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FACELIFT: **Santa Monica High School students walk by a newly-painted wall on their way to lunch Monday afternoon. Parents, students and administrators spent roughly six weeks painting various walls on campus to help raise the profile of the school, which has been known for its academics, not its aesthetics.**

New signs give Samohi clearer identity

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

SAMOHI Richard McKinnon laughs when he remembers the day a Domino's Pizza deliveryman was an hour late dropping off an order for a few Santa Monica High School tennis players, not because of traffic, but rather confusion as to how to enter the campus.

But when McKinnon tells the story, he doesn't do it with a tone of ridicule, but rather understanding that the institution long known for its academic excellence doesn't really have any markers along its campus to let the greater community know of its physical existence.

More than a year after the ill-fated pizza delivery, freshly painted signs identifying the campus as "Samohi" have appeared throughout its once bare-naked walls, part of a campaign by the school community to show some pride.

A group of parents, students and school officials who worked over the past six weeks to transform the campus gathered at the Roberts Art Gallery on Monday to celebrate the conclusion of their project, which launched in conception shortly after the pizza incident.

"What became clear is that nobody knew where Samohi was," McKinnon, a school parent, said.

The project involved painting signs and placing banners at 11 different locations across the campus, including at each of its entrances, covering more than 2,500 square feet. Some of the locations for the blue and yellow signs include the corner of Fourth Street and Pico Boulevard and the Sixth Street entrance.

The Samohi Parent Teacher Student Association provided funding for the project, which was estimated to cost several thousand dollars.

"We are in the process of changing the culture of the school we have pride in," Samohi Principal Dr. Hugo Pedroza said.

The Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District is also in the process of structurally enhancing its secondary schools using Measure BB construction bond money, covering improvements to Samohi, which has been equally known for its academics and sub-standard education-

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Measure R had roots in Santa Monica

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN, LA The Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels was buzzing with energy, not in anticipation of a religious service, but for what some would consider a divine discussion on how to financially tackle the area's transportation shortfall.

More than 350 people packed inside the cathedral, representing a rarely-seen mix of leaders from the environmental, business and labor communities, all united in their belief that there needed to be a solution to the long-standing traffic congestion debacle, bringing together some of the most influential political forces in Los Angeles County.

Sitting in the audience at that fateful January 2008 meeting in which Measure R would be born were the faces of Santa Monica leaders and activists who played key roles in the formation and eventual success of the half-cent sales tax.

"There were a lot of Santa Monica fingerprints all over this," said Denny Zane, a former Santa Monica mayor and public transportation advocate who was instrumental in Measure R's passage.

Measure R passed in last month's presidential election with nearly 68 percent of the vote, requiring two-thirds approval. The countywide proposition is expected to raise $40 billion over the next 30 years by raising the sales tax to 8.75 percent, funding rail improvement projects and street and highway repair.

While congestion is a county issue, there was much mobilization locally to find a reliable funding source to pay for public transportation initiatives designed to take cars off the road.

It started approximately two years ago when Zane, a campaign consultant, approached Santa Monica resident Terry O'Day about involving the environmental community in transportation issues, feeling the segment was noticeably absent in the past. O'Day, who is chair of the Santa Monica Planning Commission, serves as the executive director of Environment Now and ran for a seat on the City Council in 2006.

"It was not always clear that you would get an environmental outcome by moving to

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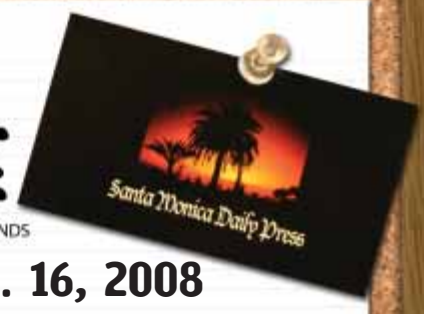
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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA AND SURROUNDS



Tuesday, Dec. 16, 2008

Santa Monica Youth Rugby training begins

1341 Lake St., 6 p.m. — 7:30 p.m.

Training commences this week at Penmar Park for the Santa Monica Rugby Club's 2009 youth season. Teams range from ages 5-18. U-8 is co-ed non-contact, U-10 is co-ed contact, U-12 through U-19 play either boys' contact or girls' contact. SMRC's U-14 boys are the defending Southern California champions. Season runs January through April. No experience necessary and everyone is welcome. If raining, session will be canceled.

Time for stories

Ocean Park Branch Library

2601 Main St., 10 a.m. — 11 a.m.

Join Jesse Nathaniel and the Ocean Park Branch Library for a series of stories, songs and a whole lot of fun. To register, call (310) 392-3804.

Illuminating the Winter Solstice

Temescal Gateway Park

15601 Sunset Blvd., 7:30 p.m. — 9 p.m.

Come to Temescal Gateway for this month's Chautauqua presentation. Lisa Ann Carrillo will explore the history and deep meanings of Winter Solstice celebrations from the Santa Monica Mountains. This evening will include winter libations. Call (310) 454-1395 ext. 106 or visit www.lamountains.com for more information.

Wednesday, Dec. 17, 2008

Los Angeles Veterans acupuncture at Emperors College

1807 Wilshire Blvd., 1:30 p.m. — 4:30 p.m.

LAVA offers $5 (cash/check) group acupuncture holistic treatments to military and war vets who have symptoms of stress or traumatic-stress, PTSD. This new clinic sponsored by Iraq Rose Inc. is on the second floor in Classroom C. Vets must call to reserve space: (818)359-6868.

Holiday craft extravaganza

1704 Montana Ave., 3:45 p.m. — 4:30 p.m.

Bring your children, ages 4 and up, to the Montana Branch Library for a holiday craft extravaganza. All of the materials will be provided free of charge and your children will be able to create a holiday related gift for mom, dad or someone special. For more information call: (310) 829-7081.

For more information on any of the events listed, log on to smdp.com and click the "Events" tab for the given day's calendar.



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GETTING WET: **Significant rain and snow moved through Southwest California Sunday night into Monday morning. Scattered showers are expected through Wednesday.**

Santa Monicans wet, not wrecked

BY ROB LAWRENCE
Special to the Daily Press

DOWNTOWN While law enforcement all across Los Angeles were dealing with 240 non-fatal traffic accidents, police here had an easier time during the recent storm that dropped more than 2.5 inches of rain on Santa Monica.

As of 3:15 p.m. Monday, SMPD Sgt. Renaldi Thruston reported three minor traffic collisions with no injuries, one of which was a hit-and-run at around 1:20 p.m. in the 500 block of Santa Monica Boulevard.

Thruston said the department wasn't being inundated by an unusual amount of activity or emergency calls caused by the weather conditions.

However, because of some nasty weather, a tree fell on a black Volkswagen Golf at 5:10 a.m. at 1017 Fourth St., causing minor damage to the hood.

