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HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Samohi to play nation's No. 2 team

Vikings face Illinois' Bolingbrook in the Nike Tournament of Champions

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

SAMOHI Santa Monica High School's girls' basketball team is an ambitious bunch.

Having built the program into a Southern California powerhouse in recent years, Head Coach Marty Verdugo is the type of guy who loves a challenge. To that end, he consistently schedules stalwarts like Mater Dei and Long Beach Poly in the hopes that it prepares his Vikings for the rigors of the postseason.

But, this weekend in Arizona, he may

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Legendary director Edwards dies in SM

JAKE COYLE
AP Entertainment Writer

When Julie Andrews began writing her 2008 autobiography, "Home," her husband Blake Edwards had just one piece of advice: "Characters make your story."

In an up-and-down career that spanned writing, directing and producing nearly 50 films, Edwards, who died Wednesday, cultivated more than his share of indelible characters: Peter Sellers' bumbling Inspector Clouseau of the "Pink Panther" movies, Dudley Moore's equally clueless George Webber from "10," Audrey Hepburn's high fashion wild child Holly Golightly in "Breakfast at Tiffany's."

He knew laughter and sadness, making alcoholism seem hilarious in "10" and desperate in "Days of Wine and Roses." But his strength was comedy, farce and slapstick that he captured in a visual style trained on silent comedies. It was, after all, in his blood.

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FIRED UP FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Brandon Wise *brandonw@smdp.com*

Santa Monica firefighters help Santa Claus bring gifts and holiday cheer to Jelani Johnson, 7, and his family at the Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center on Wilshire Boulevard on Wednesday morning. The firefighters and Santa helped spread good cheer at the orthopaedic hospital.

Residents want City Hall to put brakes on Hines development

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL Low-growth advocates are urging elected officials to hit the breaks on the largest pending development proposal in Santa Monica — the 957,000 square-foot Hines project on Olympic Boulevard at 26th Street — but preliminary work on the mixed-use office and residential complex is moving ahead.

Groups including the Friends of Sunset Park and the Santa Monica Coalition for a Livable City are leading the charge against the project, arguing it's impossible to do an adequate assessment of its traffic and other environmental impacts until a master plan for the broader neighborhood is complete.

The work to come up with a plan for the Bergamot Transit Village — which encompasses the east side neighborhood where a number of large-scale office and residential projects are planned and includes the Hines site — is set to begin this month, according to a City Hall report. It's expected to take most of 2011, if not longer, to complete, which means it will be under discussion at the same time that decision makers are shaping the Hines proposal.

The Bergamot Transit Village area plan, and plans for other parts of the city including the Civic Center and Downtown, are intended to create specific rules for development based on the priorities contained in the recently adopted Land Use and Circulation Element (LUCE), or general plan update.

"Until [the master plan] is completed, there can be no meaningful review or public comment about the suitability of the Hines project," SMCLC told its members in an e-mail this week.

Hines, though, has said it intends to finish a draft environmental impact report by summer, with the goal of bringing the doc-

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Saturday, Dec. 18, 2010

Pub crawl
Citywide
Various locations, 5 p.m.
Check out some of the cities coolest bars and restaurants during this second annual event. Participating pubs include: South, Harvelle's, NY&C Pizza and Ye Old King's Head. For more information, visit santamonicapubcrawl.com.

Nuestra Musica
Santa Monica College
1900 Pico Blvd., 7 p.m.
Ring in the season with America's premier treble chorus in a vibrant holiday celebration featuring Conrad Susa's Carlos and Lullabies (Christmas in Southwest), scored for harp, guitar, and marimba. For more information, call (800) 595-4849.

Shop with Santa
Downtown
12 p.m. — 4 p.m.
While you are buying gifts for everyone on your list, you could bump into Santa Claus as he cruises through Downtown Santa Monica. Bring a camera and get a pic with the jolly fella. For more information, visit iceatsantamonica.com/winterlit.html.

Skate in the sunshine
1324 Fifth St.
12 p.m. — 10 p.m.
It's that time of year again. ICE at Santa Monica is back. Skate to your hearts desire — or at least until the rink closes for the night — everyday until Feb. 25. Admission and skate rental is $10. For more information, call (310) 393-8355.

