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THE BUSY WEEK ISSUE

New departure rules go online at SM Airport

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

SUNSET PARK A new set of departure rules meant to cut down on idle times at Santa Monica Airport (SMO) went into effect Thursday, officials with the FAA said.

The new rules aim to minimize idling and pollution which often results from overlap between the departure times at SMO and LAX.

A handful of piston-powered planes that depart from SMO each day are now required to turn once they reach an altitude of 400 feet above sea level, as opposed to the former flight track, which required them to turn at the shore line.

Due to the close proximity between the SMO and LAX runways, past departures have had to be carefully coordinated in order to avoid a mid-air collision between planes. This has caused delays at both airports, some of which have been as long as 15 to 20 minutes.

The new protocol will keep SMO departures on a parallel path with those at LAX, and will maintain a 3-mile distance between departures at all times. It is expected that these new rules will eliminate the need for delays at either airport.

The changes will not affect jets or turboprop planes, which are larger, faster and more powerful than piston-engine planes.

When the intention to make the changes was first announced, some Sunset Park residents were skeptical. They were concerned that the planes would be flying too close over their homes, increasing noise pollution.

Bob Trimborn, Santa Monica Airport's manager, said the exact location of where the plane would turn will depend on weather conditions, pilot performance and the type of aircraft, noting that the heavier ones will climb more slowly.

The required flight path turn for most planes will take place around the center of Penmar Golf Course.

During the maximum 180-day pilot period, federal officials will not only compile data on delays, but for noise complaints as well.

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Stimulus funding felt locally

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE From its prime location on the sand north of the Santa Monica Pier, Back on the Beach restaurant seems about as far from Wall Street and the financial crisis as you can get.

But when panic over sub-prime loan losses caused banks last fall to pump the brakes on small business loans, Back on the Beach co-owner Fred Deni found himself in trouble. He had a contractual obligation to push ahead with a planned renovation of his property but no way to get the financing he needed.

Then came the Troubled Asset Relief Program and the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, often referred to as "the stimulus package."

Deni was able to secure a nearly $250,000 loan from the government to complete his renovation and opened for business in July with 60 employees. Without the loan, he said the restaurant, already closed for 18 months during construction, would have stayed closed for at least another summer, meaning no work for his employees.

"That [stimulus] money definitely, definitely enhanced the seasonal jobs here," he said. "I do not know what we would have done had all of that not come to fruition when it did."

Back on the Beach is one of several businesses and organizations in Santa Monica that received a loan, grant or con-

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Brandon Wise *brandonw@smdp.com*

HEALTHY DOSE OF HELP: Dr. Positron Kebebew examines a patient at the Westside Family Health Center on Ocean Park Boulevard Thursday afternoon.

Rabbi says promenade menorah 'not the real deal'

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN For many years, Chabad of Santa Monica was the sole keeper of the Chanukah menorah on the Third Street Promenade.

Hundreds would gather as the group lit its oil-fueled, traditional menorah in the middle of the promenade's Center Court each night of the holiday.

But two years ago, Bayside District Corp., the public/private group that manages and promotes Downtown, decided to make some changes to Chanukah on the promenade. It ended Chabad's monopoly of the event, deciding to instead invite a different temple from the area to host the menorah lighting each night. It also replaced Chabad's oil-fueled menorah with an electric one.

"The thinking was to create an opportunity for different congregations throughout the Westside to help the community celebrate Chanukah," said Kathleen Rawson, Bayside's CEO.

The change meant that Chabad, an Orthodox temple that considers electric menorahs invalid, had to ask permission to hold a second promenade menorah lighting. It now holds its own lighting each night on the promenade just north of Center Court.

"It's caused a little bit of heartache, but you deal with what you have," Chabad of

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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA AND SURROUNDS



Friday, Dec. 11, 2009

Dancing with the star fifth-graders
Barnum Hall, Santa Monica High School
601 Pico Blvd., 10 a.m. — 11 a.m.
Sit back and watch 30 talented fifth graders from three elementary schools in the SMMUSD compete in a riveting ballroom dance competition. A team of 10 students represents each school, and a panel of judges will determine which team goes home with a much coveted trophy. Dances will include meringue, foxtrot, rumba, tango, swing, and waltz. The event is free. For more information, contact Jane Dorian at (310) 922-6464

Classical holiday sounds
The Santa Monica College Performing Arts Center
1310 11th St., 7:30 p.m.
Listen to holiday music, classical works, and opera arias from acclaimed baritone Nathan Gunn. His wife, Julie Jordan Gunn will provide accompaniment. Call (310) 434-3412

Saturday, Dec. 12, 2009

Christmas run
Ocean View Park
2701 Barnard Way, 7:30 a.m.
Help raise money for a good cause while keeping in shape before the endless days of Christmas feasting. Participate in the 32nd Annual Santa Monica-Venice Christmas Run and Walk. The event features 10k and 5k races, as well as a fun run with Santa for the kids. Proceeds from the event will benefit Harvest Home, an organization that aids homeless, pregnant women and their children. For more information, call (310) 828-4123.

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HELPFUL BUNCH

Brandon Wise *brandonw@smdp.com*

For the third year in a row, men and women of the Southern California Honda Dealers Association and the Helpful Boys and Girls in Blue serve warm meals to the homeless at the OPCC center on Sixth Street and Olympic Boulevard on Thursday morning.

Contractor busted in remodel scam

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

CITY HALL A Santa Monica contractor has been convicted on criminal charges stemming from two remodeling jobs in which he took $18,000 in downpayments but refused to complete the work or return the money, city officials said Thursday.

Hosayn Mandi, owner of New Line Interiors, formerly located on Lincoln Boulevard, was convicted last week and sentenced to three years probation, ordered to pay back the $18,000 and is prohibited from doing any contracting work until he is licensed by the Contractor's State Licensing Board (CSLB).

Attempts to reach New Line and Mandi were unsuccessful.

Before the conviction, the City Attorney's Office had already obtained a court order prohibiting Mandi and New Line Interiors from conducting any contractor's business pending trial, and Mandi has since vacated his rented storefront.

As part of his punishment, Mandi must also perform 80 hours of community service and pay $1,000 to the city's Consumer Protection fund.

The City Attorney's Consumer Protection Unit filed the charges last November as part of an ongoing partnership with the CSLB to crack down on illegal practices by contractors in Santa Monica.

"This case and others we're filing from the CSLB send a message to unlicensed contractors and consumers," said Deputy City Attorney Gary Rhoades. "Neither party in an unlicensed contractor case gets what they bargained for. In the long run, it's cheaper for the contractor to get their license and it's cheaper for the consumer to insist on licensed work."

The Consumer Protection Unit urges consumers to know their rights with contractors, including:

- The right to hire licensed contractors;
- The right to check a contractor's license at www.cslb.ca.gov or (800) 321-2752;
- The right to pay only 10 percent or $1,000, whichever is less, as a downpayment;
- The right to a written contract that specifies project costs, the downpayment, a payment schedule and start and completion date.

The State Senate Oversight Committee ranks contractor fraud among the top five consumer complaints in California — a problem that costs consumers nationwide more than $100 billion annually.