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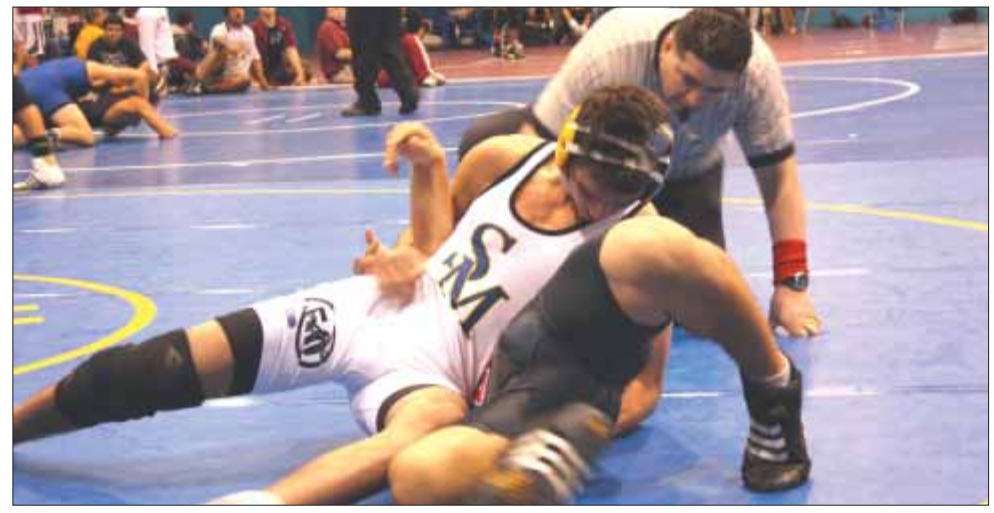


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MAT MAN: **Santa Monica High School senior Sami Syed wrestles for the pin at 140 pounds last weekend at the South Bay Duals Tournament. Syed is 14-0 this year with 14 straight pins.**

Samohi wrestling dictating the action

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

CIVIC CENTER The Santa Monica High School Wrestling Team continued its winning ways again this past weekend at the South Bay Dual Meet tournament at El Camino College, earning a second place finish when the Pioneer and Ocean Leagues took on invited standout teams from the southland.

The Vikings 50th anniversary team has placed amongst the top three teams in both of it's opening competitions.

Four Samohi student athletes took home medals with Sami Syed and Gianni Forster placing first in their respective weight classes. Syed, a senior, pinned his way through the tournament and is undefeated for the season with 14 straights pins.

Forster is one of two freshman on the varsity team who represent the first graduates of the middle school wrestling programs initiated at John Adams and Lincoln last year.

"This is the future of Santa Monica wrestling" said varsity Coach Brent Wright.

This Wednesday Samohi hosts the Santa Monica Bay Duals, where the three best teams from the Pioneer League — North Torrance, Torrance and Santa Monica — take on the three best teams from the Ocean League — Peninsula, Mira Costa and West Torrance. Wrestling begins in the South Gym at 3 p.m.

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COMMUNITY BRIEF

SANTA MONICA BAY

Rain brings warning

Because of current rainfall, county public health officials are cautioning residents who are planning to visit local beaches to be careful of swimming, surfing, and playing in ocean waters around discharging storm drains, creeks, and rivers.

Bacteria, debris, trash, and other public health hazards from city streets and mountain areas are likely to enter ocean waters though these outlets.

"Fortunately, discharging storm drains, creeks, and rivers only comprises a small portion of the beach, and therefore, anybody who wants to go to the beach will be able to enjoy their outing," said Jonathan E. Fielding, the county's health officer. "We do advise swimmers and surfers to stay away from the storm drains, creeks and rivers as there is the possibility that bacteria or chemicals from debris and trash may contaminate the water near and around these areas, and some individuals may become ill."

Areas of the beach apart from discharging storm drains, creeks, and rivers are exempted from this advisory. This advisory will be in effect until at least Friday, Dec.19 at 7 a.m. This advisory may be extended depending on further rainfall.

Recorded information on beach conditions is available 24 hours a day on the county's beach closure hotline: (800) 525-5662. Information is also available online at our Web site: www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/beach/.

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Stair master

Editor:

Got the solution right here for the Fourth [Street] and Adelaide [Drive] limbering-loitering-and-littering problem.

The steps up from the canyon are in Los Angeles, right? Get the city to fence in the upper landing – a simple but sturdy cage (they'll need some pretext; "safety" should suffice). Then the exercise freaks can still run up and down, but round trips only. You'll need a sign at the bottom: "No exit at the top."

That way you won't have "trainers" and their trainees and other workers-out choosing the top-side median (in Santa Monica) as the place to stretch and strengthen their body parts (and strew their bottles and towels and trash) when Palisades Park is only three blocks away.

Just hoping to help.

Don Fawcett
Brentwood

Responsible spending first

Editor:

Ron Lowe, as always, makes a cogent and coherent plea for his position, which in this case castigates the GOP for preventing tax increases ("GOP is holding the state hostage," page 4, Dec. 13-14). He concludes this puts the state at risk. However, I would argue that if the state continues to spend $1.15 for every $1 of income, that is a far riskier proposition. I would support increased taxes, but I want to see responsible spending first.

[Former State] Sen. Carole Migden scored an appointment to the Waste Management Board at $132,000 annual for one meeting per month. I rest my case.

Robert J. Scura
Santa Monica

More cash isn't the solution

Editor:

After reading Ron Lowe's complaint that the Republicans are holding California hostage, I can see he is not aware, both the California State Assembly and Senate are controlled by the Democratic Party majority. In the Senate, 24 out of 40 are Democrats. In the California assembly, 51 out of 80 seats are Democrat. They have almost a 2/3 majority in both houses. All they have to do is find two Republicans to vote with them and they can override any veto.

The governor has already requested an increase in the sales tax to meet the budget problems and the Democrats don't want that either. Schwarzenegger's wife and chief of staff are outspoken Democrats. Nice try Ron, the Democrats run the state and not a couple of Republicans. California has a spending problem, not a taxing problem. The governor at least has lowered the deficit spending handed to him by the former Democratic governor, Gray Davis. California has long been the leader with the highest personal income tax and capital gains rate in the country. That has not fixed the problem. More money is not the solution, ask General Motors or the L.A. Unified School District.

David Alsabery
Santa Monica



What's the Point?

David Pisarra — **Send comments to editor@smdp.com**

Becoming victims of our own indulgence

"ATLAS SHRUGGED."

It's the title to the novel by Ayn Rand, and it's also the answer to the question about the mythic Roman God who holds the world on his shoulders. "What did Atlas do when the weight of the world became too much?"

As a novel it is a manifesto on capitalism, and a statement of a personal philosophy. It is one way that you can conduct yourself in this world. I was reminded of it this past Friday when I was at the theater with a friend to see "Slumdog Millionaire." The movie is about an Indian contestant on a game show, but it is much more than that.

Set in the state of India, and the crushing poverty that so many experience there daily, it is a great story of how when we want something, and work hard to get it, we can achieve anything. As a view on humanity, it is a stark reminder of how privileged we in America, and especially in Santa Monica, are.

I forget that. As I drive around in my Lexus, go to my gym in the four star hotel, and take a date to a post-movie dinner of sushi, it is easy to forget that many workers are facing the hardest times of their lives this season.

I am self-employed, so I make my own hours, but I also live with a constant hum in the back of my mind, "Where's the next divorce client coming from? Can I find another child support case?"

This hum has become like a familiar companion to me. Most entrepreneurs have the same feelings on some level. We become used to living with the fear and anxiety. For us we learn to enjoy life in spite of the worry.