Riding with Santa
Pacific Park
Santa Monica Pier, daily
Here comes Santa Claus, here comes Santa Claus, riding Pacific Park's coaster at Pacific Park on the Santa Monica Pier. The roller coaster ridin' Santa likeness will celebrate the holidays while riding in the last car of the West Coaster roller coaster. Guests have the opportunity to take photos with Santa while the train is in the station or ride-along as the coaster races 55-feet above the Santa Monica Bay.

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THANKS, LEBRON

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Kids practice their skills on the new LeBron James Family Foundation-sponsored basketball court during the ribbon cutting ceremony at the Santa Monica Boys & Girls Club on Thursday afternoon. The courts will also be used for fitness and other recreational programs, including tennis and roller hockey. Money to build the courts came from James' controversial press conference during which he announced he was leaving the Cleveland Cavaliers to join the Miami Heat.

New nursing facility for veterans seeks patients

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

WEST L.A. Veterans in need of assistance are being encouraged to apply for a bed at the new Veterans Home of California — West Los Angeles, a 396-bed, long-term assisted living and nursing facility located near the VA hospital on Wilshire Boulevard.

The home provides veterans who qualify with a living environment that "protects their dignity and contributes to their feeling of self-reliance and self-worth, fostering a sense of community and camaraderie," said Jeanne Bonfilio, public information officer with the California Department of Veterans Affairs.

Services provided include meals, healthcare, dental care, pharmacy services, field trips and activities in a secure environment.

The two levels of care include: a Residential Care Facility for the Elderly, or assisted-living unit, currently open; and a Skilled Nursing Facility including an Alzheimer's/dementia or "memory care" unit, estimated to open in late 2011. The estimated cost is $253 million and was funded in partnership with the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.

Fees are based upon a veteran's income. Veterans desiring to be considered for residency must be residents of California, age 62 or older — or younger if disabled — and have served honorably in the military. Veterans seeking admission or a tour should call (424) 832-8204.

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Saint John's testing stem cell treatment for back pain

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

MID-CITY Are you hurting to get rid of that pain in your neck or the ache in your lower back?

If so, Saint John's Health Center could help. Doctors at the Mid-City hospital are looking for candidates to participate in clinical studies for lumbar and cervical fusion procedures using adult stem cell technology instead of bone grafts.

Saint John's is just one of eight sites in the U.S. to participate in this round of clinical studies using adult stem cells, or NeoFuse, for spinal fusion treatments, said Greg Harrison, spokesman with the hospital. The goal of the studies is to demonstrate the safety of using allogeneic, or "off the shelf," stem cells and provide information on the benefits of stem-cell therapy.

The studies have been cleared by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

Patients in the NeoFuse study group will receive an implantation of either 25 million or 75 million NeoFuse adult stem cells mixed with a carrier graft material between the bones that require fusion. The control group will receive a bone graft from the patient's own hip.

Back and neck pain is said to affect more than 80 percent of Americans some time in their lives and accounts for more sick leave and disability than any other medical condition. More than 500,000 spinal fusion procedures for chronic lower back and neck pain are performed annually in the United States. Harrison said. The main form of treatment is using hip bone grafts. NeoFuse, by Melbourne, Australia-based Mesoblast, aims to eliminated the need for a second procedure to harvest the patient's own bone, reducing risks of infection and chronic pain.

"We are very excited about being selected as a site to participate in this new study," said Dr. Hyun Bae, an orthopedic spine surgeon at Saint John's.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Smoke and mirrors

Editor:

How interesting that City Hall is apparently planning to pay a Washington lobbyist — er, lawyer/consultant — $150,000 to influence the Federal Aviation Administration's decision on the 250 degree heading that the FAA recently tested at Santa Monica Airport ("City Hall ramps up focus on airport," Dec. 14, page 1). An additional $70,000 is offered if he is successful at persuading the FAA to adopt some unspecified flight path recommended by yet more City Hall consultants.

It was already hard enough keeping track of all the consultants the City Council hires, without now having to track those influencing decisions about SMO. Harder still is keeping track of which flight pattern Santa Monica plans on being so persuasive about, given that no such plan has been publicly vetted, least of all with the surrounding Los Angeles neighborhoods that currently bear the brunt of operations at SMO.

You have to wonder what happened to the demands from Santa Monica residents for an ostensibly objective Environmental Impact Report of the 250 degree heading. Rep. Henry Waxman, acceding to those requests, also demanded an EIR. If Santa Monica already knows the end game, why would federal taxpayer dollars ever be spent on an EIR? And who could trust the results, once they've been processed through the Washington influence mill?