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PREP SPORTS ROUNDUP

St. Monica's boys off to a fast start

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

ST. ANTHONY All St. Monica wants for Christmas is to win the St. Anthony Tournament.

In their last action before the holiday break, the Mariners have breezed through the first two rounds of the tournament including a 54-31 win over Animo Leadership on Thursday. The win improved St. Monica's record to 5-1.

Head Coach Tony Depa was pleased with his team's overall balanced scoring. Richard Gibson led St. Monica with 12 points.

"I'm feeling pretty good about this year," Depa said.

With the pair of victories to open the tournament coming relatively easily, Depa believes his team has a chance to walk away with the title. If St. Monica wins it would be their third consecutive St. Anthony Tournament crown.

But, before the Mariners can play for the championship, they will have to contend with the California Academy of Math & Science in the semifinals today. Depa expects CAMS, a team that made it to the semifinals of the playoffs last season, to put up a fight despite the fact that that the Rebels appear to be in a bit of a rebuilding year.

Depa said he doesn't want to get ahead of himself, but he's looking forward to a potential matchup with St. Anthony in the finals of the tournament.

He wants to see how his team fares against a squad with superior height. With the tallest man on St. Anthony standing 6-foot-8, Depa hopes his team has the gumption to handle the disparity.

While St. Monica's tallest player is Ryan Featherston, who stands at 6-foot-2, Depa said that the Mariners' overall team height should be able to give St. Anthony fits.

"We shoot the ball pretty well," he said of what his team would have to do to contend with St. Anthony's height. "We junk it up when we play teams bigger than us."

After the St. Anthony Tournament, St.

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Praise for the HeLP Team

Editor:

I am writing to let the city of Santa Monica know how proud they should be to have police officers dedicated to the Homeless Liaison Program. I recently visited Santa Monica in search of my homeless son who has been missing from the state of Michigan for 12 years. I was assisted by the police officers who work in the homeless program and was very impressed by their professionalism and their compassion with finding a mother's son.

These four officers; Sgt. Ramirez, Officer Holloway, Officer Wong and Officer Smith, deserve a commendation from City Hall for going above and beyond to help me find my son and to try to assist with helping him receive the care he needs.

You are very lucky to have a program like this; there are so many homeless in the United States that are ignored and left to die on the streets because most cities do not respect the right that these people have to live and be taken care of.

God bless these officers and deep gratitude to the city of Santa Monica for supporting this program.

Marla Lenk
Manitowoc, Wis.

Owning a car is not a necessity

Editor:

K. Klarin says that cars are a necessity ("Peace please," Nov. 27). But really cars are just an accessory, a luxury, merely a "want" – and impose a large burden and cost on their owners and the rest of us.

Fuel is expected to get only more expensive and harder to get over the coming years, and cars are a great "drag" on pocket books with insurance and repairs alone. Auto traffic is as dangerous as ever, both for drivers and pedestrians, especially in this "digital age" with the unfocused cell phone users and text messengers behind the wheel.

Most of us, more than we can imagine, could get around effectively by public transportation and walking, rather than with using a car, especially here in Santa Monica, where the bus system effectively criss-crosses the city. Furthermore, the reliance on cars is an aspect of the "war-way of life" we mostly accept today.

As writer Kurt Lesser said, "The next time you hear a motorist complaining of being soaked, mention the enormous sums in support that is handed to the industry by all taxpayers – where everyone pays for the privileged choice of the driver, directly and indirectly – and that includes paying with lives in fighting the wars for cheap oil."

Andy Liberman
Santa Monica

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Write Rachel

Rachel Iverson

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Those three little words

Dear Rachel,

The other day, I caught my girlfriend of four months saying, "I love you" to her ex on the phone. When I confronted her, she said she loves him as a friend, nothing more, and she wants to be with me. What should I do?

Signed
Haunted by the past

Dear Haunted,

In the beginning of a dating relationship, it's smart to address all red flags immediately. In this case, you asked your girlfriend about her feelings for her ex and she said her feelings are platonic. If you feel convinced that she's sincere, you can choose to give her the benefit of the doubt. The next step is to address her behavior. You can't stop your girlfriend from caring about her ex as a person, but you can tell her that you feel disrespected when she says, "I love you" to him in your presence. It's possible that your girlfriend didn't realize that her actions upset you, so it's good that you communicated your feelings to her. If she has trouble putting herself in your shoes, ask her how she'd feel if you said, "I love you" to your ex on the phone. If she defends her behavior, this may be a sign that she has deeper feelings for her ex or she doesn't respect your feelings. If this is the case, it may be time to let the ghost of boyfriends past have her.

How you and a date handle conflict together can be just as important, if not more important, than the conflict itself. How a date responds when conflicts arise speaks volumes about her character and the future of your relationship together. There's no way to avoid occasional conflict in a relationship, so you must choose a partner who shares compatible problem solving skills with you in order to make a relationship work.

Dear Rachel,

I thought the teen obsession with the "Twilight" vampire novels was ridiculous until I read them. They're so addictive that I read all four in one week. I'm in my 30s so I was embarrassed to admit my adolescent reading habit until two close friends confessed to having "Twilight" fixations as well. We're all Team Edward fans. Why are these books so addictive and where can I find a real-life Edward? Just kidding (kind of).

Signed
Team Edward fan

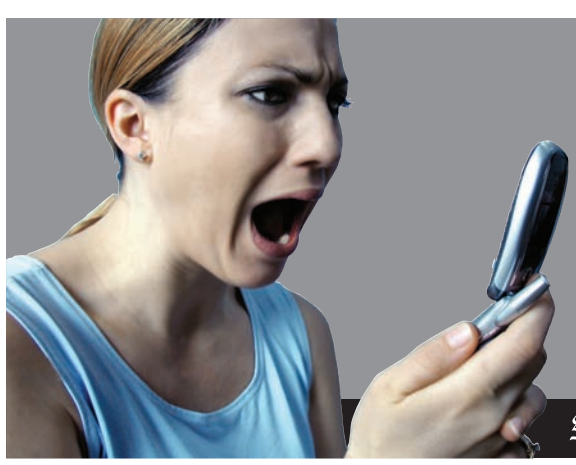
Dear Team Edward fan,

Let's face it. Edward is the Achilles' heel of women everywhere because he's the quintessential unavailable, tortured guy. He wants to love you, but he can't. And as natural nurturers, most women just can't resist a tortured guy who needs to be saved. However, most tortured guys are unavailable because they're emotionally stunted — not because they're scared of sucking your blood until you die. So, really, Edward is just a variation on a theme. It also doesn't hurt that he's beautiful, exciting, wealthy and has cool hair. But to all you nurturers out there who want someone to save, might I suggest an alternative? Why don't you save yourself from another unsatisfying relationship with an Edward-type guy and open your mind to dating a Jacob. Yes, Edward guys might have some flashy qualities, but they're bound to leave you frustrated and exhausted in the end. Edward guys literally suck your life force with their drama, until you lose interest in food, sleep, sunlight, friends, family or even life itself, like a drug addiction.