For those who haven't experienced life with this level of uncertainty, it is a hard adjustment. This is about to be a harsh reality for many in our country. Five times this past week I've had essentially the same question posed to me, "What do you think is going to happen to the economy?" I'm pretty certain it's going to get very ugly. In our family law practice we're already seeing an uptick in new divorces, and typically we don't see it until January.

I do know that those of us who are self-employed are going to have an easier time of it, not out of some magic that we will be more successful, but because we've been living with the doubts longer. We're used to it.

The employees of General Motors who have been lifelong union workers and get laid off are facing a much harsher reality than any that we have here. They have been insulated and protected by their union jobs. I don't mean that as an insult, but as a fact. They are dependent on the company in a way that few of us in Santa Monica can relate to. We don't work our entire lives for one company. As much as we're an industry town, we're not a company town. Company towns that have an Atlas are safe and secure, until Atlas shrugs. Then it becomes a chaotic mess. Hard hearted people say the employees just have to move and find new work, but that is not always possible. It's hard to rent a trailer in Michigan because all the traffic is headed out, and no one is bringing the trailers back.

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Our country, actually our world, doesn't have a ready supply of new job needs to fill with the employees of closed factories. Our supply of workers dramatically exceeds our demand for them.

This is a recurrent theme as I look around, from housing tracts that are overbuilt to department stores that have stockpiles of goods that no one wants. We have become victims of our own success and overindulgence.

I've been in Vegas this weekend, the holy land of overindulgence. It's extremely quiet. The topic on the road trip was the car companies, our economy, and the big picture. The big picture to me looks like it all became too much weight. Too much debt, too much production, and too much greed, has led to the current state of events. The Atlas myth is a metaphor that I think is most apt, there is a great shaking, a resetting of the world's economies going on. Perhaps he needed to shrug.

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Greg Vargas

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It's Clinton-ite, not kryptonite

PRESIDENT-ELECT BARACK OBAMA IS viewed as the political superman. Obama's Senate Web site includes a picture of him striking a Superman pose in front of a Superman statue. He was depicted as the man-of-steel on covers of Rolling Stone, The Week, and LA CityBeat, to name a few publications.

Some believe Obama came to "the rescue" at a critical time in American history. Considering the damage Bush, et al., have done to the country, anyone else in the Oval Office might be considered as a hero and savior, if that is what one is looking for.

I listened when he said, "Understand where the vision for change comes from … it comes from me" and "Change doesn't come from Washington, change comes to Washington."

Then, Obama nominated Hillary Clinton as secretary of state. Nominating Clinton is neither change nor the "change we can believe in." Nominating Clinton does nothing for the promised transformation of presidential politics. What happened to "higher purpose" and leading the "country in a new direction," per Obama's blueprint for change, or the promises of reform and an elevation of ethics?

Nominating Clinton is not change; it is business/politics as usual. Predictably, it was the result of political agreements and negotiations between Obama and the Clintons to benefit each other and not the pragmatic and thoughtful choice he wants you to believe. President Clinton agreed to nine concessions in the deal. Obama supporters are asked again to donate to pay Hillary's campaign debt. Quid pro quo, Clarice.

Where Superman had kryptonite — the one weakness of the mythic, invulnerable hero — Obama has Clinton-ite. Comic book aficionados know how kryptonite works. It instantly weakens superpowers and can be fatal under prolonged exposure.

Clinton brings a highly questionable political and ethical history to a cabinet position, that is the image of the presidency in the world, and to a new administration claiming to change Washington politics and return a sense of respect and integrity to the Oval Office: Rose Law Firm; Cattle Futures Trading; Chinagate; Billing-gate; Johnny Chung Fundraising Scandal, Travelgate; Filegate; smear campaigns against women disclosing sexual relationships with her husband; campaign finance scandals; Whitewater.

Regardless of the questionable ethics and her degree of involvement in the various scandals, or the forgiveness, denial, and dismissal of her transgressions by Hillary and Obama supporters, appointing Hillary Clinton speaks volumes about Obama's alleged claims of change, and it is a revealing weakness in his own political super powers and character. Clinton-ite is already having its affects on Superman.

By the way, what is Hillary Clinton's foreign policy experience? Having admitted she didn't even read the intelligence assessment prior to authorizing Bush to use military options in Iraq, where's the outcry from the anti-Bush/war crowd regarding Obama's selection of a war proponent?

Also, there is the question of the constitutionality of the nomination. Article I, Section 6 of the Constitution states "No senator or Representative shall, during the time for which he was elected, be appointed to any civil office under the authority of the United States which shall have been created, or the emoluments whereof shall have been increased during such time; and no person holding any office under the United States, shall be a member of either house during his continuance in office." Technically, Hillary can't serve in the cabinet of the executive branch, because Congress raised the compensation for cabinet positions this past term when Hillary was a member.

Once a constitutional law professor at the University of Chicago Law School, I would assume Obama knows this all too well. I would assume also that the U.S. Constitution matters to someone with his resume. Does the rule of law matter to the new administration? Does it matter to anyone? Not necessarily, when a legislative work-around can be employed, as has been the case in the past — the "Saxbe fix." Once again, this is business as usual. The House and Senate already quietly rolled the secretary of state's salary back to the acceptable level.

Considering the above (because there is so much more), this is simply remarkable and unfortunate; and unfortunately, many do not care enough to make the better effort to understand what it really means. It means Obama lied to the American people. It is a lie so big that most would not believe it, or refuse to believe, that someone could have the impertinence and audacity to distort the truth so greatly. And the true believers will continue to believe, no matter the truth. I, however, would "rather stay here with all the madmen than perish with the sad men roaming free," as David Bowie sang so passionately.

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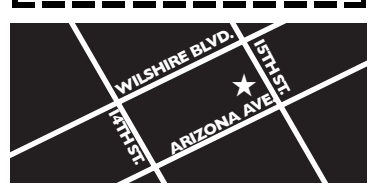
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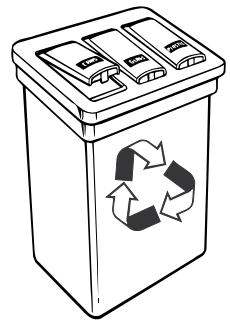
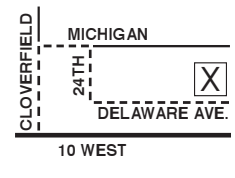
Big Blue Bus officials are currently seeking the public's input on a number of issues. Should schedules change? How about where the bus lines run?

So this week's Q-Line question asks:

What advice would you have for BBB officials?

Call (310) 285-8106 before Friday at 5 p.m. and we'll print your answers in the weekend edition of the Daily Press. Please limit responses to a minute or less.


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You've got to have park

I RECENTLY TOOK MY SON TO THE playground in New York City where I grew up. I looked around and all I could see was me, about 8 years old, in a red satin jacket lacing up my blue Adidas roller skates with the yellow stripes. It was great to watch him play where I identify so strongly with my own childhood. And I realized how important these spaces are to us.

With that in mind, I thought I would review some of our great Santa Monica assets, our parks. Actually, these are less reviews as they are reflections.

Let's of course start at the beach, because one of the great benefits of living here is living right on the beach.

Ocean Park Playground (Ocean Park at Barnard Way): There is lots of sand, obviously. The swings, slides and climbing equipment are all good (in fact there are a couple of great slides that twist around and around), but what sets this park apart is the location. When you are tired of swinging you can wander down to the ocean. Or if you are really feeling adventurous, as my son and I were one day, rent bikes from Perry's, located a few steps down, and then have hot dogs and fries and sit in the sun.