But maybe all that was just part of the persuasion process Santa Monica is so adept at when it comes to SMO. And the end game is, indeed, the same as it's always been: if Santa Monica Airport must continue to exist, then City Hall will do, and spend, whatever it takes to make sure the impacts continue to be borne by the surrounding Los Angeles communities. The rest is smoke and mirrors.

We can only hope that the RAND study of the future of SMO being proposed by City Hall isn't so similarly tainted.

Edward McQueeney
Venice

Some nerve

Editor:

I often find myself mildly amused by Jerry Rubin's antics ("Rubin asked to resign from SMRR," Dec. 13, page 1). I don't take him too seriously, though, and view him as an ostensibly harmless, well-meaning, anachronistic, chain-himself-to-a-ficus-tree-hippy-type, whose publicity stunts keep his face and name in the press and before the public, and until now it would be out of character for me to come to his defense.

And I certainly would not commend, absolve, or defend the [Santa Monicans for Renters' Rights] political machine and the disgraceful, Chicago-style politics it practices, which for the past 30 years have allowed it to control all facets of our city.

But Jay Johnson has to be a real piece of work. He has some nerve demanding Rubin's resignation from SMRR. Johnson is a real estate speculator and Santa Monica landlord. It seems he is the one out of touch with the renter's organization, so maybe he should be the one who resigns from it.

Andy Berman
Santa Monica



SMDP EDITORIALS

Time to dig deep

It's rough out there for many Santa Monicans these days. The city by the sea is not immune to the grim economic conditions and high unemployment crippling California. This Great Recession has forced families to cut back on their spending, and small business owners to lay-off workers or close entirely. This has negatively impacted giving during the season known for spreading good cheer.

Recently, the Daily Press featured a story on the Santa Monica branch of the Salvation Army, which is having a difficult time this holiday season collecting food and toys for roughly 400 needy families. At the time of our story, the Salvation Army had stockpiled only enough food to provide holiday meals for about a quarter of its families. Only a handful of companies had picked up "angel tags," which list a child's name, age and interests and are intended to guide donors as they shop. More than 1,000 tags remained.

The Salvation Army isn't alone. Other local charities are in need of your generosity. We know it's tough, but we want to encourage those who can to donate. If money is tight, try volunteering your time or clear out your closet and pass on clothes you no longer wear.

There are plenty of places that could use your help. Youth Volunteers with the American Red Cross of Santa Monica will be collecting toys and gifts again this year as part of the annual "Spark of Love Toy Drive." Santa Monica firefighters will help distribute the gifts to deserving children in Santa Monica. Donations can be dropped off at the Santa Monica Red Cross chapter at 1450 11th St. (at Broadway) or at any fire station in town.

If food is your preference, help the Big Blue Bus' food drive by donating canned goods. Drop off locations include City Hall or any of the local library branches. The Santa Monica Pier Restoration Corp. is also hosting a food drive to benefit Upward Bound House. Bring some goods and get a free ride on the historic carousel.

And for those who love to drink beer, there's the Santa Monica Pub Crawl this Saturday. Bring three non-perishable food items for the Westside Food Bank and receive a wristband that give you access to food and drink specials, as well as an after-party.

Those are just some of the opportunities available to folks looking to lend a helping hand. We hope people remember the true meaning of the holidays, that it is better to give than to receive.

Guardian of the promenade retires

No one is more passionate about the Third Street Promenade than Eddie Greenberg. Eddie led the crew that kept the promenade, which he called Santa Monica's "crown jewel," and surrounding streets clean up until last Friday, when after 34 years of working for the city of Santa Monica, Eddie decided it was time to hang up the pressure washer and enjoy his well-deserved retirement.

Eddie belongs to a generation where hard work was expected, respect was given when earned and responsibility was paramount. He was known to always take an off-duty call, no matter how late at night or early in the morning. We had the pleasure of riding along with Eddie four years ago and loved listening to his stories about shaking the hands of former presidents and celebrities he met along the way and his work with civil rights activist Caesar Chavez. He talked fondly of his employees, some of them troubled teens who he helped get back on the right path. He is a mentor as well as a protector. One of his last major efforts was introducing environmentally-friendly cleaning practices and products, embracing Santa Monica's sustainability efforts while protecting future generations.

