda were commemorated by Israel among the Polish Righteous of the Nations and in a book "In the Sewers of Lvov" by Robert Marshall, from which screenwriter David Shamoon scripted the film. At the insistence of Holland, Shamoon notes, the film is subtitled in English as the actors speak in Polish, German, Yiddish, Ukrainian and Hebrew.

The actors, mostly unknown in this country, are all acclaimed, award-winning and nominated stars in Poland and Germany, as is director Holland, whose best-known film "Europa" won awards throughout America and Britain in the early 1990s.

This latest film, "In Darkness," is a major addition to her oeuvre and may win her an Oscar, but word-of-mouth may keep it from winning the wide audience it deserves. It is two-and-a-half hours of sheer horror, tension and claustrophobia. And so vivid you can practically smell the sewage.

"In Darkness" opens Dec. 9 in Los Angeles and New York and run through Dec. 15 in order to qualify for the 2011 Academy Awards competition. It will open throughout the country on Jan. 27, 2012.

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Wind-related power outages linger on

CHRISTOPHER WEBER
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES Utility crews worked to restore power to more than 2,000 customers in the hardest hit areas a week after one of the strongest windstorms in years ripped across Southern California, as anger over the prolonged outages grew.

Some 2,332 Southern California Edison customers remained without service Wednesday, down from a high of more than 430,000 wind-related outages since the windstorm struck Nov. 30.

The outages, caused mostly by downed trees, were centered in the San Gabriel Valley northeast of Los Angeles.

"We're dealing with the hardest cases now," said Edison spokesman David Song. "Poles are down, wires are down."

Song offered no prediction for when power might be fully restored.

With the outage wearing on, and overnight temperatures falling into the freezing range, tempers have become increasingly short.

Frustration may have reached the boiling point for a 72-year-old man who police said was arrested Tuesday after he made death threats against Pasadena city workers if they didn't restore his power. Geoffrey Commons was arrested on suspicion of making criminal threats and released after posting $50,000 bond, Pasadena police Lt. Pete Hettema said.

Also Tuesday, Los Angeles County Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich harshly criticized Edison for its response to the windstorm, in particular for its lack of direct communication with customers. Edison spokeswoman Veronica Gutierrez said the company was relying on the media.

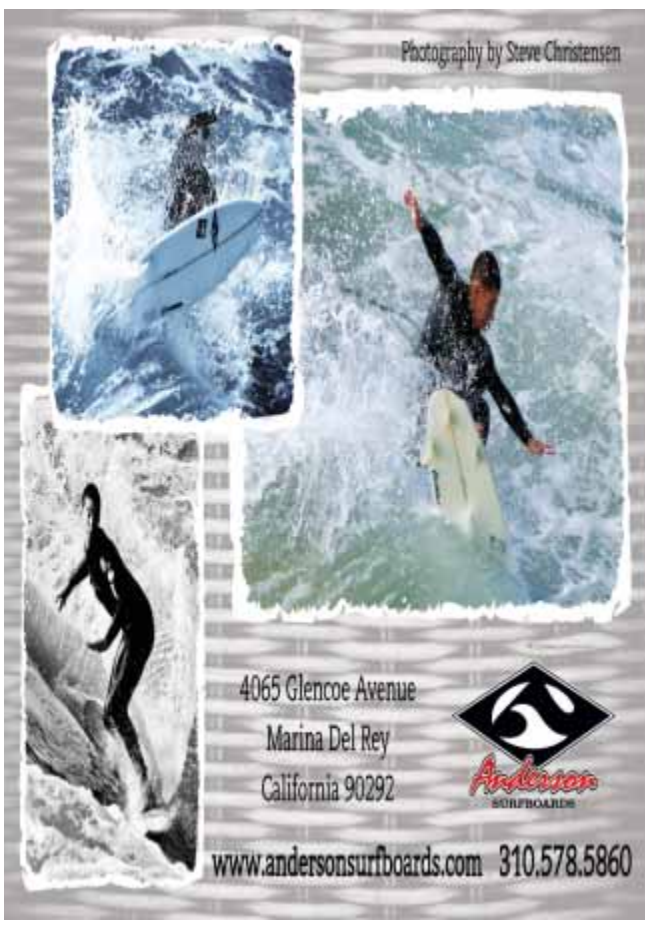
"You really need direct contact with those neighbors. The media only works if you have electricity. They need to turn on the television. So that's stupid," Antonovich said.

California Assemblyman Anthony Portantino, a Democrat from La Canada Flintridge, has asked Gov. Jerry Brown to declare a state of emergency so resources could be made available to residents. The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors declared a local emergency.