Memorial Park (14th and Olympic): I discovered this park, because my son's preschool goes here. My son loves to climb up on the animals on the seesaw and rock back and forth.

A great benefit of this park is that it is completely enclosed and not too big, which is great if you have a wanderer, as I do. Another benefit is it is usually pretty empty and parking is a breeze. A friend once mentioned she and some of her girlfriends were there having a play date and they felt utterly intruded on in their secret little park when some preschool class came barreling in.

Rustic Canyon (601 Latimer Road, Pacific Palisades): Now, technically this is not in Santa Monica, but it is worth a mention. My husband heard about this park from some guy on an airplane, almost like it was a secret clubhouse and he was passing along the torch.

We got lost trying to find it, but once we made our way down the hill, it opened up and really felt like a hidden treasure. Surrounded by trees in the canyon, it is not the typical city park. It really feels like you are in the country. The playground equipment is minimal. The fun of this park is the space and the vibe. Bring a ball and play some basketball on the courts or swing a bat in the field. We taught our son how to steal bases here.

Clover Park (2600 Ocean Park Blvd.): I love this park, even though the toddler playground is really small. But the softball field has provided me and my son with hours of silly, running around fun where he jumps on my back and we tumble to the ground and giggle.

Plus, it is located right next to the Santa Monica Airport runway so there's always a show of takeoffs and landings, which when you are 2 (or 37) is great fun.

Another park to watch planes is Airport Park (3223 Donald Douglas Loop): This is a fun park, full of good equipment and a big dog park.

We had our son's first birthday party there. The park has plenty of tables and grills, but we learned the hard way that there is no shade, so try not to have a party here in late July around noon.

But the big Kahuna, the park my son will reflect back on his childhood about, is Douglas Park (1155 Chelsea Ave.): We are lucky, we live down the street from Douglas Park, so close that it feels like an extension of our home, like our yard. There is the all-important shade. There are multiple duck ponds.

ANOTHER PARK TO WATCH PLANES IS AIRPORT PARK (3223 DONALD DOUGLAS LOOP): THIS IS A FUN PARK, FULL OF GOOD EQUIPMENT AND A BIG DOG PARK. WE HAD OUR SON'S FIRST BIRTHDAY PARTY THERE.

There is lawn bowling. There is an unofficial skate park that doubles as a fountain for the younger kids in the summer. There are swings and everything else that every other park has. But it was on these swings that my son sat on my lap and we swung together as he clung to me and laughed and looked up to the sky and said, "cloud," and looked down and said, "shadow." These were some of his first words. And I held him even tighter and swung even higher.

There is a real sense of community here in this park, as I am sure there is at every park. But this is our park and we know the kids and we know the faces and we share our toys. When we wander down and recognize everyone or start up a conversation with the family in the next swing, I feel happy for my son and the place he will grow up. I feel like he belongs.

So head out to our parks. Try one you've never been to or take another look at the one you've grown bored of, because it is at these parks that we talk to other families, bump into long-lost friends, make new ones, and eat ice cream that we know we shouldn't.

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Calm during the storm

FROM **RAIN** PAGE 3

"The main trunk landed on a black Volkswagen, some smaller branches fell on a Toyota scratching it," said SMPD Sgt. David Hunske.

Since there wasn't chaos in the streets, the main concern for residents seemed to be how to stay dry. Some were huddled inside doorways, others were prepared with umbrellas, but some just couldn't help but get stuck in the rain.

There was nothing they could do for the ice rink on Fifth Street and Arizona Avenue but hang a sign reading: "Closed due to weather."

It was a slow day for the Santa Monica Fire Department as well, with firefighters spending most of the day waiting for something to do, said SMFD Capt. Scott Ziegert.

"We can't project, but we're always in emergency mode," Ziegert said.

Out on the Santa Monica coast there were no visible threats posed by the intense weather.

"The surf isn't really huge or abnormally large," said Capt. Steve Mosely, the operating captain at the Southern Section Lifeguard Headquarters. "All the stuff that's in the street has built more of a water quality danger than a surf danger."

Mosely advises swimmers and surfers to remain out of the ocean for 72 hours after a rain shower due to the influx of run-off from city streets, which creates a health hazard.

Residents should brace for another day or two of rain. According to the National Weather Service there is a 30 percent chance of rain today. The service also predicted a 40 percent chance of thunderstorms and rain showers for Wednesday.

The SMPD urges anyone who braves the storm to proceed with caution when driving on wet and slippery roads.

"We like to tell people to allow more time to reach their destinations," Thruston said. "Drive slower. These roads are more slippery due to the oil on the streets."

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Signs are a symbol of Samohi pride

FROM **SIGNS** PAGE 1

al facilities.

The high school celebrates its centennial in 2013.

"We wanted to know what we could do now to affect the campus for students today," Elizabeth Stearns, the Samohi PTSA president, said.

Interim Superintendent Tim Cuneo said the high school can be difficult to identify for strangers, mentioning a story he heard from another community member who read the "Home of the Vikings" plastered on the side of a building but didn't know what that meant.

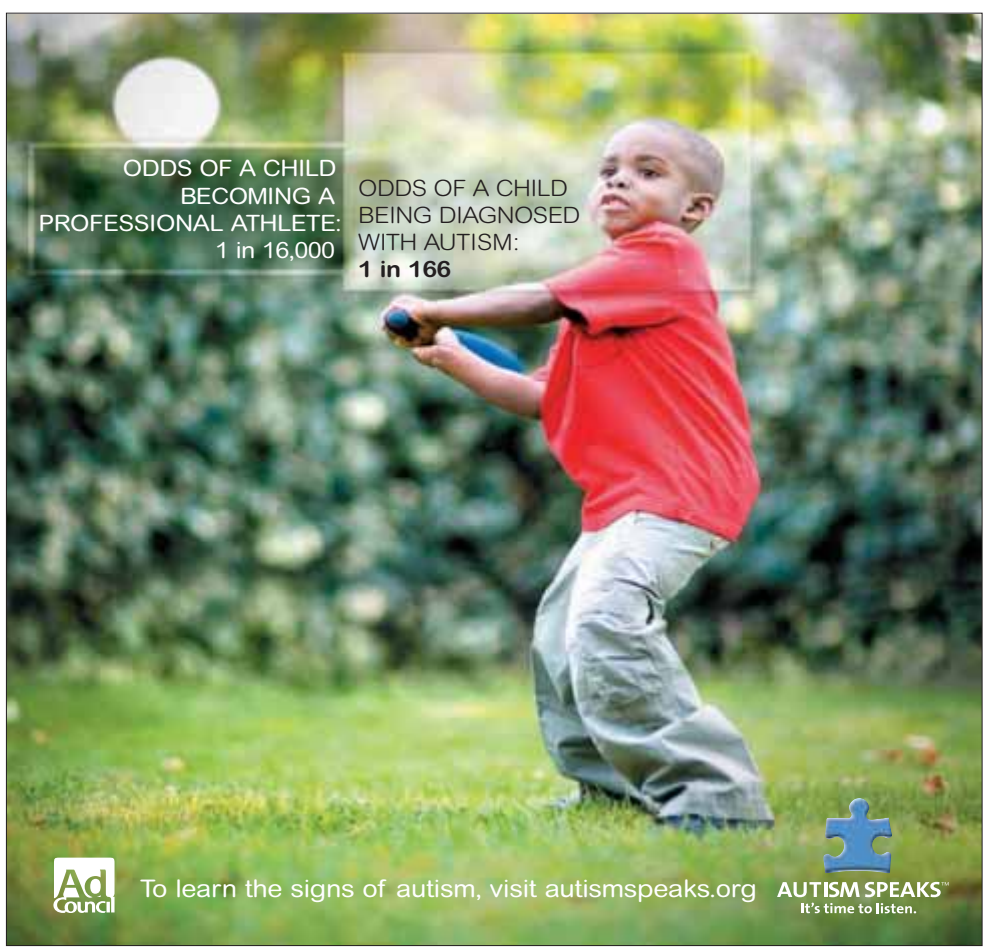
"The signs help identify and recognize the fine work in this institution," Cuneo said.