Eddie is one of Santa Monica's most boisterous boosters, even if he is soft spoken and unassuming. He always had an encouraging word and loved to write in to the Daily Press whenever he had something to get off his chest. We will miss his presence on the promenade, but his lessons will stick with us.

We will always remember him saying to us back in December of 2006:

"Look at the boys who raised the flag at Iwo Jima. They wanted to live just like anybody else, but they didn't get to the top by running away. They got to the top because they knew whatever sacrifice they gave, it was for a good cause. If you are climbing up your own mountain of success and you decide it's too hard and give up, you fail yourself. If you do that, what are you going to tell your kids? How are you going to inspire them?"

Eddie certainly inspired us.



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Jenny's journey

FOR ME, FORMER TALK-SHOW HOST DICK Cavett summed up column writing best. "At first you think this is easy. Then it's uh, oh, I'm running out of stuff. And then it's I'm finished." After four years, I still go through all three.

The problem may be compounded in that my columns are supposed to be humorous. When I start to write a "serious" piece, I hear myself saying, "You're not really writing that, are you?" Fortunately, I limit these self "discussions" to avoid schizophrenia, or at a minimum, an ugly argument over my writing style, or lack thereof.

The "Jenny" in my title refers to my eldest niece who will receive her bachelor's degree from CSUN in five days. On the surface, this achievement may not seem that noteworthy. I should point out that she's been pursuing the degree part-time for 10 years.

And I should probably also point out that Jenny was born deaf and blind in one eye. So, to me at least, this is not just a bachelor's degree. In Yiddish, this is a mitzvah. So hopefully you can understand why this week I wanted to share my pride and congratulate my niece, and in print, no less.

In May of 2008, I wrote about Jenny when she and her son, Brandon, then 13, and her step-daughter Judy, then 15, along with her husband David, came to see the new Ferris wheel on the Santa Monica Pier. (Speaking of which, I'm still not crazy about the extreme bright lights, or as someone referred it as "Tokyo Time Square.")

Back then Jenny had just started at CSUN. Her schedule would only allow her to take two classes a semester so the finish line seemed a long way off. But it really began in 2000 at Pierce Community College.

Understandably, school was never easy for Jenny. Helen Keller often said that if she had to choose between the two limitations, of being blind or being deaf, she would choose being blind, overwhelmingly. Her experience was that deafness made everything more difficult, especially learning to read.

So it was with Jenny. But, with the inspiration of a teacher at Pierce who saw her potential, as an adult Jenny spent a year of two hours a day, three days a week, in a reading lab. It dramatically improved her reading skills and changed her life (something she openly shares with people ashamed of reading struggles).

On that day 10 years ago, I can only imagine the courage it took for Jenny to meet with her counselor at Pierce. The counselor printed up a sheet, outlining the vast number of courses Jenny would need to complete to earn her bachelor's. Jenny confesses it was "overwhelming."

But Jenny was comforted by the counselor's advice that she should just focus on one semester at a time (reminding me of JFK's quote, "Even the longest journey starts with the first step").

Jenny is very fond of quotes. She keeps a journal of them. One of her favorites is, "Obstacles are frightful things you see when you take your eyes off your goal." Each semester, she wrote it on her notebooks, lest she ever feel like giving up.

One unexpected obstacle occurred in 2003. Jenny was a full-time teacher's aide and, with her husband, was helping raise two children and going to CSUN part time. Suddenly she began experiencing vertigo episodes. As it progressively got worse, eventually it was diagnosed as incurable Meniere's disease.

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Jenny had the cochlear implant operation in the hopes that the vertigo would diminish or disappear. It worked. But not until Jenny had spent two years, nearly bed-ridden. From that, she got up and returned to CSUN in pursuit of her degree. (She didn't get her fortitude from her Uncle Jack, that's for sure.)

In addition to the sense of accomplishment in finishing, Jenny has gained so much in just the journey. She has discovered herself as a strong person who has overcome her fears. She has learned much academically, but just as much about facing life's challenges.

Jenny is grateful for all the support she had from so many along the way, including from her mother and father, Brenda and Dave, and her sister, Erin, a teacher soon to become a therapist. And, go figure, she adds her Uncle Jack in there as well.

Understandably, among Jenny's heroes in life is Claude Brown who grew up illiterate on the streets. And yet he wrote the book "Manchild in the Promised Land" and got his bachelor's degree.