Most women have to date the Edwards of the world before they're ready to date a Jacob. And to you, Team Edward fans, I know there's nothing I can say to dissuade you from pursuing these addictive, high-drama relationships until you tire of their accompanying BS once and for all. I could tell you that the high you receive from addictive relationships is not true happiness, but instead a sort of mania that stems from a fear of loss, which is followed by an inevitable low. But you probably aren't ready to hear this advice. However, if the day comes that you decide to disembark the cycle of roller-coaster relationships for good, I hope you remember these words: Jacob guys bring true fulfillment.

A Jacob guy is a man with whom you have chemistry, but who's also your best friend. He's a kind, loving, dependable person who treats you with respect. He's the person you enjoy spending time with more than any other human being in the world, and he can be just as beautiful as an Edward. This man will enhance your life, instead of making it unlivable, and the joy you feel in his presence resonates with a feeling of peace, not fear. Leave Edward to reside in the science fiction fantasies you store in your bookcase, but relish the flesh and blood embrace of your own personal Jacob in this world.

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Laughing Matters

Jack Neworth

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Beware of a murderous moose

LAST SATURDAY MORNING MY COMPUTER crashed, which left me slightly apoplectic. Between my computer and my car not working, I'd choose the car. I can always take the bus.

I raced over to my friend Danno Lebovics, the "Cyber Guru." Groggy before his coffee, he agreed to look at the computer right after tennis. I would have brought it to the tennis courts, but who has an extension cord that long.

As Danno worked, I paced in my living room. Finally, the phone rang. Danno had successfully backed up all my files (whew) and, while "unstable," the computer was working! (If this suddenly stops mid-sentence, you'll know why.)

In my absence, the Internet was filled with bizarre stories, such as that of Matthew Roberts, 41, of Los Angeles. Adopted at birth, Matthew had spent the last 12 years searching for his biological parents. Finally, he located his mother in Wisconsin, but what he discovered was devastating.

Goatee-wearing Matthew is a vegetarian whose hero is Ghandi. So it was rather overwhelming when his birth mother reluctantly revealed that his father was … Charles Manson!

The timeline fits. Manson was released from prison in 1967 and was arrested again in 1969. As Manson put it, "Every time I get out, I get a woman and a kid, then she runs off. The kid shows up 30 years later, fat and acting like his mother." (Charming.)

Matthew admits there's an undeniable resemblance. "If I get worked up, my eyes get really big and that freaks people out." He has exchanged letters with Manson but understandably doesn't want to meet him. As poor Matthew says, "It's like having Adolf Hitler for a father."

In Stockholm, Agneta Westlund, 63, was found brutally murdered after an evening stroll in the forest. Her husband, Ingemar, was charged with homicide and jailed for 10 days. The case was finally dropped, however. Forensic tests revealed that on Agneta's clothing, there were hairs and saliva from a … moose!

In Hungary, brothers Zsolt and Geza Peladi are so poor that they live in a cave outside of Budapest. But they're about to receive a $6.6 billion inheritance from a long-lost grandmother. "No women would look at us living in a cave," said Geza, stating the obvious. There are 6.6 billion reasons that could soon change.

But Web stories can be outdated in minutes. Take Tiger's alleged mistresses. When I went to work out, Tiger had four mistresses. When I got back, he had 10, including a porn star! (I was only in the gym an hour!) Meanwhile Elin moved out and not long after her mother was rushed to the hospital at 2 a.m.! (A typical day at the Woods' estate?)

And yet Tiger and Elin's prenup is still being renegotiated. It's reported that if she stays with Tiger for seven more years, Elin could get $300 million. (How romantic.) If so, the 3 iron she used might have been the right club.

The last two stories are downright disturbing. The latest wingnut craze on the Internet features an anti-Obama slogan on T-shirts, bumper stickers, coffee mugs, and teddy bears, and the words, "Pray for Obama: Psalm 109.8." ("Let his days be few; and let another take his office.")

Fair enough, until one reads further. "Let his children be fatherless, and his wife a widow. Let them be vagabonds and beg: let them seek their bread out of desolate places." (One word: vile.) The far right whines about moderate Muslims who don't disavow their fanatical brethren. How about moderate Christians disavowing sickos who preach dangerous "biblical" rhetoric?

In the last story, Rep. Maurice Hinchey (D-N.Y.) accused former President Bush of purposely letting Osama bin Laden escape from Tora Bora. MSNBC's David Shuster responded, "People will think that's crazy." Actually, outing a CIA agent during a war is crazy. Ask Valerie Plame.

The Afghanistan invasion was undertaken to drive al-Qaida out, which we did. If we'd caught Bin Laden, there'd certainly have been little public support for an unnecessary war in Iraq and 30,000 more troops in Afghanistan. We'd have saved untold lives, horrific injuries and trillions of dollars. (Enough for health care, the environment and repairing things like collapsing bridges.)

At Tora Bora, we had Bin Laden cornered. But, according to a Senate report, "Snipers and Marine Corps and army divisions, were kept on the sidelines." Why?

With additional American soldiers, Rumsfeld supposedly worried there'd be "an anti U.S. backlash." So Bush turned Bin Laden's capture over to warlords who got bribed, which facilitated his escape. Not long after, we invaded Iraq and the rest is history, albeit painful.

If you didn't care for this column, I say blame Danno. Without his computer genius (and near same-day service) I couldn't have written it. Meanwhile, I'm still worried about poor Matthew. Maybe shave the goatee?

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The Q Line

Raising future couch potatoes

A recent state report on the physical fitness of fifth, seventh and ninth grade students throughout the state found that not even half of Santa Monica's students could pass all six requirements of the test.

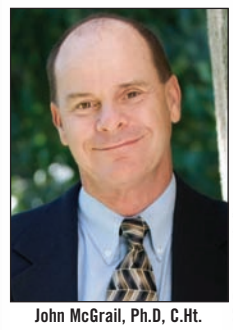
So, this week's Q-Line question asks:

What do you think about the state of physical education in schools? What role should parents be playing?

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FIRST VICTORY

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Santa Monica High School's Ezeqiel Ocampo and Wilson's Evan Gorzema struggle for control of the ball Thursday at John Adams Middle School. Samohi won the game, 4-0. The win was the Vikings' first of the season improving its record to 1-2-1.

Santa Monica receives more than $30M in stimulus funds

FROM **STIMULUS** PAGE 1

tract from the government as a result of the massive stimulus package.

According to the government operated Web site devoted to tracking stimulus spending (www.recovery.org), $241.9 billion of the $787 billion package had been paid out as of last week.

Santa Monica entities have received slightly more than $30 million in grants so far, according to a Santa Monica Daily Press analysis of the latest data available.

Groups that receive funding are required to file detailed reports explaining how they spent their funds, but the Recovery, Accountability and Transparency Board, which is charged with overseeing stimulus spending, has acknowledged the data is still incomplete.

This has led to frustration and intense criticism of the program, increasing doubts about its effectiveness.

"It's an imperfect picture, but it's the best picture we have right now," said Cheryl Arvidson, a spokeswoman for the board.

In Santa Monica, though, it's clear the funding has aided a wide range of groups that were in need. Recipients include organizations like the John Wayne Cancer Institute, the Big Blue Bus, the 18th Street Arts Complex and the Santa Monica Symphony, which provides free concerts featuring professional and emerging musicians and received a grant for $25,000.