Nighttime temperatures hovered just above freezing in many areas, but forecasters said winds had died down in recent days. The National Weather Service lifted all Red flag warnings for extreme fire danger caused by dry winds.

However, more gusty winds were in the forecast for Friday, forecasters said.

A preliminary estimate put damage and cleanup costs from the winds last week at $3.8 million in areas serviced by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works, spokesman Bob Spencer said. He noted the effort might take weeks to complete.





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BIG PROPS: **Samohi's Kori Garcia was named the MVP of the Ocean League this week.**

SAMOHI
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"They understand this is what it takes," Clark said of the early vigor. "We want to take the next step and this is how it's done."

Clark's Coach of the Year award comes in his third season leading Samohi.

He downplays any award given to a coach, but said that he was honored to earn the recognition from his fellow Ocean League coaches, who make the selections.

"Nobody expected us to win league," Clark said. "It was a successful season for everybody [on the team]."

The next step for this year's team is the recruiting process.

Lane Kiffin, USC's head coach, was on campus Tuesday to address the status of one of his commits, offensive lineman Chad Wheeler, who missed much of the season with a shoulder injury.

On Wednesday, there were a total of seven recruiters on campus to look at prospects.

Collins, Garcia, Lewis and Muscat have drawn the attention from a number of schools.

"I'm curious to see where these guys end up," Clark said. "We have some fine football players here."

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SHOOTING
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Few details are available about the young victim, except that he was a regular at the Pico Youth & Family Center, a nonprofit that provides afterschool programs to youth.

The shooting has sparked fear amongst the young people that frequent PYFC, said the center's director, Oscar de la Torre, a member of the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified Board of Education.

"They feel victimized," de la Torre said. "It victimizes the entire youth community."

The police have not determined if the shooting was gang-related, but given the part of Santa Monica where the victim lived, the way he was dressed and the fact that a shooting occurred two weeks ago in a neighboring city, it's a possibility community leaders need to keep in mind, de la Torre said.

"The fear is that this can escalate, that the retaliation will go back and forth," de la Torre said.

Staff from the PYFC and Virginia Avenue Park Teen Center met Wednesday afternoon to discuss strategies to keep kids safe. That includes making sure kids are not loitering outside, and having staff members be a presence outside of the center.

"It's really about communication and rumor control, getting young people off of the street and making sure they're not loitering or hanging out," de la Torre said. "This happened in broad daylight, right after school."

School officials sent out an e-mail to all parents informing them of what had happened, said Sandra Lyon, superintendent of the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District.

Counseling support will be available to students that need help processing and coping with what happened, and administrators will be keeping an eye on the emotional climate at Samohi in case the event spurs any tensions between students, Lyon said.

Recognition of the shooting has already bubbled up within the community. Samohi sophomore Zaq Moul called for a moment of silence for the victim at a City Council meeting Tuesday night.

Moul has known the victim since elementary school, and their lockers are nearby. He described the victim as a nice person, with a ready smile.

"I saw him almost every day," Moul said. "Then I get out of basketball practice, and I find out he was shot."

City Hall and a number of community partners are working to address violence and other issues through the Youth Resource Team.

de la Torre, a member of the team, believes that the focus strayed from youth violence after the task force was formed.

"I hope this incident reinvigorates our resolve to address youth violence in a comprehensive manner," de la Torre said.

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ARREST
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800 block of Ocean Park Boulevard.

While checking the area, patrol officers spotted an older model Toyota Previa minivan that matched the description of the vehicle involved in the attempted kidnapping.

Officers ran a computer check and determined that the minivan was reported stolen. They conducted a traffic stop in the 800 block of Maple Street and took Vega into custody. During their investigation, Vega was identified as the suspect in the attempted kidnapping, police said.

He was placed under arrest and booked for kidnapping, vehicle theft and a parole violation. He was not eligible for bail.

Vega is expected to be arraigned today at the Airport Courthouse, according to the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's Inmate Information Center.

Police said the victim was walking eastbound on the 2900 block of Pico Boulevard Sunday around 8:42 a.m. on Sunday when she was suddenly grabbed by a man standing next to a blue-green, mid-90s minivan — possibly a Toyota Previa — with rear tinted windows.

Man allegedly tried to force the girl inside the minivan but she was able to fight her way free and ran into a nearby restaurant for safety. Police said the suspect got into the van and drove off at a high rate of speed.

Detectives were able to obtain a partial plate number for the suspect vehicle, as well as a fairly detailed description of the suspect.

The victim suffered minor injuries and was treated at a local hospital.