The final step in Jenny's decade-long journey will be May 25, 2011, at CSUN's graduation ceremony. My "journey" is to get the photo of Jenny joyously throwing her cap up in the air and somehow get it on page 5 of the SMDP.

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The Q Line

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CRIME WATCH
BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

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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. 8, AT 6:50 P.M.,
Santa Monica police officers responded to the 1100 block of 11th Street regarding a theft that recently occurred. The victim told officers that when she arrived at home, a box that was on her porch had been opened and the contents were removed. The contents were a shirt and flip-flops. One of the officers recalled an arrest earlier that day and the suspect wearing similar clothing that was in the package. Officers went to the jail, obtained the clothing from the suspect and verified with the victim that those items were the ones she was missing. The suspect was booked for possession of stolen property. He was identified as Alan Gordon, 60, of Santa Monica. His bail was set at $1,000.

MONDAY, DEC. 6, AT 11:50 P.M.,
Officers were on routine patrol in the 2600 block of Main Street when they saw a man walking who appeared to be under the influence of alcohol. Officers approached the man and confirmed he was intoxicated. Officers obtained permission to search the suspect and said they found a glass pipe commonly used to smoke crack or methamphetamines. Officers arrested the suspect, Carriem Fuller, 38, of Los Angeles, for possession of drug paraphernalia and a probation violation. His bail was set at $10,000.

TUESDAY, DEC. 7, AT 12:50 A.M.,
Officers on routine patrol in the 1400 block of Pico Boulevard observed a bicyclist riding on the sidewalk in violation of the municipal code. The individual was also riding without a light. Officers stopped the cyclist for those violations and obtained his consent to search his backpack. Officers said they found a glass pipe and a plastic bag containing white crystals that turned out to be methamphetamine. The suspect was arrested for possession of a controlled substance and drug paraphernalia. He was identified as Luis Mercado, 21, of Venice. His bail was set at $10,000.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 8, AT 8:27 P.M.,
Officers stopped a vehicle in the 2800 block of Ocean Park Boulevard for having expired tags. During the stop, officers determined that the driver had a suspended driver's license. Officers ordered the driver out of the car and searched it. They saw several tools commonly used to commit burglaries: bolt cutters, slide hammer, ceramic spark plug chips. The driver and passenger could not state where some of the items inside the car came from. The items included a lawnmower with the words "City of L.A." inscribed on it and a leaf blower. The driver, Peter Resmer, 36, of Santa Monica was arrested for possession of stolen property, driving on a suspended license and possession of burglary tools. His bail was set at $20,000. The passenger, Maryelese Haena, 33, of Los Angeles was arrested for possession of burglary tools. Her bail was set at $500.

THURSDAY, DEC. 9, AT 4:05 A.M.,
Officers responded to the 2400 block of Fourth Street regarding a traffic accident. When officers arrived, they made contact with the driver of the vehicle involved in the accident. As they spoke with him, officers said they saw signs of impairment but could not smell alcohol. Further investigation revealed that the driver was taking medication. After a series of balance and coordination tests, the driver was arrested for driving while impaired. He was identified as Keith Porter, 49, of Compton. No bail information was available.

FRIDAY, DEC. 10, AT 8:03 P.M.,
Officers responded to the 1800 block of Wilshire Boulevard – Rite Aid – regarding a shoplifting suspect in custody. When officers arrived, they made contact with store security who said they saw the suspect walk up to the foot cream display and take some cream and place it in his pocket and leave without paying for it. Security detained the suspect, and placed him under citizen's arrest for petty theft. He was identified as Abel Lopez, 41, of Los Angeles. His bail was set at $1,000.

SATURDAY DEC. 11, AT 6:38 A.M.,
Officers responded to the 1000 block of Ocean Avenue regarding a report of domestic violence. When officers arrived, they were advised by the victim that when she came home from work, her ex-boyfriend was in the living room with her roommates. She put her purse down and went into her room. When coming back into the living room, she said she noticed her tip money was missing. A roommate was also missing a phone and some cash. The victims accused the ex-boyfriend and pushed him out of the apartment. The suspect allegedly opened a window and climbed into the apartment. While inside, he physically assaulted the victim. The suspect was placed under arrest for burglary and battery. He was identified as Kai Hernandez, 25, of Chatsworth. His bail was set at $50,000.

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SAMOHI
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have committed his team to its greatest challenge yet during the prestigious Nike Tournament of Champions, which features some of the country's best squads.