The symphony's grant was used to save one performance last month in which 21 union musicians and 23 non-union musicians participated. Without the stimulus funding, those musicians and a conductor would have been out of work, at least for one evening. Donations are down, meaning tough times for the symphony, which calls the Civic Auditorium home and has been a fixture in Santa Monica since 1945.

"This was really important for union musicians," said Julie Nichols, the executive director of the symphony. "They depend on this, especially now when so many others are cutting musician jobs … I can't speak for the rest of the economy, but certainly for the artists whose jobs we saved with this money, it is really important."

The stimulus funding package was well received by the Westside Family Health Center, which used a grant for $741,125 to hire an extra doctor and a registered nurse, allowing the community clinic to expand services to its roughly 8,300 patients, many of whom do not have health insurance and live below the poverty line, said Debra Farmer, the clinic's president and CEO.

"In the last year and a half, we were seeing people who were losing their health insurance because employers couldn't afford to offer it anymore," Farmer said. "Now those people are coming back and they have lost their jobs. So we are glad to be here to provide what we can."

Stimulus dollars were also used to upgrade the clinic's computer systems, a critical move given the move toward digitizing medical records. Farmer also purchased a 36-foot, two-exam-room mobile unit to go out to patients who may have trouble getting to the clinic.

"We are not throwing any money away," Farmer said, responding to critics of the stimulus funding. "Everyone I know who received money either saved jobs or added jobs like we did. There is a lot of reporting that we have to do to show that the money is not going into some black hole. We are sending quarterly reports back to the feds. They want to know how the money is being used, if we have seen an increase in patients and the number of visits, and particularly with the public health emergency with H1N1, this money came at a good time."

Donations are down for the clinic but the need has increased, she said. Without the stimulus funding, the clinic may have not been able to fill positions if doctors or nurses were to leave.

"We need to be here so people can get health care," Farmer said.

Down the road, Farmer would like the information technology staff to help with the computer system and patient tracking. Without stimulus funding, that wouldn't be a possibility, she said.

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Editor-in-Chief Kevin Herrera contributed to this report.





CRIME WATCH
BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

Two busted for heroin possession

Crime Watch is a weekly series culled from reports provided by the Santa Monica Police Department. These are arrests only. All parties are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 2, AT 9:49 P.M.,

Santa Monica police officers responded to the 1900 block of Alley 11 regarding a suspicious vehicle. When officers arrived, they approached the vehicle and saw paraphernalia used for smoking heroin. Officers made contact with two people inside the car and found heroin and additional paraphernalia. The suspects were arrested for possession of drugs and drug paraphernalia. They were identified as Darius Dehlavi, 34, of La Crescenta and Colby Bogust, 38, of Tujunga. Dehlavi was also booked for a probation violation. Dehlavi was not eligible for bail. Bogust's bail was set at $10,000.

TUESDAY, DEC. 1, AT 8:30 A.M.,

Officers responded to the area of Sixth and Bay streets regarding a robbery. When officers arrived, they made contact with the victim who said a man named Billy approached him and asked for a cigarette. When the victim handed a cigarette to the suspect, the victim's watch was exposed. The suspect allegedly demanded the watch and forcibly took it from the victim. The suspect fled from the scene. Later in the day, officers located the suspect in the 500 block of Olympic Boulevard. The suspect was in possession of the victim's watch, police said. The suspect was booked for robbery and a parole violation. He was identified as William Valdez, 53, of Las Vegas. He was not eligible for bail.

SUNDAY, NOV. 29, AT 3:51 P.M.,

Officers responded to the 700 block of Broadway — Vons — regarding a report of a theft that just occurred. While en route, officers saw a man who matched the description of the suspect. Officers made contact with the individual and allegedly recovered items that were stolen from the grocery store. The items, valued at $448,18, included shaving equipment and medical supplies. An employee positively identified the suspect and he was placed under arrest for burglary, a parole violation and giving false information to police. He was identified as Allen Smith, 51, a transient. He was not eligible for bail.

FRIDAY, NOV. 27, AT 8:20 P.M.,

Officers responded to the 600 block of Wilshire Boulevard — 7/11 — regarding a report of a strong arm robbery that just occurred. When officers arrived they made contact with the alleged victim who told them that a homeless man took several items and placed them in his backpack and underneath his shirt. The suspect approached the counter and was paying for an item. Police said the victim asked the suspect about the other items that were in his backpack and underneath his shirt. The suspect denied having any other items. The victim lifted the suspect's shirt, revealing the stolen items. The suspect, Marcus McIntire, 50, a transient, allegedly punched the victim in the face and fled on foot. On Dec. 3, at 7:35 a.m., officers observed the suspect as he was headed to homeless service provider OPCC. The suspect was arrested for robbery. His bail was set at $50,000.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 2, AT 5:42 P.M.,

Officers responded to the 1600 block of Ocean Park Boulevard — Bob's Market — regarding a fight in progress. When officers arrived, they made contact with witnesses who told them that a man entered the store and removed a bottle of Absolut vodka from the shelves and exited the store, failing to pay for the item. Once outside the store, the suspect was confronted by employees. The suspect refused to return the bottle of booze and a fight ensued. The suspect was taken into custody and booked for robbery and a probation violation. He was identified as Thomas Padilla, 43, of Santa Monica. No bail was set.

TUESDAY, DEC. 1, AT 9:30 P.M.,

Officers on routine patrol in the 1500 block of Lincoln Boulevard saw a man riding his bicycle on the sidewalk in violation of the municipal code. Officers stopped the suspect to issue him a citation. During their investigation, officers discovered that the suspect was in possession of cocaine and marijuana. The suspect, John Guldin, 42, of Santa Monica, was arrested for possession of a controlled substance and possession of marijuana. His bail was set at $10,000.

SUNDAY, DEC. 6, AT 6:53 A.M.,

Officers responded to the area of Fourth Street and San Vicente Boulevard regarding a report of vandalism in progress. When officers arrived, they made contact with a suspicious person at the rear of a building in the 600 block of San Vicente who matched the description of the vandalism suspect. Officers allegedly found a prescription pill that did not belong to him and some spray paint cans in his backpack. The suspect was placed under arrest for possession of a narcotic (codeine) and vandalism. He was identified as Nicolas Bassill, 19, of Malibu. His bail was set at $20,000.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

ASHLAND AVENUE

Firefighter injured

A firefighter received minor injuries battling a blaze at a house here on Wednesday, officials said.

More than 40 Santa Monica firefighters, with assistance from Los Angeles firefighters, were called to 1334 Ashland Ave. just before 1 p.m., said Suzanne Post of the Santa Monica Fire Department.

No one was at home at the time. Knockdown took 86 minutes, Post said. Extinguishing the fire was made particularly difficult because of a metal clad roof in place on the structure.

There was extensive damage to the roof and ceiling of the approximately 4,000-square-foot single-family residence, she said

The cause of the fire is under investigation.

DAILY PRESS

DOWNTOWN

Samohi student awarded

After months of hard environmental work, Santa Monica High School senior Megan Kilroy is reaping the rewards – rewards other than the knowledge of having saved the lives of animals and people alike.