Detectives are continuing with their investigation and want to know if anyone else may have been targeted. Anyone with additional information is urged to contact Detective Chad Goodwin at (310) 458-8942, Sgt. Ira Rutan at (310) 458-8959 or the watch commander at (310) 458-8495. Anyone wishing to remain anonymous may call the WeTip hotline at (800) 78-CRIME (27463).

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AUSTEN

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at any moment to step into a scene. But there is no script for these characters. At each performance, a suggestion for a theme is taken from the audience and the company takes it as a starting point for the story.

At the Dec. 3, 4:30 p.m. performance, the audience-suggested theme was "how to cook a turkey," not exactly something you'd find in a Jane Austen novel. Nevertheless, the invisible curtain rose on a pair of sisters discussing the cooking of a turkey, with one sister, Emily, cradling a young turkey in her arms and refusing to allow her "baby" to go to the cook stove.

Although references to turkeys, alive and otherwise, kept cropping up during the rest of the play, the ensemble concocted a more familiar Jane Austen storyline in which Susan was wooed by a middle-aged man with a taste for poetry and Emily fell for James, a young man from London with a penchant for skipping. After Emily and James skipped their way through a line dance, her father was scandalized ("They're calling you the skipping girl!") and took the family off to Bath where, of course, Emily met a standard Jane Austen rake. Yes, this was sort of a silly version of "Sense and Sensibility" with occasional turkey events.

Nothing fazes the Impro players. They work with minimum scenery and props (a table serves as "the instrument," i.e. the pianoforte that an Austen heroine must always play upon); they do their own sound effects, and when a cell phone in the audience rings during the performance, an actor picks up on it, asking what time it is.

Sometimes characters forget their own names or their props, and sometimes they end up having two characters with the same name.

Don't expect to see the turkey play when you attend — the theme will be different and the scenario may more closely resemble "Persuasion" or "Pride and Prejudice," or something completely original.

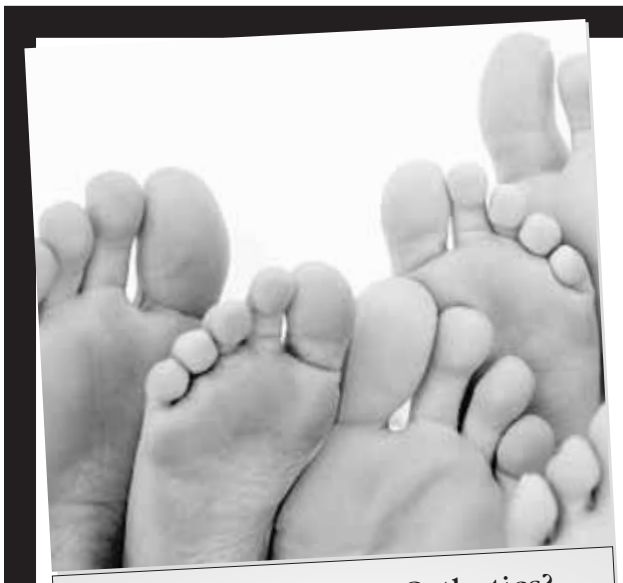
But you will laugh a lot. Hopefully, you will see such cast members as Lisa Frederickson, who excels at playing annoying, whining ladies and who does great sound effects when offstage; Brian Michael Jones, who can play a bounder or a wheezing, wimpy fellow with equal abandon; Floyd Vanbuskirk, who provides dignity and depth even when playing a servant; and the irrepressible Paul Rogan (co-director with Dan O'Connor), who was born to wear a cravat and waistcoat.

"Jane Austen Unscripted" plays at the Broad Stage's Edye Second Space through Dec. 18, at Santa Monica College Performing Arts Center, 1310 11th Street. For more information call (310) 434-3412 or visit www.thebroadstage.com.

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previous experience. That's all a given," City Manager Rod Gould said Wednesday. "It's not a bright line, but we haven't seen the level of advocacy and involvement before that is currently on the Airport Commission."

The two-page document, from Gould to Airport Commission Chair E. Richard Brown, lays out in pointed language the manager's belief that airport commissioners have engaged in community activism in a way that suggests that the commission "may be losing its bearings."

The most glaring example mentioned was a survey released on the website of the activist group Community Against Santa Monica Airport Traffic entitled "Santa Monica Airport Commission Visioning Workshop Survey," which was both briefly discussed at the Nov. 28 commission meeting and distributed at a state senate hearing about SMO on Nov. 30 by a community group under the name of Airport Commissioner David Goddard.

The title suggests that it is an official survey sanctioned by City Hall— which it is not — but that's not the end of it.

"[T]he larger issue of the survey is that it begs the question as to whether CASMAT is a covert arm of the Airport Commission or the Airport Commission is a vehicle of CASMAT," Gould wrote. "Either way the commission loses legitimacy."