The Vikings won't have to wait long to see where they shape up on the national scene as they prepare to take on Illinois' Bolingbrook, USA Today's No. 2 team in the country. The game takes place on Saturday at Phoenix's Hamilton High School at 3:30 p.m.

But, to Verdugo and his girls, they are approaching it like any other game, with the exception of the high stakes.

"We've been working all week on being strong, on executing," Verdugo said. "We'll be trying to take away their quickness."

While not quite yet noticed nationwide, Verdugo, in his five years as coach, has transformed his team into a SoCal power, culminating in last year's California Interscholastic Federation Southern Section Division 1A championship, the first in the sport in school history. The Vikings are continuing to ride the tide of last year's title this season, going an unblemished 9-0 and winning a pair of SoCal tourneys.

With a strong showing during the Nike tournament, he feels that the Vikings might just open some eyes. That, and win some games of course.

"This is the moment we've been talking about," Verdugo said. "Life doesn't give you many chances to be nationally recognized. This is one of those rare things."

Regardless of wins and losses, the Vikings are scheduled to play four games during their trip to Arizona, but Verdugo hopes those games aren't in the consolation bracket.

If Samohi is able to advance past Bolingbrook, the road to the tournament title doesn't get much easier. The Vikings' bracket of 16 teams, dubbed the Joe Smith Elite Division, includes seven teams ranked on the current USA Today poll. Included in that group are No. 1 Santa Ana Mater Dei, No. 2 Bolingbrook, No. 3 Brea Olinda and No. 5 Long Beach Poly.

With that road ahead, Verdugo is wise to keep the pre-tournament talk to beating Bolingbrook and going from there, a sentiment shared by his team's top players.

"They're a good team," UCLA-bound senior Moriah Faulk said of Bolingbrook. "But, they aren't amazing. I think it will be a good test for us to see how we compete with this kind of team."

While the information on Bolingbrook is scarce, Verdugo said, he has been able to acquire a tape of them in action. First off, he said he recognized that they are a fast, physical team led by point guard Ariel Massengale, who has signed to play for Tennessee.

Verdugo said that the responsibility of slowing down Massengale will fall to Kristina "KJ" Johnson, who will play for University of the Pacific next year.

Johnson said she looks forward to the challenge, adding that she'll have to perform well in the eyes of her teammates who look to her to be the catalyst on the floor.

"There's a lot of pressure being the point guard," Johnson said. "The team feeds off me, so I have to have a lot of energy."

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EDWARDS
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Edwards' stepfather, Jack McEdwards (the family name), was an assistant director, and his stepfather's father, J. Gordon Edwards, was a pioneering director of silent films. Though born in Tulsa, Okla., Edwards was raised on movie sets. He was an extra and supporting actor before he was a filmmaker.

A child of Hollywood who made his home there, he would forever have a conflicted relationship with the industry he assailed, but to which he kept returning. He dropped in and out of favor, feuded with producers and famously satirized Hollywood in 1981's scathing "S.O.B."

"I was certainly getting back at some of the producers of my life," Edwards, who died Wednesday, once remarked, "although I was a good deal less scathing than I could have been. The only way I got to make it was because of the huge success of '10,' and even then they tried to sabotage it."

But he also made movies that added to Hollywood's bottom line, particularly in the "Pink Panther" films.

In one of his last public appearances at a tribute from the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences in October, Edwards opened his remarks with fitting sarcasm: "Can I go now?"

When the academy gave him an honorary Oscar for lifetime achievement in 2004, he accepted the award with a slapstick gag right out of his own movies: He careened across the stage in a wheelchair, snagging the statue from Jim Carrey and crashing into the set.

"That felt good," he said, dusting himself off.

Edwards, 88, died from complications of pneumonia Wednesday evening at Saint John's Health Center in Santa Monica, Calif., after being hospitalized for about two weeks. He had knee problems, had undergone unsuccessful procedures and was "pretty much confined to a wheelchair for the last year-and-a-half or two," said publicist Gene Schwam, who knew him for 40 years.

At the time of his death, Edwards was working on two Broadway musicals, one based on the "Pink Panther" movies. The other, "Big Rosemary," was to be an original comedy set during Prohibition, Schwam said.

"He was the most unique man I have ever known-and he was my mate," Andrews said in a statement Thursday. "He will be missed beyond words, and will forever be in my heart."