Approximately six banners that will hang over fences and Barnum Hall are expected to be delivered and placed sometime this week, completing the transformation.

> **"THE SIGNS HELP IDENTIFY AND RECOGNIZE THE FINE WORK IN THIS INSTITUTION."**
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"We're making the school more united, that as students we had put in (work) to let everyone know we're Samohi," said Alexis Cornejo, a junior and member of the Associated Student Body.

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Sales tax increase received overwhelming support in Santa Monica

FROM **MEASURE R** PAGE 1

transit," O'Day said. "There are some forms of transit that [are] dirtier than today's clean cars."

They began focusing their attention on extending the subway down Wilshire Boulevard into Santa Monica, laying the groundwork for the Subway to the Sea Coalition, which they later co-founded. The two men spent the next year recruiting business, environmental and labor groups to the cause, believing the trifecta's support would prove essential to the success of whatever proposal would be brought forward.

The coalition received financial backing from local real estate developer Craig Jones, whose company, JSM Construction, has built numerous mixed-use developments al in Downtown Santa Monica, most of which are called "Santa Monica Collection."

Allen Freeman, who worked as managing director for JSM Construction and was living in Santa Monica at the time, said the company took interest in furthering the coalition because of its focus on urban projects that are close to transit, providing its residents with alternatives to the automobile.

"JSM was always encouraged by good public policy and thought encouraging … public transit was a smart bet," Freeman, who no longer works for the company, said. Jones could not be reached for comment.

MONEY TALKS

While the Subway to the Sea was gaining steam, its backers soon realized there was a lack of public funding available to move the project passed the Fairfax District.

They decided to shift their attention to addressing funding issues within the entire Metropolitan Transportation Authority, calling together a gathering of 35 business, environmental and labor organizations at the Bradbury Building in October 2007 to come up with solutions. Encouraged by the turnout, the transit advocates decided to convene an even larger meeting, this time at the Los Angeles Cathedral, where approximately 20 different funding options, from parcel taxes to congestion pricing, would be deliberated.

"That got all of the collaborators and potential actors together in a room to evaluate potential financing options for transit," said Diane Forte, a Santa Monica resident who organized the fundraising for the conference. "There was a lot of interest in transit and interest in the sales tax measure."

Forte is also a member of the Subway to the Sea Coalition

The sales tax proposal moved on to the MTA Board of Directors where it received key support from then-chair Pam O'Connor, who is also a Santa Monica City Councilmember, and Richard Katz, who served as the chair of the state Assembly Transportation Committee and was once head of the Santa Monica Democratic Club. He currently lives in the San Fernando Valley.

O'Connor said it became clear that there needed to be a funding source as the list of projects on the MTA Long-Range Transportation Plan continued to get longer with each look.

"I took a strong position to push it forward because I know other folks on the board were going to be more skeptical, some because they have a lot more to lose," O'Connor said. "If I was wrong about Measure R, it would not impact my future political career.

"I figured early on that it needed someone … to be a champion, to be a little out there in the sense of going for it and pushing it along."

One of the projects that gained a lot of buzz as the sales tax was placed on the ballot was the Exposition Light Rail expansion from phase one — which covers Downtown Los Angeles to Culver City — to phase two — which brings the train to its proposed terminal in Santa Monica.

Santa Monica resident Darrell Clarke began rallying for the sales tax measure early on, wearing both hats as the co-chair of Friends 4 Expo Transit and as the co-chair of the transportation committee for the Angeles Chapter Sierra Club.

For Expo, the passage of Measure R would mean that the project would no longer have to seek federal funding, which usually means delays and a more complicated process.

"It can move forward more rapidly without having to jump through hoops," Clarke said.

Though the sales tax proposal was gaining momentum, it still required a two-thirds vote to pass.

A number of obstacles began popping up in the months leading to the election, including a battle in Sacramento that jeopardized AB 2321 — legislation that would legitimize the measure by raising the tax cap — when Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger threaten to veto any bill that came to his desk before the budget passed.

A combination that also included the recession and a number of state tax measures on the same ballot elevated fears that a sales tax increase would not be possible.

The measure passed in nearly every community, including in Santa Monica where it received more than 76 percent of the vote.

"Measure R had everything stacked up against it in a way but it still prevailed … because Angelinos are just fed up with congestion and high gas prices and knew there was only one way out," Zane said.

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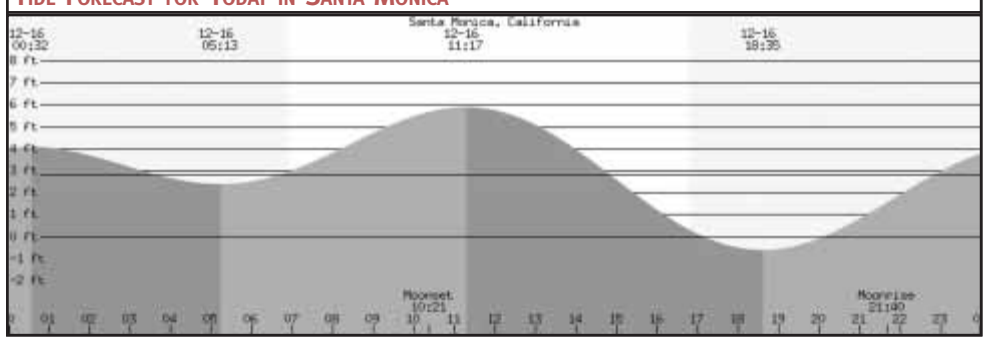
Swell Forecast (1-2 FT)

Winds should be onshore, but slighly weaker than Monday. Rain is still possible. Tide will be low around 5:30 AM at about 2.4 feet, and high around 11:30 AM at about 5.8 feet.

Long Range Synopsis

Thursday the 18th NW wind swell should back off to knee to waist around west facing breaks, smaller at south facing spots. Weather and winds should begin to recoup.

Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica



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QUICK STATS (for the last 28 days)

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- Number of wet days -- 5
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 29 / 16
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 15 / 11

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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Las Cerritos Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth	A+	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth	A+	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Las Alisos creeks	A+	A+
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach	A+	A+
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth	A+	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth	A+	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private)	A	A+
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth	A	ns
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach	A+	A+
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth	F	ns
Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach	F	F
Pearce State Beach at creek mouth	A	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Pearce Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	A+	A+
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence	B	ns
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily	C	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east	F	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon	A+	A+
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero)	A+	A+
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs	C	ns
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach	A+	A+
Tuna Canyon	A+	A+
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth	A	A
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	F	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	F	F
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	C	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain	B	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain	A	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua)	F	F
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain	D	F
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain	D	ns
Santa Monica Municipal Pier	F	F
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain	B	F
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms)	C	ns
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain	A	C
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain	A	A+
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain	D	F
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain	B	A+
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south	A+	ns
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St.	A	ns
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower	A	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)	A	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain	A+	A+
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain	A+	ns

LEGEND

DRY -- each location is graded on an A – F scale based on bacterial pollution levels present in the surf zone
WET -- grades for days of recorded rainfall and the following 3 days
ns -- no sample taken

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Helvetica (NA) 1hr 20min
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Day the Earth Stood Still, The (PG-13) 1hr 50min
2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30

Nothing Like the Holidays (PG-13) 1hr 39min
2:15, 4:40, 7:20, 9:40

Milk (R) 2hrs 08min
1:30, 4:20, 7:10, 10:00

Transporter 3 (PG-13) 1hr 40min
1:45, 4:50, 7:30, 9:50

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Quantum of Solace (PG-13) 1 hr 46min
2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30

Role Models (R) 1hr 35min
1:55, 4:40, 7:20, 9:45

Bolt in Disney Digital 3D (PG) 1hr 36min
1:45, 4:10, 6:45, 9:15

The Day the Earth Stood Still (PG-13) 1hr 50min
1:30, 2:20, 4:50, 6:30, 7:30, 10:00

Punisher: War Zone (R) 1hr 47min
4:00, 9:20

Frost/Nixon (R) 2hrs 02min
1:15, 2:10, 4:20, 5:00, 7:10, 8:00, 9:55

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The Reader (R) 2hrs 02min
1:00, 2:00, 4:00, 5:00, 7:00, 8:00, 9:55

I've Loved You So Long (Il y a longtemps que je t'aime) (PG-13) 1hr 55min
1:20, 4:20, 7:20, 10:00

Slumdog Millionaire (R) 2hr 1min
1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 10:00

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Australia (PG-13) 2hr 45min
11:30am, 3:10, 6:40, 10:10

Gran Torino (R)
11:20am, 1:30, 2:30, 4:20, 5:20, 7:00, 8:00, 9:40, 10:40

Cadillac Records (R) 1hr 48min
11:40am, 2:20, 5:00, 7:30, 10:20

Twilight (PG-13) 2hrs
1:20, 4:30, 7:20, 10:30

Four Christmases (PG-13) 1hr 22min Digital Projection
11:50am, 2:10, 4:40, 7:10, 9:30

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Easy does it, Pisces

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Despite confusion, you will come out on top of your game. You might find that a bit hard to believe, but it's the truth. Evaluate as if you are the final stop in a professional decision. You just might be! Tonight: Not even midweek, and you are off playing.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Listen to news and understand what people are saying. Somehow you need to get your message across in the midst of confusion and idealism. You can and will succeed. Honor a roommate's or family member's request. Tonight: At home.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Your creativity comes forth. You might be more willing to jump through hoops than in the past. Listen to yourself when having a semi-heated discussion. Are you blaming the other person or not being clear? Tonight: Hang out.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Confusion earmarks your interactions concerning finances. Certainly a partner might not be deceptive so much as naive. You might not be sure of yourself. Your intensity makes you security-oriented. Tonight: Your treat.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ You mean well, even if a friend, associate or loved one might not be getting your message clearly. Investigate what is happening with a child or loved one. The smart Lion will avoid risks. Be smart, not sorry. Tonight: Beam in what you want.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ It is not what you want that counts, but what you don't want. Investigate, study, research and continue to ask questions. You might be stunned by what comes up out of the blue. Tonight: Take some much-needed personal time.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ Zero in on what you want. Investigate and understand more of what is happening with a key project. You might be very creative, but your imagination sometimes costs you in that you don't see the facts. Tonight: Where your friends are.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ No one can stop a pattern or what appears to be an unstoppable wave of thought better than you. Walk up to the platform and state the "other" case. You open up others' minds as few can. Tonight: You burn the candle at both ends. Remember, you only have so much energy.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ Your energy could be awesome. If not used constructively, you could have a problem. Take the high road if possible. Confusion runs around communication. Stay clear by confirming plans. Tonight: Relax your mind.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ Deal with others directly and make that difference. If you are available, a conversation reveals much more of what is going on than you originally thought. Express your dissatisfaction, if possible. Tonight: Dinner for two.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ You might not be intending to deceive yourself or deal with a situation realistically. Knowing your limits and establishing the pros and cons of a situation could be important. Bounce your ideas off a trusted confidant. Tonight: Go with another's suggestion.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
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★★★★★Dynamic ★★ So-So
★★★★ Positive ★ Difficult
★★★ Average

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Difficulty Level ★★

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8				5				9
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GETTING STARTED