The letter was drafted in response to a request by Brown that the Airport Commission be given the ability to review and comment on staff's work relating to the second phase in a three-part visioning process about the future of the airport.

The second phase will involve a series of community workshops where people can express their desires for the future of the airport, including the status quo and outright closure.

Several residents had said that the first phase of the process was slanted in favor of the airport, and that they did not have faith that City Hall would let them speak their mind in upcoming meetings.

Commissioners asked to weigh in on an introduction that Assistant Director of Public Works Susan Cline said would be read to participants of the work groups explaining what City Hall could do at the airport without raising the ire of the Federal Aviation Administration, which has sued City Hall successfully in the past for restricting aviation activities at the airport.

"I frankly thought that the way the process has been structured, there was a risk that may be very narrowing of the discussion to a set of parameters that city staff was comfortable with, whether or not the council or residents were comfortable with it," Brown said.

That request was brought up to the City Council Tuesday under a consent agenda item to contract with an outside consultant to design and run the second phase of the process.

That item was pulled for further discussion, at which point City Councilmember Kevin McKeown argued that it be granted in order to improve public confidence in the process.

"There were some that felt that phase one shifted opinion toward a certain point of view," McKeown said. "We should go through it in such a way that makes the public confident that we are exploring all of the options."

City Attorney Marsha Moutrie told the council that making staff's work available was one thing, but giving the commission oversight over the process raised concerns.

First, it was important to maintain the separation between policy makers like the City Council and its advisory boards and commissions.

"Second," Moutrie said, "there's a mounting body of evidence that the Airport Commission is not interested in understanding a full range of options."

All of the commissioners are residents of Sunset Park, home of the neighborhood group Friends of Sunset Park, which has long mobilized against the airport.

Goddard, the newest commissioner, is an active member in the group, and it is a message from him that appears on the printed version of the CASMAT survey that was distributed Nov. 30.

"I draw that line in that my responsibility is to advise the City Council through the Airport Commission on policy issues," Goddard said of the survey. "With respect to taking a survey, that's something that the community is doing because it is concerned about the visioning process."

Commission meetings often have lopsided representation, with the majority of participants speaking against the airport. Pilots have complained that they see little point in speaking before the commission.

For his part, Brown considers himself the chair of the Airport Commission only, not a part of any advocacy group, and he feels that the commission has done a great deal to reach out to members of the flight school and pilot community to solicit their input about operations.

Still, he doesn't think that airport commissioners have the responsibility to be disinterested observers.

"I don't believe that coming on the commission means that people give up their points of view as citizens or residents of Santa Monica," Brown said.

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DEVELOP POLICIES
The beginning stage of any organization is a critical time to develop policies that the organization will utilize in its decision making process. Policies should include: conflict of interest, employment, director and officer compensation, ideological or social entrepreneurial values, organizational ownership and management.

INCORPORATE
The first step in this process is deciding upon a name for the business and performing a name availability search to ensure that the name is not already in use in the location where you will be operating. Secondly, the business will need to determine what type of entity to form – whether it's a corporation, LLC, PC, LLP, L3C, Benefit Corporation, sole proprietorship or partnership. Choosing the type of entity will depend upon the purpose of the organization and the tax and legal status of its owners and stakeholders. Once the entity type is chosen, the next step is to draft, ratify and file the appropriate documents with state and local agencies and draft either Bylaws or an Operating Agreement.

PROTECT YOUR INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY
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5:00-6:30pm	Divorce and Legal Separation; Domestic Partnerships; Child Custody, Support and Visitation; Spousal Support; Prenuptial Agreements & Mediation with Family Law Specialist Attorney Elizabeth Fields
THURSDAY	
12:00-2:00pm	Immigration and Family Law with Attorney Galorah Keshavarz (By appointment Only)
5:00-6:00pm	Chapter 7 and 13 Bankruptcy Filings, Debt Negotiation and Personal Injury cases with Attorneys Paul Mankin and/or Jeff Hughes (By appointment Only)
5:00–6:00pm	(2nd & 4th Thursday/Month) Landlord/Tenant Rights & Obligations, Small Claims, Restraining Orders/Domestic Violence & General Practice Law with Attorney John Wittig
FRIDAY	
4:00-5:00pm	(2st & 4th Friday/Month) Criminal, DMV & Traffic Law: Felony and Misdemeanor Crimes with former Deputy D.A. and Attorney Jacob Glucksman
SATURDAY	
10am-12noon	(1st, 3rd, & 5th Saturday/Month) Estate Planning, Trust & Will Contests Probate, Elder Law, Business Litigation, Formation & Dissolution, Contracts, HOA & Personal Injury with Attorney Richard Ruman
10am-11:30am	(2nd & 4th Sat/Month) Employment/Labor Law including wrongful termination, sexual harassment, wage & hour claims, severance issues; and Family Law/Divorce including support, custody, & prenuptial agreements with Attorney Todd Smilovitz.