A third-generation filmmaker, Edwards was praised for evoking classic performances from Sellers, Moore, Hepburn, Jack Lemmon, Lee Remick and Andrews, his wife of nearly half a century.

Steve Martin, who played Clouseau in the 2006 and 2009 "Pink Panther" productions, said Thursday that Edwards "was one of the people who made me love comedy."

Edwards directed and often wrote a wide variety of movies including "Days of Wine and Roses," a harrowing story of alcoholism; "The Great Race," a comedy-adventure that starred Lemmon, Tony Curtis and Natalie Wood; and "Victor/Victoria," his gender-bender musical comedy with Andrews.

Although many of Edwards' films were solid hits, he was nominated for Academy Awards only twice, in 1982 for writing the adapted screenplay of "Victor/Victoria" and in 1983 for co-writing "The Man Who Loved Women." Lemmon and Remick won Oscar nominations in 1962 for "Days of Wine and Roses," and Hepburn was nominated for "Breakfast at Tiffany's" in 1961.

Edwards had entered television in 1958, creating "Peter Gunn," which established a new style of hard-edged detective series. The tone was set by Henry Mancini's pulsating theme music. Starring Craig Stevens, the series ran until 1961 and resulted in a 1967 feature movie "Gunn."

"Peter Gunn" marked the beginning of a fruitful collaboration between Edwards and Mancini, who composed melodic scores and songs for most of Edwards' films.



DEVELOPMENT
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ument to the City Council for final approval by the end of next year.

The project opponents have the ear of at least one council member in Kevin McKeown, who this week said he has "serious questions about our ability to evaluate the traffic and other impacts of the Hines project appropriately if we try to do so before the master plan gives us a context and some idea of the cumulative impacts."

But, he added, Hines is within its rights to proceed with a draft EIR if it so chooses. It will be up to the council to decide whether the study the company conducts is up to snuff.

"The council, as the elected body representing the community, will at some point have to decide whether to certify a final EIR as adequate, a finding I personally think will be very difficult if the area master plan is not available yet," McKeown said.

Hines, however, has reason to be optimistic an eventual council decision will go its way.

The company was the largest donor this campaign cycle to the group Santa Monicans for Quality Government, which backed four of the sitting City Council members in November's election. The company would have a majority if all four of those members — Pam O'Connor, Bob Holbrook, Gleam Davis and Terry O'Day — vote in Hines' favor.

Of those members, only Holbrook and O'Day could be reached on Thursday. Both said they understood concerns about the project coming up for review without a certified master plan for the area, but added they believed it's appropriate that the Hines project move forward.

"I wouldn't want the cart to proceed the horse," Holbrook said, "but I think the horse and the cart are coming out of the barn together."

O'Day said he agreed it's important the project should be designed according to the priorities that are detailed in the LUCE.

"The reality is that the [development agreement] process is where we'll have the maximum ability to influence the project in the direction the community wants," he said.

Calls to Chris Harding, the attorney working on the Hines proposal, and Planning Director Eileen Fogarty were not returned by deadline on Thursday.

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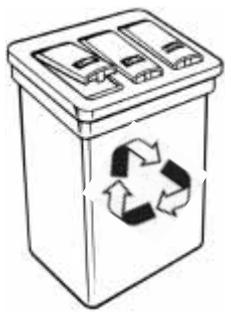
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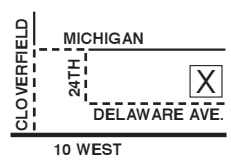


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ARB 10-606, 1429 Third Street Promenade: Retail
ARB 10-614, 3117 Ocean Park Boulevard: Restaurant

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LAPD releases pics in 'Grim Sleeper' killer case

THOMAS WATKINS
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES Hoping for a flood of tips, police released scores of photographs Thursday of unidentified women that were found at the home of the accused "Grim Sleeper" serial killer.

Investigators asked people who recognize any of the roughly 160 people in the 180 pictures to let them know their whereabouts.

Detectives found the photos, along with hundreds of hours of home video, when they searched the home of suspect Lonnie Franklin Jr. in South Los Angeles in July. Some women are shown in more than one photo.

"Now that we know who he is and what type of activity he is involved in with women, we are very concerned for everyone in these photographs," Detective Dennis Kilcoyne said. "We don't know what we are going to learn today."

Police Chief Charlie Beck added, "We certainly do not believe that we are so lucky, or so good, as to know all his victims."