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2	1	9	7	4	5	3	8	6
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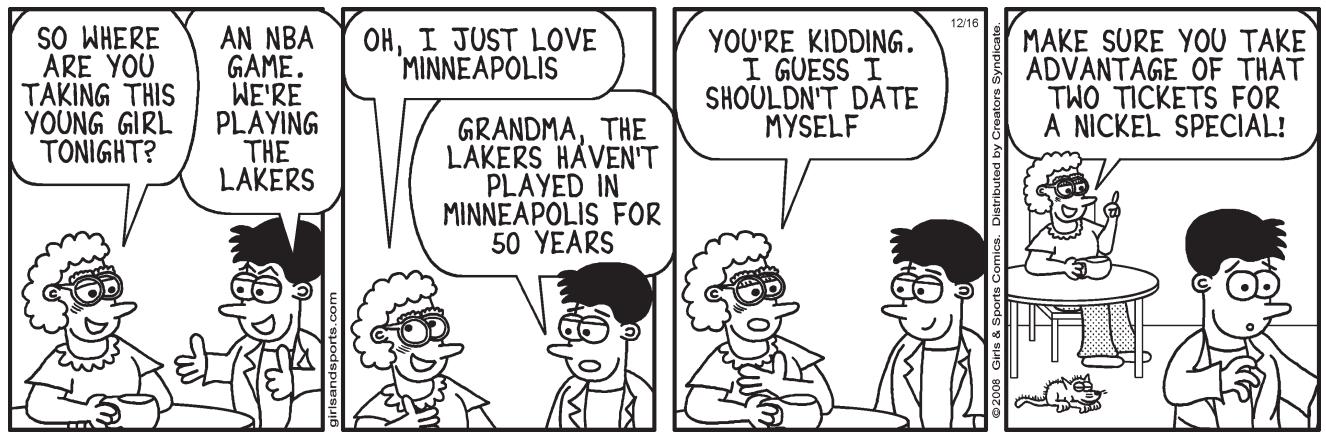
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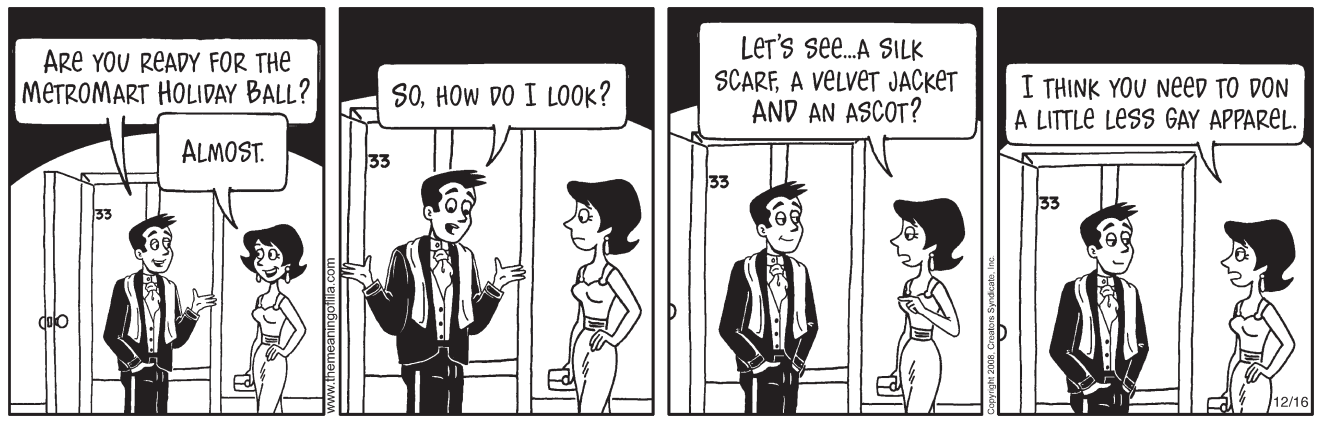
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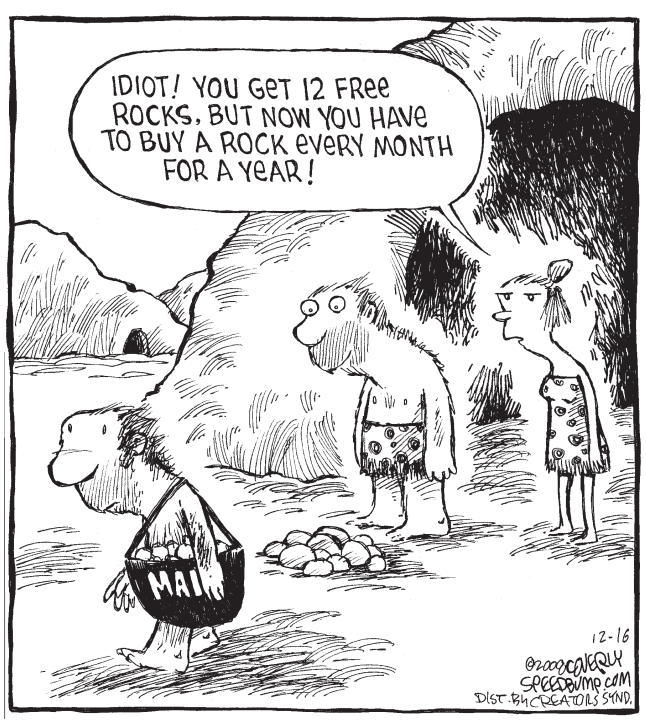
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1 Wanders
6 Destroy
11 Join up
12 Color anew
13 Reef activity
15 Rickety boat
16 Allow
17 Pear-shaped fruit
18 Manatees
20 Drink cubes
21 Writer Tan
22 Surgery souvenir
23 Deliberately ignores
26 Film units
27 Snoozes
28 Stiller of films
29 Mornings, briefly
30 Guitar great Carlos
34 Snapshot
35 "Xanadu" band
36 Family
37 Rock concert activity
40 Lily cousin
41 Billing info
42 Some tourneys
43 Kick off

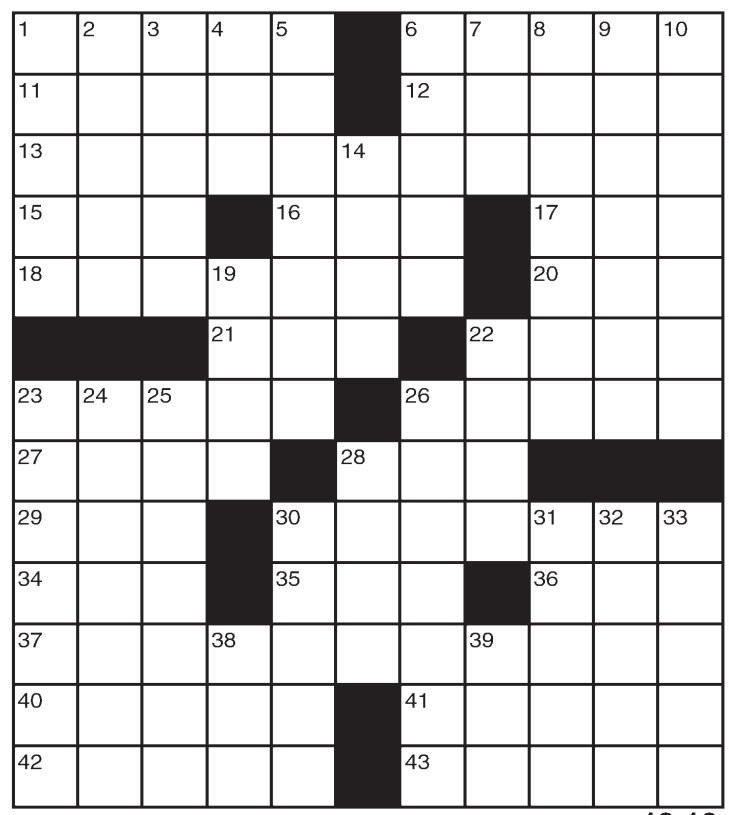
DOWN

1 Work breaks
2 When expected
3 Antilles resort
4 Unruly group
5 Ski courses
6 Legal orders
7 Gun the motor
8 Building
9 Distrustful
10 Frat parties
14 Like lawns in the morning
19 Preserves
22 Dispatched
23 Shapes up
24 Overact
25 Posh
26 Some Louvre works
28 Lacking locks
30 Oozes
31 Japanese dog
32 Frisco player
33 Insecure feeling
38 Tonic's partner
39 Brewery sight

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ More people who put their brains on "standby" while using satellite navigation systems: (1) In July, a group of 10 children and 16 adults from California were stranded in their cars in wilderness near cliffs close to the Grand Canyon, to which they had been misdirected by their navigation system. Rescuers were able to talk them back the next day on their cell phones. (2) Also in July, a truck driver hauling a 32-ton load from Turkey through several European countries headed for Gibraltar in the southern tip of Spain missed his destination by about 1,600 miles, winding up at a dead end in Skegness, England. (Gibraltar is a British territory, though nowhere near the British Isles, but both places have a "Coral Road," which was the destination.)

■ One of the world's best-known strategists on the game of checkers passed away in November. Richard Fortman was Illinois state champion six times, and in the 1970s and 1980s published a seven-volume handbook on rules and tactics. Many people now considering the game would be astonished to know that, as in chess, there are masters and grandmasters, and international rankings, that experts actually study historical opening moves and endgames, and that some play, move-by-move, via the U.S. Mail. A New York Times obituary noted that Fortman played as many as 100 games simultaneously, and won games blindfolded. Until the end, according to his daughter, Fortman spent "hours each day" playing checkers online.