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Surf Conditions **Water Temp:** 61°

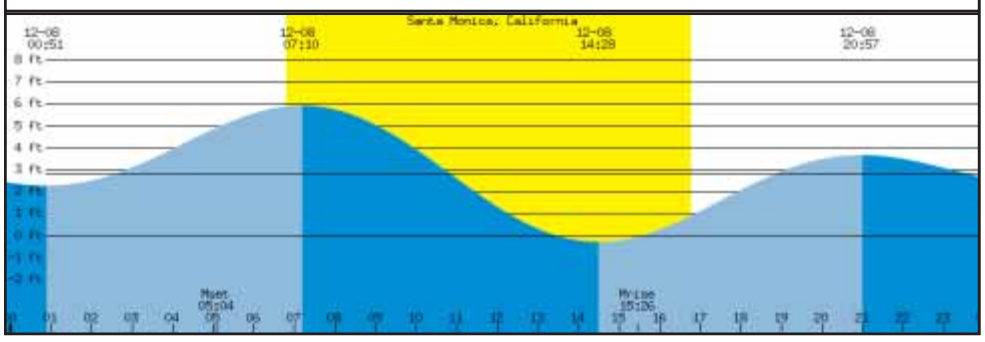
Swell Forecast

NW swell come ashore, hitting SB/VC early in the day, and finally SD mid to late morning. Size should run head high at most west facing breaks with pluses at standouts going about 2' overhead.

Long Range Synopsis

NW is expected to back off a bit, more along the lines of chest to at times head high for west facing breaks.

Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica



BEACH REPORT CARD

NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous 30 days up to the ending date of **November 30, 2011**

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

QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 0
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 14
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 26 / 13
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 0 / 0

The Beach Report Card is made possible by: The Diller – von Furstenberg Family Foundation, Groudeck Family Foundation, simplehuman, LacarGUY, SMA

Heal the Bay reminds you not to swim or surf within 100 yards of any flowing storm drain or for 3 days after a rainstorm. After a rain, indicator bacteria counts at beaches throughout California usually far exceed health criteria in the state's Beach Closure and Health Warning Protocol.

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

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

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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MLB

Dodgers get more time to file bankruptcy proposal

ASSOCIATED PRESS

WILMINGTON, Del. A federal bankruptcy judge in Delaware has granted the Los Angeles Dodgers more time to file a bankruptcy reorganization plan.

The judge on Wednesday granted six-month extensions giving the Dodgers until April 25 to file a plan and until June 25 to solicit votes on the plan from creditors.

The Dodgers' bankruptcy exit plan calls for a sale of both the team and the media rights to future games starting in 2014.

Fox Sports is objecting to the proposed media rights sale, saying it would violate Fox's exclusive rights under an existing contract with the Dodgers.





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MOVIE TIMES

Aero Theatre
1328 Montana Ave.
(310) 260-1528

Playtime (NR) 2hrs 35min
7:30pm
Co-presented by the French Film and TV office in Los Angeles, French Embassy.

AMC Loews Broadway 4
1441 Third Street Promenade
(888) 262-4386

Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn - Part 1 (PG-13) 1hr 48min
1:15pm, 4:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:45pm

Tower Heist (PG-13) 1hr 44min
1:15pm, 4:15pm, 7:15pm, 10:00pm

Like Crazy (PG-13) 1hr 29min
1:30pm, 4:10pm, 7:00pm, 9:30pm

Very Harold & Kumar 3D Christmas (R) 1hr 29min
1:45pm, 4:25pm, 7:10pm, 9:50pm

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

Happy Feet Two in 3D (PG) 1hr 45min
11:15am, 4:30pm, 10:00pm

Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn - Part 1 (PG-13) 1hr 48min
11:15am, 2:00pm, 4:45pm, 7:30pm, 10:15pm

Muppets (PG) 1hr 38min
11:10am, 1:00pm, 2:00pm, 4:05pm, 5:00pm, 6:45pm, 7:45pm, 9:30pm, 10:20pm