Kilroy is a recipient of a HALO (Helping And Leading Others) award and will appear on cable network Nickelodeon today at 5 p.m. in the first TeenNick HALO awards ceremony. The awards are given to teenagers in the United States who make a positive impact in their community.

Kilroy was also awarded $20,000 for her achievements as captain of Team Marine, Samohi's marine science and environmental club. Half of the money will go toward her college education, and half of the money will help continue her work with Team Marine.

During her time as captain, Kilroy led several marches to ban plastic bags in Santa Monica. She has also helped to collect thousands of dollars worth of plastic bottles and bottle caps, which the team recycled using the money earned to purchase water purifying devices for people in impoverished nations.

Justin Timberlake, Hayden Panettiere, LeBron James, Alicia Keys and Nick Cannon will host and present the awards to Kilroy and three other teenagers. The other teenagers are being awarded for their efforts in issues such as HIV/AIDS, scoliosis and life in the ghetto.

The ceremony will be rebroadcast at 9 p.m. today on Nickelodeon.

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New home for the hall

The Santa Monica Museum of Flying will be the home of a newly-created California Aviation Hall of Fame.

Officials with the museum, which is expected to open in the spring or summer of 2010 after a $2 million expansion and remodel, made the announcement Thursday.

"We are honored to have the opportunity to present and preserve this important piece of California history ... ," said David Price, chairman of the museum. "The aviation and aerospace industries played a key role in the growth of the California economy beginning in the early 1920s and continues to do so today."

The hall was established to recognize and pay tribute to the aviation visionaries of California that have made significant contributions to the advancement and development of the aviation and aerospace fields. A special section of the new museum will be dedicated to display Hall of Fame inductees along with images, artifacts and ephemera of those individuals.

The museum has a lease agreement with City Hall for a property at 3100 Airport Ave. Those interested in the museum or would like to make a contribution can go to www.museumofflying.com.

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Samohi girls advance in Redondo Classic

FROM **ROUNDUP** PAGE 3

Monica will be out of action until Dec. 26 when the team takes part in the Sea Hawk Beach Classic.

Depa said he wants to see how his team from a relatively small private school stands up against larger public schools. That first test will come in the opening game against Morningside, a team that is in the same league (Ocean) as Santa Monica High School.

SAMOHI GIRLS QUALIFY FOR SEMIFINALS

Despite losing to Serra in the quarterfinals of the Redondo Classic on Tuesday, Santa Monica's girls basketball team has qualified for the semifinals.

The Vikings will face Bishop Montgomery at Redondo High School at 8 p.m. to decide who will advance to play in the final on Saturday. Samohi qualified because Serra lost to Palos Verdes, a team that Samohi defeated earlier in the tournament.

Inglewood and St. Mary make up the other half of the semifinal bracket.

"I keep hearing that they are much improved," Samohi Head Coach Marty Verdugo said of Bishop Montgomery. "They play hard-nosed basketball."

This will be the second year in a row that Samohi has faced Bishop Montgomery in the Redondo Classic. The Vikings won last year's matchup, 48-34.

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Rabbi will attempt dreidel spinning world record

FROM MENORAH PAGE 1

Santa Monica Rabbi Eli Levitansky said of the transition.

There's no rivalry between the two camps, both sides insist, only different views of a Jewish tradition.

Bayside's electric menorah is "symbolic, but it's not the real deal," Levitansky said. "There are many, many places worldwide that use electric; our idea is that we want to portray the real thing. If we're doing it, we'd like to do it right."

Rabbi Jeff Marx of the Santa Monica Synagogue, whose temple will host the Center Court lighting on Sunday, said using a menorah with light bulbs instead of flames is "nothing too terrible."

However a menorah is lit, he said, "the result is still the same: we get to re-tell the story of Chanukah."

While the rift over the lighting ceremony has caused some friction, Rawson said she believes a suitable resolution has been reached.

"I feel like we've worked well together and we have, really, a good solution," she said. "We simply made room for (Chabad) to put their own [menorah lighting] on. Change is hard, but it certainly was not insurmountable."

At Sunday's lighting, Marx also will be leading his second attempt at a Chanukah-related world record. The goal is to gather a group on the promenade and collectively spin more than 603 dreidels simultaneously.

"I read an article a couple years ago about it," Marx explained. "I said to myself, 'We could definitely get enough people together here in Santa Monica to do it.'"

Marx's first attempt last Chanukah to snatch the record from the University of Maryland Hillel managed only about 300 concurrently spinning dreidels.

Though he won't take part in Marx's menorah lighting ceremony, Rabbi Isaac Levitansky of Chabad of Santa Monica, said he hopes to take part in the dreidel spinning effort.

"One of the things that we do on Chanukah is we publicize the miracle of Chanukah, and this is something that publicizes the miracle of Chanukah, he said. "It's a good thing,"

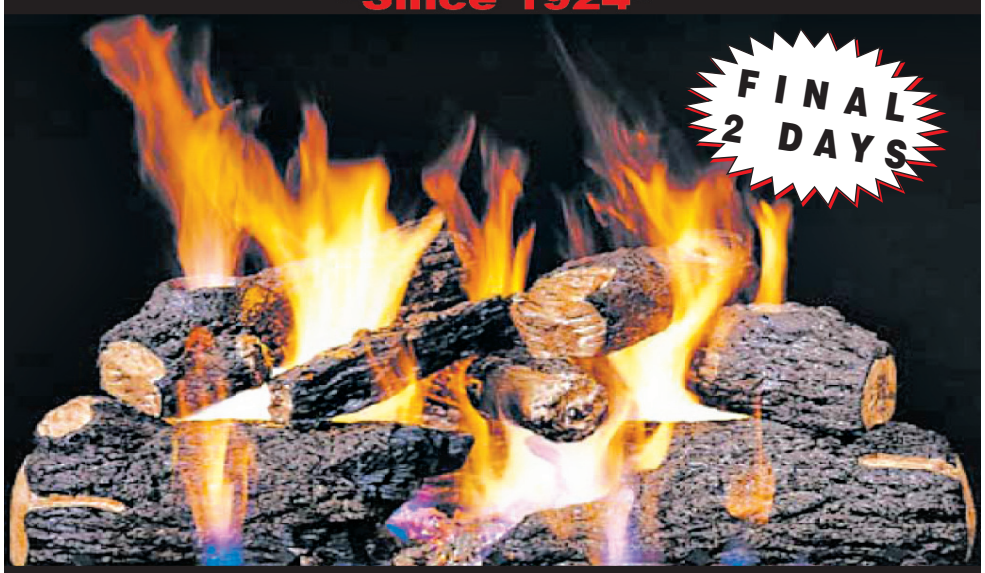
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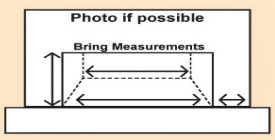
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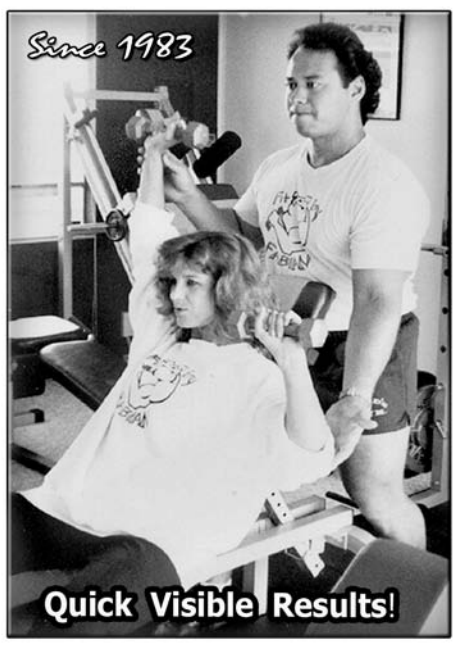
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ANTICIPATED SIGNIFICANT IMPACTS: The Draft EIR determined that implementation of the project will result in the following significant impacts:

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A copy of the Draft EIR and background materials are available for your review on the City web site: http://www01.smgov.net/planning/planningcomm/environmentalreports.html

The Draft EIR and background materials may also be viewed at the following locations:
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- Office of City Clerk, Room 102, 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, CA
- Santa Monica Public Library, 601 Santa Monica Boulevard, Santa Monica, CA

Dark side of sports

BY JACK NEWORTH
Special to the Daily Press

When I was growing up the national sports pastime was baseball. Football, basketball and hockey, were all considered minor sports, at least compared to baseball.

This dynamic began to change in 1966 when the upstart American Football League, which played a wide-open, fan-friendly game, merged with the National Football League. Then, after Super Bowl III, when Joe Namath's Jets upset Johnny Unitas' heavily favored Colts, pro football's popularity skyrocketed. Today the NFL is a $7 billion a year enterprise and is the most followed, most prosperous sport in America.

Over 100,000,000 people worldwide watch the Super Bowl. But behind the glamour are the NFL's dark secrets. The average player has a life expectancy of 55, some 20 years less than the general public. Due to chronic injuries, for many, living their dreams turned their lives into nightmares.

Roman Phifer, a three-time Super Bowl Champion, along with business partners, Rico McClinton and Joe Ruggiero, has produced a riveting one-hour documentary, "Blood Equity," which reveals some of those secrets. The film focuses on retired NFL players with physical, emotional and dementia issues, and the struggle they have with the player's union and the owners they made rich

There's plenty of bone-jarring footage which fans love to see. The problem is the resulting debilitating injuries, including frequent concussions that lead to permanent brain damage. "Blood Equity" features intelligent and heartfelt interviews with such former greats as Mike Ditka, Harry Carson, Willie Wood, Tony Dorsett and Darryl Johnston.

It also features a moving interview with Hall of Famer John Mackey and his courageous wife, Sylvia. Mackey suffers dementia to such a degree that he can barely recognize a photo of his own children.

Years ago Mackey developed frontotemporal dementia. Today he's in an assisted living facility, as is Willie Wood. It's commonplace for former players to be denied care after retirement. Some end up homeless or living in shelters, or, as in the shameful case of former Pittsburgh Steeler Hall of Fame center, Mike Webster.

Repeatedly denied help from the NFL, Webster died penniless and disoriented from a neurodegenerative disease caused by his football injuries. Webster's estate won a judgment for $1.18 million, which the league had the nerve to appeal. Fortunately, the decision was upheld in a federal court in 2006.

The NFL has essentially pitted current players against the former players. In "Blood Equity," we see the late Gene Upshaw, former union president, comment that he didn't have to answer to the former players, as they didn't pay his salary ($5,000,000 annually). Sadly, the conflict is common. Younger workers, in this case players, want "theirs now," not realizing that one day they will be the retired worker.

The players association claims there's no link between brain injury and football. Medical science, however, is proving otherwise. Recently, the league has responded to public pressure, albeit minimally, with the "88 plan." Named after Mackey's number, it provides $88,000-a-year for nursing home care and up to $50,000 annually for adult day care.

Even Johnny Unitas, the NFL's iconic quarterback of the '50s and '60s, was mistreated. He lost total use of his right hand, with the middle finger and thumb disfigured from being repeatedly broken. Having had his disability claims consistently denied, Unites died in 2002.

The producers' purpose for making "Blood Equity" was to educate viewers and seek solutions for improving life for those playing in one of the world's most violent games. It's a fascinating and disturbing look into a sport that brings joy to tens of millions. But be forewarned, you won't watch an NFL game quite the same after viewing "Blood Equity."

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SOCCER

Everton in talks to borrow Donovan

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LIVERPOOL, England U.S. forward Landon Donovan is in talks about a loan move to Everton that would give him experience in the English Premier League in the run up to the World Cup.

The loan would put the Los Angeles Galaxy star on the same team as U.S. goalkeeper Tim Howard and allow him to play against many of the England players he will face in South Africa next June.

"Landon is a player (that manager) David Moyes has identified as someone he would like to bring to the club," Everton chief executive Robert Elstone said Thursday. "We are working to make that happen and hope we can reach agreement soon with all the appropriate parties."

Everton lost last season's FA Cup final to Chelsea. It is 15th in the 20-team Premier League standings, just three points above the relegation zone.

If a deal is reached, Donovan would likely join the Liverpool-based club in January for three months before returning to the U.S. for the start of the Major League Soccer season in March.

"They are one of a number of clubs who have contacted the Galaxy about the possibility of a short-term loan agreement for Landon," the Galaxy said in a statement to The Associated Press. "The Galaxy, MLS and Landon's representative will work together to determine if and whether an arrangement with Everton or any other club would be beneficial to all parties."

England midfielder David Beckham, Donovan's Galaxy teammate, will also be on loan in January for a second stint at AC Milan, but he will not return to LA until after the World Cup.

While Donovan has an American record 42 goals in 120 internationals, he has struggled during three previous stints in Europe.

He signed a six-year deal with Bayern Leverkusen as a 16-year-old in 1999, but didn't play a game in two years and was loaned to the San Jose Earthquakes of MLS in 2001.

After four seasons in the MLS, he rejoined Leverkusen in January 2005. He made nine appearances — seven in the Bundesliga and two in the Champions League — but just two of them were starts. Two months later, he returned to the MLS with the Galaxy.

He made five Bundesliga appearances and one German Cup appearance for Bayern Munich during a loan earlier this year.

Donovan was selected as the best player on the U.S. team for a record-breaking sixth time in October after being instrumental in helping the Americans reach the Confederations Cup final and World Cup.