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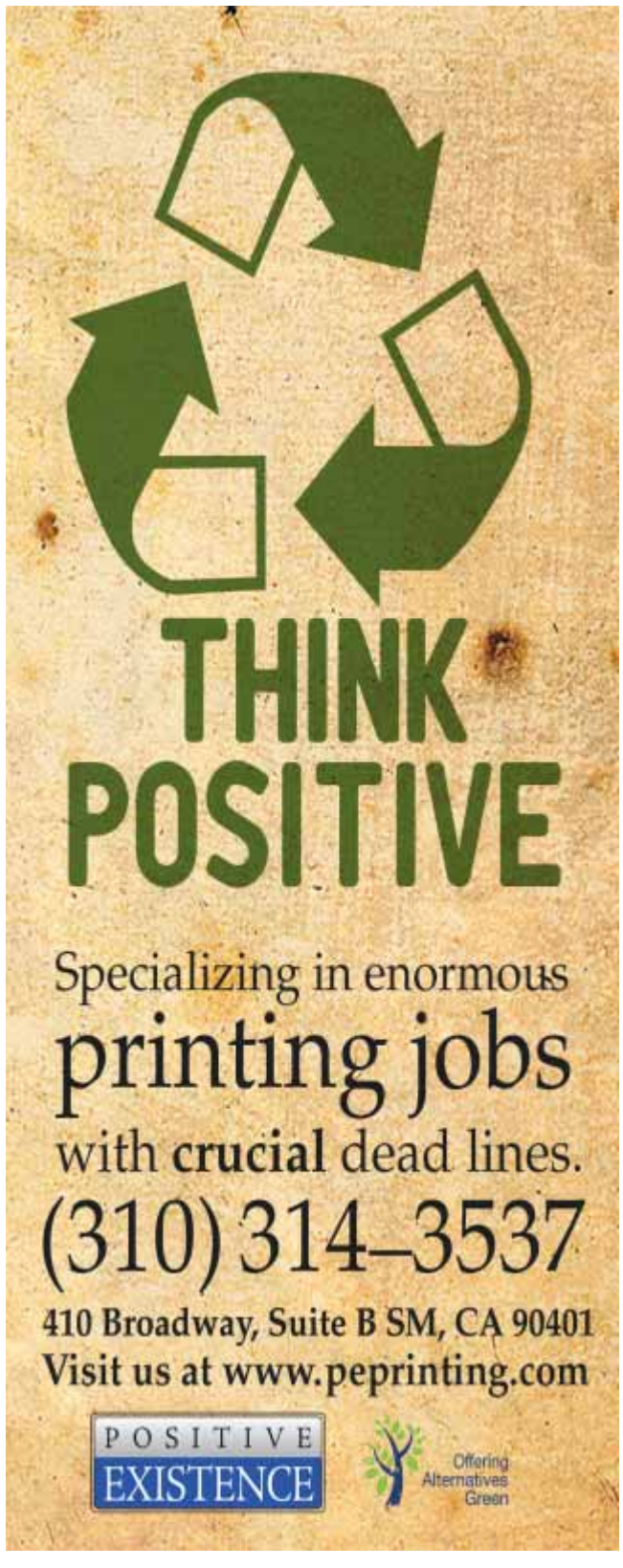
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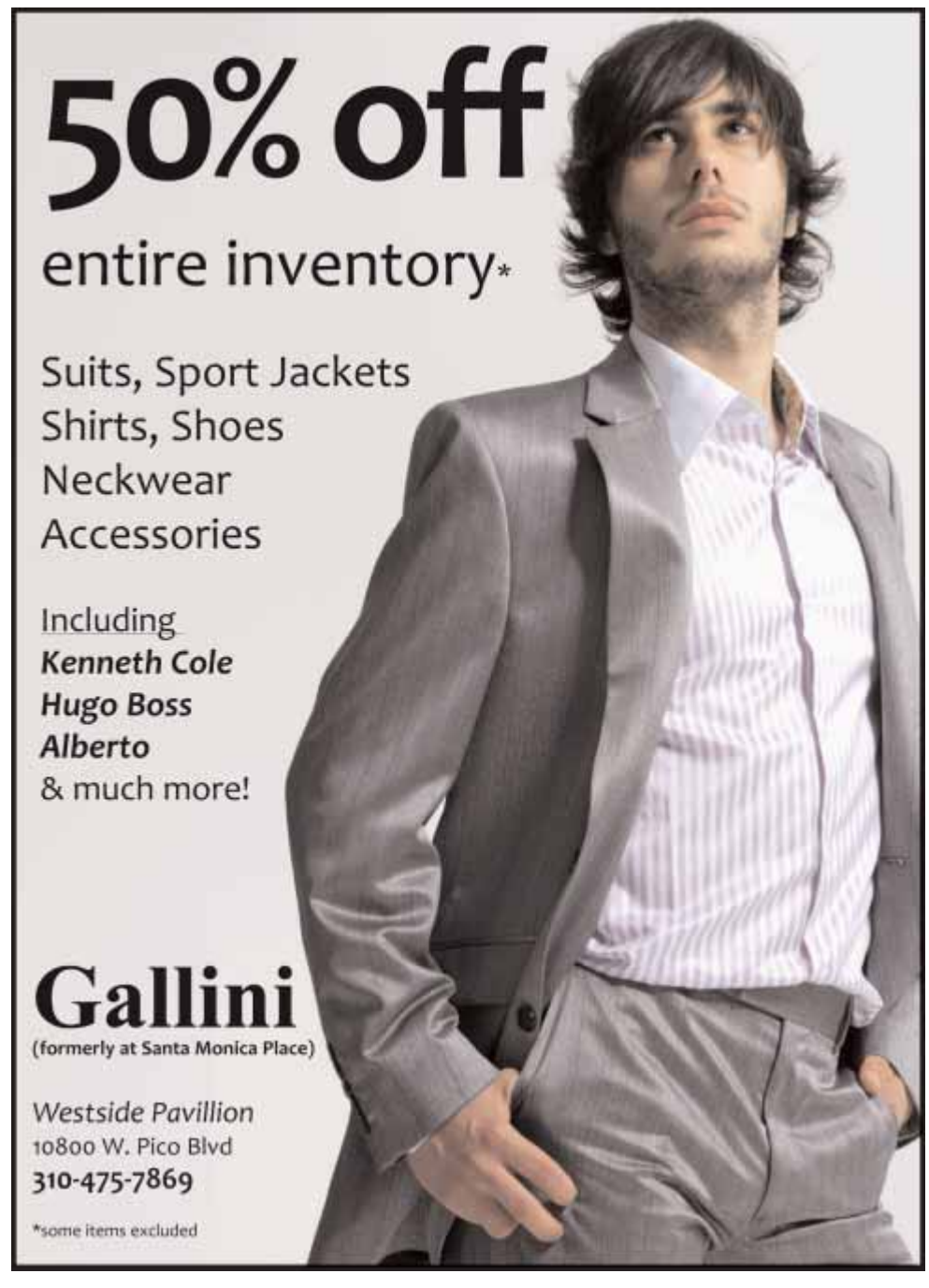
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