Puss in Boots (PG) 1hr 30min
11:15am, 4:30pm, 9:30pm

Puss in Boots 3D (PG) 1hr 30min
1:50pm, 7:00pm

Immortals 3D (R) 1hr 50min
11:10am, 1:45pm, 4:20pm, 7:05pm, 10:00pm

J. Edgar (R) 2hrs 17min
11:45am, 3:10pm, 6:30pm, 9:50pm

Happy Feet Two (PG) 1hr 45min
2:00pm, 7:15pm

Laemmle's Monica Fourplex
1332 Second St.
(310) 478-3836

Margin Call (R) 1hr 49min
1:50pm, 4:30pm, 7:20pm

Crazy Wisdom: The Life and Times of Chogyam Trungpa, Rinpoche (NR) 1hr 29min
1:00pm, 3:10pm, 5:20pm, 7:40pm, 10:00pm

Descendants (R) 1hr 55min
12:00pm, 1:20pm, 2:50pm, 4:10pm, 5:40pm, 7:00pm, 8:30pm, 9:45pm

Warrior's Heart (PG) 1hr 26min
9:55pm

AMC Criterion 6
1313 Third St.
(310) 395-1599

Arthur Christmas 3D (PG) 1hr 37min
2:15pm, 7:45pm

Hugo 3D (PG) 2hrs 07min
11:15am, 2:05pm, 4:55pm, 7:45pm, 10:30pm

Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn - Part 1 (PG-13) 1hr 48min
12:30pm, 3:30pm, 6:30pm, 9:30pm

Jack and Jill (PG) 1hr 31min
11:45am, 2:20pm, 4:50pm, 7:25pm, 10:00pm

Moneyball (PG-13) 2hrs 06min
12:15pm, 6:15pm

Ides of March (R) 1hr 42min
3:30pm, 9:40pm

My Week with Marilyn (R) 1hr 36min
11:15am, 1:50pm, 4:40pm, 7:30pm, 10:20pm

Arthur Christmas (PG) 1hr 37min
11:30am, 5:00pm, 10:30pm

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Try a different idea tonight, Libra

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ Use care not to give away too much. You have a lot to offer. Do remember that fact. Others might pick up on an element of insecurity if you give too much away at first. Your reaction might surprise others but function as a punctuation mark to situations. Tonight: Out and about.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Please note that it is prime time for you. Make the most of the daylight hours, without confusing situations any more. You gain a startling insight into a situation. You might want to take a hard look at your finances before making any decisions. Tonight: Treat yourself, too!

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ You might seem a bit withdrawn during the day. In truth, you are rethinking a situation. Certain elements might be confusing. Go back to a supposition from which you made the decision. You'll immediately feel clear when you nail what is going on. Tonight: All smiles.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ A meeting might prove to be even better than you thought it would be. Understanding evolves. You now have a strong sense of direction and know what must be done. Tonight: Vanish while you can.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Listen to someone who is demanding your attention. Otherwise, you could have some long-term difficulties with this person. Keep your eye on the big picture. Schedule meetings for the end of the day, when you will be able to relax more. Tonight: Where the action is.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ Reach out for someone at a distance. You might need more information in order to make the right decision. Don't hesitate to extend your world mentally or emotionally. An older relative, parent or friend could become quite demanding. Tonight: To the wee hours.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ Deal with a partner directly. How a situation evolves could be quite different from what you anticipated. You understand and identify with his or her somewhat indulgent nature. Tonight: Try a different idea.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ Deal with a key person on a one-on-one level. You will get more accomplished. If you feel that a situation involving your personal life and family is vague, you might not want to see all the facts. You could prefer to keep it vague. Tonight: Go with another person's suggestion.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Get a head start on a project, because there are reasons to believe that you might want to be more sociable in the early evening. Someone surprises you; make sure you are free to pursue another type of activity. Tonight: Go along with another's ideas. It could be a lot of fun.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ Sometimes you -- one of the most self-disciplined signs in the zodiac -- need to cut loose and do something different. What appeals to you could be quite delightful should you decide to walk in that direction. Open up to suggestions. Tonight: Leave work behind as you venture out.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ Though you might believe you are as clear as a bell, you just might not be. Stay open. If you are immediately reacting to another person's suggestion, chill out and buy yourself time. You might want to work this idea into your life. Tonight: Letting off steam.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ You might want to think through a decision. Let your creativity flow. Stay open to possibilities that appear in this haze. Verify what is happening behind the scenes. Take a stand and move past a hassle. Tonight: At home.

Happy birthday

This year you flip between being an efficiency expert and a real flirt. Remain upbeat. Know what your challenges are and face them. A great involvement in the community or through work also could occur. The people person within you demands satisfaction. If you are single, date to your heart's content. It is quite possible you will meet someone special. Be on the lookout. If you are attached, the two of you enjoy entertaining and going out and about even more. Spend as much time as you can together. GEMINI is always around you. He or she cares.