SURF REPORT

Surf Conditions **Water Temp:** 58°

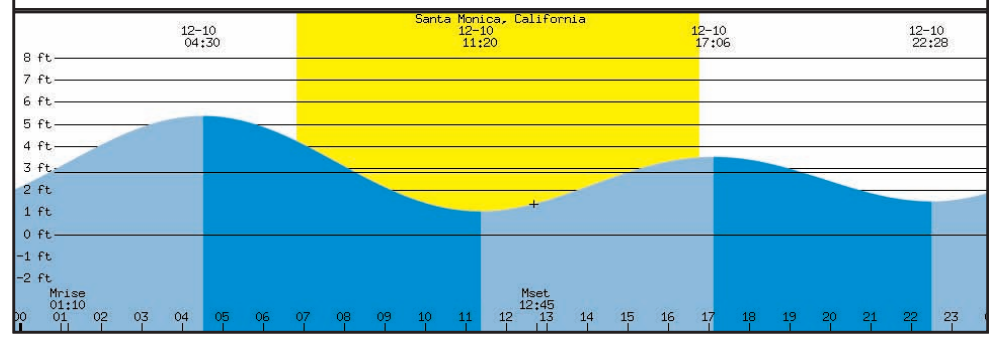
Swell Forecast

we still have quite a bit of NW ground swell along the California coast, but it looks like this swell has peaked. Weather has held off as well, with rain not expected until later today or this evening.

Long Range Synopsis

SWELL SHOULD BACK OFF, BUT SURF RUNNING HEAD HIGH TO A FOOT OR SO OVERHEAD AT WEST FACING BREAKS IS STILL EXPECTED IN THE AM. RAIN IS LIKELY AS WELL, AND WINDS ARE EXPECTED TO BE ONSHORE EARLY.

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QUICK STATS (for the last 28 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 1
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 0
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 36 / ns
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 9 / ns

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

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

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lachusa and Los Aliso creeks.	A+	ns
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	ns
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	A	ns
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A+	ns
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A	ns
Solstice Canyon at Dan Blocker County Beach.	A	ns
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	C	ns
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.	C	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A	ns
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	F	ns
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	A+	ns
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.	C	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	ns

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A+	ns
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.	C	ns
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	B	ns
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	D	ns
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A+	ns
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St..	A+	ns
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower.	C	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	A	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	A+	ns
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty).	A	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	A+	ns
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant.	B	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	C	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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Aero Theatre
1328 Montana Ave.
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AMC Loews Broadway 4
1441 Third Street Promenade

2012 (PG-13) 2hr 38min
11:15am, 2:40, 6:10, 9:35

Pirate Radio (R) 1hr 55min
2:00, 7:40

Hurt Locker (R) 2hrs 10min
11:00am, 4:40, 10:20

Me and Orson Welles (PG-13) 1hr 54min
11:05am, 1:40, 4:20, 7:20, 10:00

Old Dogs (PG) 1hr 28min
12:00, 2:15, 4:30, 7:00, 9:20

AMC 7 Santa Monica
1310 Third St.
(310) 289-4262

Fantastic Mr. Fox (PG) 1hr 27min
9:50am, 12:10, 2:20, 4:50, 7:15, 9:40

Ninja Assassin (R) 1hr 39min
10:00am, 12:30, 2:55, 5:30, 8:15, 10:45

Brothers (R) 1hr 50min
11:30am, 2:10, 5:10, 7:45, 10:30

Princess and the Frog (G) 1hr 35min
9:30am, 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00

Princess and the Frog (G) 1hr 35min
11:00am, 1:30, 4:00, 6:30, 9:00

Up in the Air (R) 1hr 49min
9:40am, 11:15am, 12:20, 1:45, 2:50, 4:20, 5:20, 7:00, 8:00, 9:50, 10:40

Laemmle's Monica Fourplex
1332 Second St.
(310) 394-9741

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

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

Road (R) 1hr 59min
1:20, 4:10, 7:00, 9:50

Mann's Criterion Theatre
1313 Third St.
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The Blind Side (PG-13) 2hrs 6min
1:30, 4:30, 5:30, 7:30, 8:30, 10:20

Planet 51 (PG) 1hr 31min
12:40, 3:00

The Twilight Saga: New Moon (PG-13) 2hrs 10min
1:20, 4:20, 7:20, 10:10

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

Invictus (PG-13) 2hrs 12min
11:00am, 1:00, 2:00, 4:05, 5:00, 7:00, 8:00, 10:00, 11:00

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Stay on top of your game, Aries

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Be more imaginative when dealing with key associates. Understand what is happening behind the scenes. Your visibility and ability to work with others pay off. Much goes on around you. Tonight: Stay on top of your game.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Defer to others, as they will want everything their way. Consider this a break from your demands. With any luck, you could leave work early, if you want. Take advantage of the situation and perhaps clean up your desk. Tonight: Just don't be alone.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ You easily find answers when others run around in circles. Understand what is happening in your immediate circle. Your energy, ideas and magnetism appear to be well received. Start thinking about the weekend, and make plans ASAP. Tonight: Let the good times rock and roll.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ If you can work from home, please do. You might have pushed too hard to get your way and now have to deal with someone's strong reaction. Know and understand your limits and others' boundaries. Tonight: Happy to be home.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ Keep conversations moving, even if you don't feel comfortable with them. Don't take a stand; rather, do a better job of listening to what someone is sharing. Tonight: TGIF. Enjoy your friends and anyone you meet on the way.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ Be aware of how much you are spending and where your budget might be exploding. Admire someone and be clear as to which way you want to go. Let more humor into your life. Understanding evolves to a new level. Tonight: Out and about.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You might want to try another approach or do something very differently. Your personality melts barriers and helps open up other people. Experience less pressure and be more in touch with your long-term desires. Tonight: You could go overboard.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Take your time making a decision. Not everyone is in sync with your ideas. Listen to feedback from someone you trust. Your ability to read between the lines but say little counts. Tonight: All smiles as you greet the weekend.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ Keep the big picture in mind. You discover how important follow-through really is. Don't push limits, and understand when enough is enough. Conversations release unusual creativity. Tonight: Take a night off.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Your take-charge attitude draws results. You feel good wherever you are. Follow through or at least present an idea to others. What seemed impossible just might not be. A meeting could develop into a very happy event. Tonight: Where the action is.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ Keep reaching out for someone you care about. Your sense of humor emerges when looking at possibilities for a getaway. Know that not everyone gets the same laugh out of a ironic situation. Tonight: Let your mind wander.

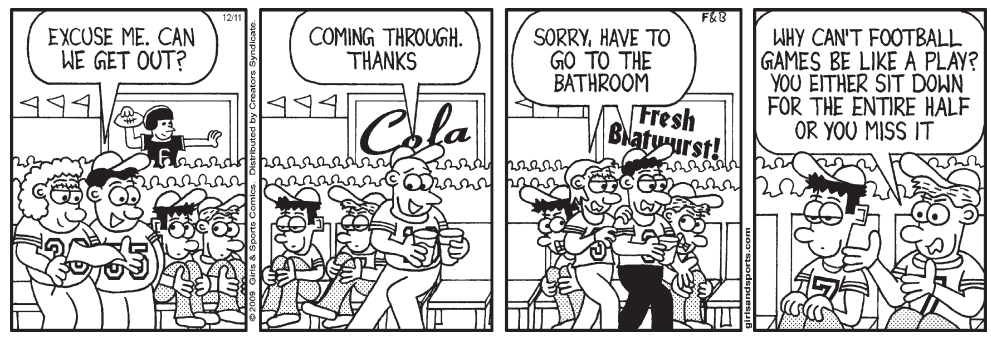
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ Deal directly with a partner or different situations. You are likely to pull a matter apart and continue to pull it apart over and over. Kick back and take in the big picture. You could have quite a revelation. Tonight: Choose something different.