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

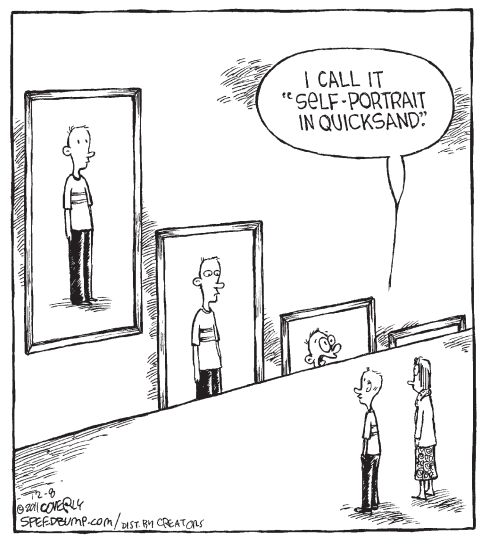


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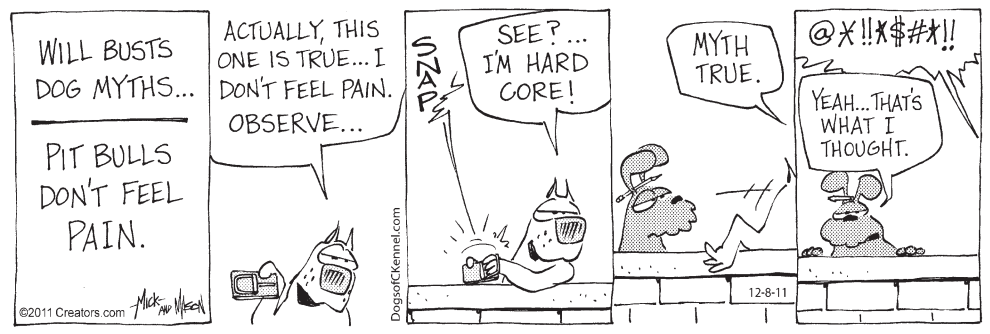
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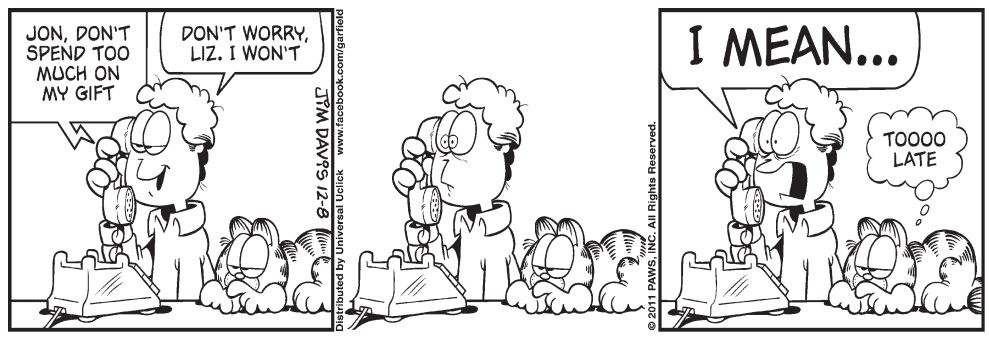
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Sudoku

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 ★★★

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

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Boot part
5 Gives a hoot
10 Cogitate
12 Calendar entry
13 "Children of a Lesser God" director Haines
14 Actor Nick
15 Have life
16 Start without a key
18 Exercise lead-in
20 Long fish
21 Hill insects
23 Tina of "30 Rock"
24 "— Lisa"
26 Snake sound
28 Excellent, in slang
29 Put away
31 Pole worker
32 "Relax!"
36 Deli slice
39 One or more
40 "Ta-ta!"
41 Door sign
43 Ultimate
44 Fashionably dated
45 Fragrance
46 Moistens

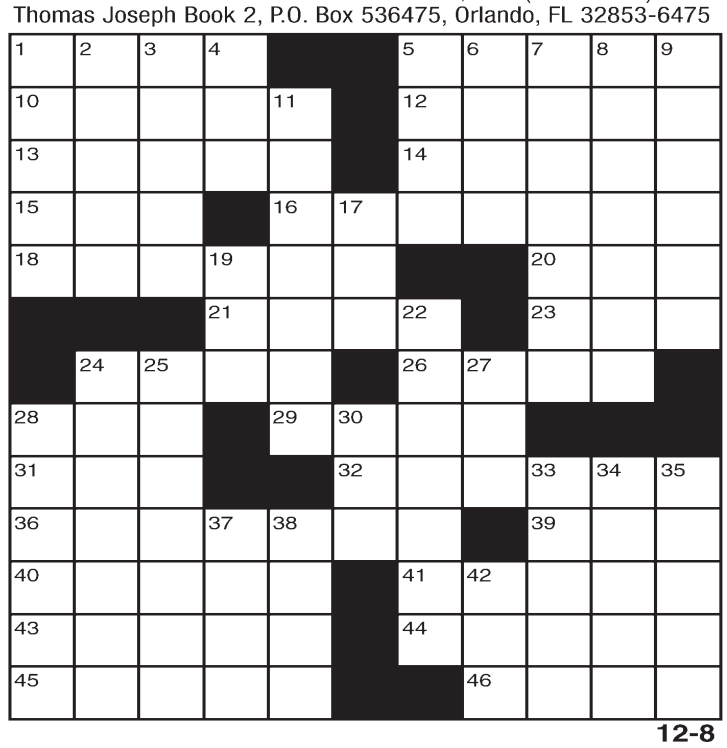
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1 Scarecrow fill
2 Scarlett's last name
3 Cruise ship
4 Last part
5 Small coin
6 Swear
7 Embossed art
8 Menu choices
9 Unwavering
11 Hilo honchos
17 Make a choice
19 Fellow
22 Playing marble
24 Tuneful
25 Disconnected
27 — Jima
28 Coffee-bar orders
30 Fort Worth sch.
33 Coffee-bar order
34 Lifeless
35 Beginners
37 College head
38 Believers' group
42 Fresh

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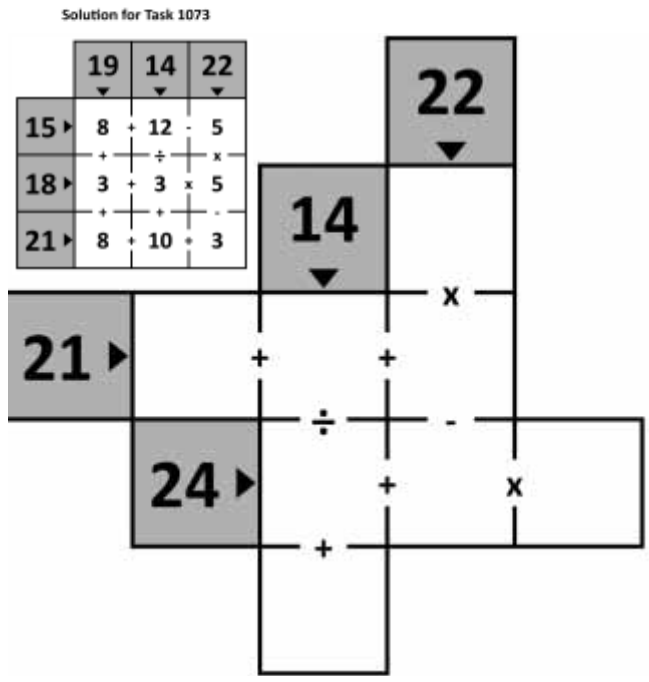
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ (1) Japan's National Police Agency revealed in August that during the five months following the tsunami-provoked nuclear disaster, super-honest searchers had turned in wallets containing the equivalent of $48 million and safes containing cash of the equivalent of $30 million. (2) In August, the school superintendent of Fresno County, Calif., refused $800,000 in guaranteed salary and said he would run the 325-school system for three years on less pay than a first-year teacher makes. (3) Employees at the dump yard in Pompano Beach, Fla., gave Brian McGuinn zero chance of ever finding the custom-designed ring he had given his wife but had accidentally tossed in his trash at home on Oct. 30. Facing nine tons of 10-foot-high rotten eggs, dirty diapers and other garbage (which made him vomit), he found the ring within 30 minutes.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1991 The leaders of Russia, Belarus and Ukraine sign an agreement dissolving the Soviet Union and establishing the Commonwealth of Independent States.

1991 The Romanian Constitution is adopted in a referendum.

1993 The North American Free Trade Agreement is signed into law by US President Bill Clinton.

1998 Eighty-one people are killed by armed groups in Algeria.

1998 The Australian Cricket Board's cover-up of Shane Warne and Mark Waugh's involvement with bookmakers is revealed.

2002 The Caribbean Community Heads of Government meet with the Government of Cuba and declare the date to be "CARICOM-Cuba Day"—to celebrate diplomatic ties between the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) and Cuba.

2004 The Cuzco Declaration is signed in Cuzco, Peru, establishing the South American Community of Nations.

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Petition of MARYAM GHAVAMI JAZAYERI for Change of Name
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner or Attorney: MARYAM GHAVAMI JAZAYERI filed a petition with this court for a decree of changing names as follows: MARYAM GHAVAMI JAZAYERI to MARYAM GHAVAMI - JAZAYERI. The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted.
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