Happy birthday

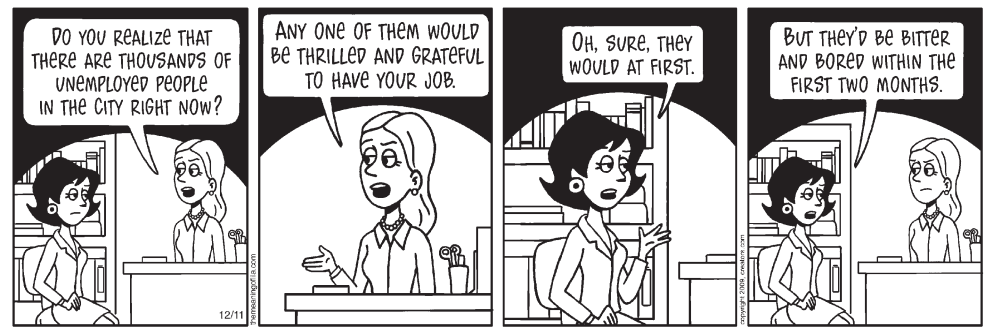
This year, don't lose sight of your long-term goals, especially if you are making a decision. What you might think is impossible could happen when you least anticipate it. Network and expand your immediate circle of friends this year. Much that happens -- especially concerning romance, children and creative interests -- could be out of your control. Visualize more of what you desire.

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

Girls and Sports
By Justin Borus and Andrew Feinstein



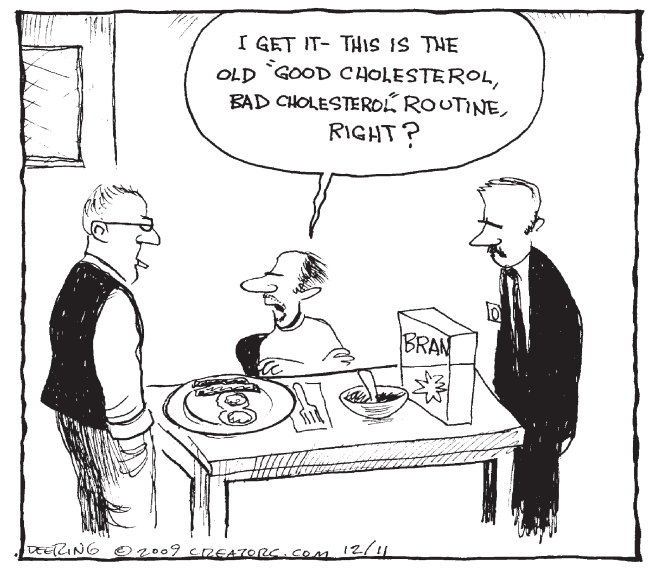
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Difficulty Level ★★★★

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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11 "Pal Joey" writer
13 Golfer Stewart
14 Contribute to a fund
15 Suffering
16 Ranch area
18 Playground germs
20 Flamenco cry
21 Greasy-spoon fixture
22 VP's boss
23 Movie computer
24 Tillis or Tormé
25 Sighed cry
27 Gold measure
29 Rule
30 Business gamble
32 Notion
34 Salon offering
35 "Seeya!"
36 Pound part
38 — Domingo
39 Snide look
40 Cold War side
41 Roughly

DOWN

1 Subject
2 Like some watches
3 Drummer for the Foo Fighters
4 Immoral act
5 Drinks
6 "If — a Hammer"
7 "New Moon" actor
8 Red-and-black bird
10 Second drink
12 Starts a hand
17 Snaky fish
19 Spanish aunts
22 Saucy
24 Tropical fruits
25 Assumed name
26 "Ed Wood" Oscar winner
27 Writer Follett
28 Vestiges
30 Cap part
31 First month, in Madrid
33 A bunch
37 One, for Juan

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ (1) Kenny Jackson, 30, was arrested in St. Paul, Minn., in August after rampaging through his house, destroying furniture and menacing his son, 4, upon finding the boy wearing a blue shirt, which happens to be the color favored by a rival gang (to Jackson's Bloods). (2) In April, Helen Ford was evicted from her home of 30 years in Cambridge, Mass., the result of, she says, being tricked by her son six years earlier to sign the house over to his "business associates" (who recently defaulted on the mortgage). Her son is former college and pro basketball player Rumeal Robinson, 43, who is under federal indictment for bank fraud. Ford (for exemplary community service) and Robinson (for basketball fame) are both prominent citizens of Cambridge, and the house in question sits on Rumeal Robinson Way.

■ (1) The victim of fatal gunshots in Buffalo, N.Y., in October: Mr. Mister Rogers, 23. (2) Arrested for flashing women in Annville Township, Pa., in October: Mr. Hung Thanh Vo, 19. (3) Sentenced for burglary in Portland, Ore., in November (for a December 2008 incident in which he, nude, was detained by the 88-year-old female homeowner, who had grabbed hold of his scrotum): Mr. Michael G. Dick, 47. (4) Arrested (for the second time; the first was also reported in News of the Weird) for prostitution in Forsyth County, Ga., in October: massage parlor employee Mi Suk Yang, 47.

TODAY IN HISTORY

2001 The People's Republic of China joins the World Trade Organization.

2005 The Buncefield Oil Depot catches fire in Hemel Hempstead, England.

2006 The International Conference to Review the Global Vision of the Holocaust is opened in Tehran, Iran by Mahmoud Ahmadinejad; Nations such as Israel and the United States express concern.

2008 Bernard Madoff is arrested and charged with securities fraud in a $50 billion Ponzi scheme.

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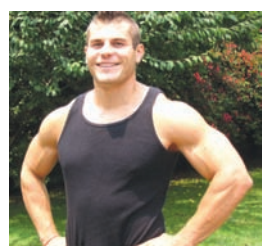
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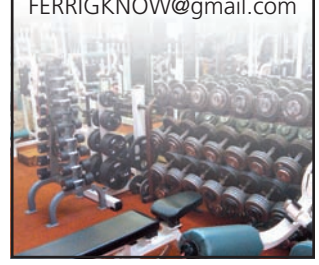
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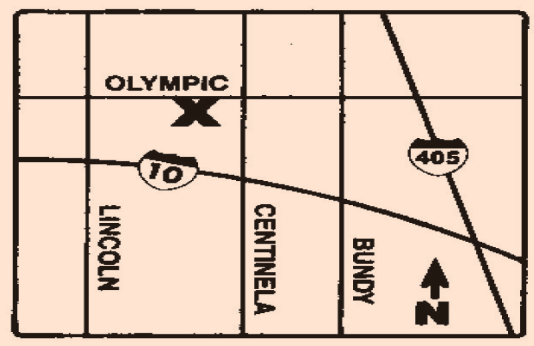
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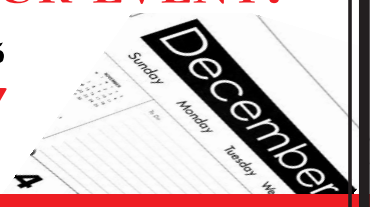
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