Franklin has pleaded not guilty to the murders of 10 women from 1985 to 1988 and from 2002 to 2007.

The apparent 14-year pause in the alleged crimes led to the nickname "Grim Sleeper," though detectives suspect Franklin could be involved in many other deaths.

The women in the photos appear to be a wide range of ages. Some of the images are sexually explicit, and women appear to be willing participants, Kilcoyne said. Only closely cropped versions of the photos were released.

"It baffles me how he is so successful at getting women to do what he asks them to do," Kilcoyne said. "It's not like we have pictures of him holding a knife to someone's neck."

Investigators found the photographs in cars and throughout the house, including the garage. Some had been hidden.

All of the "Grim Sleeper" victims were killed within a few miles of Franklin's home in a neighborhood where people knew him as a backyard mechanic. Police are reviewing more than 30 cold-case files to see if they can tie Franklin to other slayings.

Franklin was taken into custody last summer after his son was arrested and swabbed for DNA. Using a technique known as a familial DNA search, the sample came back as similar to evidence in the serial killings, ultimately leading police to Franklin.

In a separate case, Huntington Beach detectives were inundated in March with hundreds of phone calls and e-mails after they released more than 100 photos discovered in serial killer Rodney Alcala's storage locker after his 1979 arrest.

The photos were released after Alcala was convicted last March of the murders of four women and a 12-year-old girl. He was sentenced to death.

Bids for Lee Harvey Oswald's wood coffin top $28,000

JOHN ROGERS
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES The simple wooden coffin that was supposed to be Lee Harvey Oswald's final resting place will soon have a new resting place of its own.

The coffin was put on the auction block late last month by a Texas funeral home owner who swapped it with Oswald's family for a new one when the body was briefly exhumed in 1981.

With the auction just a few hours away from closing Thursday, bidding had reached $28,102, according to Nate D. Sanders Auctions of Santa Monica. Auction house spokesman Sam Heller said about 30 bids had been received online and by phone and more were expected in the final hours. Bidding had stood at $22,000 on Wednesday.

Oswald was arrested as a suspect in President John F. Kennedy's 1963 death but was slain two days later by nightclub owner Jack Ruby.

Funeral home owner Allen Baumgardner had held onto the coffin since Oswald's body was dug up in 1981 in an effort to put to rest conspiracy theories that he really wasn't buried in his grave. After the body was identified through dental records, it was returned to Rose Hill Memorial Burial Park in Fort Worth, Texas.

Because water had gotten into a cracked burial vault and damaged the original coffin, Baumgardner swapped it with Oswald's family for a new one.

The original shows signs of the water damage. Its metal ornamentation is rusted and parts of it, including the roof, have rotted. Its satin lining has long since disintegrated.

Still, the curator of a museum dedicated to Kennedy's Nov. 22, 1963, assassination said when bidding opened on Nov. 30 that he expected it would generate a lot of interest.

"My experience as a curator has been, if people have room and it's a Kennedy item, they will collect it," said Gary Mack of the Sixth Floor Museum in Dallas.

The John F. Kennedy Library Foundation has declined to comment.

Baumgardner was a 21-year-old funeral home assistant when Oswald was shot to death in a Dallas police station just two days after Kennedy's assassination.

"I've never seen so many security police and FBI and Secret Service and news media just everywhere," he recalled earlier this month.

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Feds identify best places for solar projects

NOAKI SCHWARTZ
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES A draft plan identifying prime areas for solar energy projects on public lands in the Southwest was released Thursday by the Interior Department in an effort to speed up development.

The draft identifies 24 so-called solar energy zones in California, Nevada, Colorado, Utah, New Mexico and Arizona that have the highest potential for solar development with the fewest environmental impacts. The plan announced during a conference call in Washington, D.C., also proposes to open an additional 21 million acres of land to potential solar development.

"The steps taken today help ensure that the United States will lead the world in energy technologies critical for meeting our energy goals and for sustaining economic growth," said Henry Kelly, principal deputy assistant secretary for energy efficiency and renewable energy with the Department of Energy.

Federal officials said there will be a 90-day public comment period and a series of public meetings in the Southwest, as well as Washington. The final report, which aims to reduce conflicts and delays later in the process, will be released in 2011, according to Interior Secretary Ken Salazar.

The solar industry welcomed the draft report, which had been in the works since 2008.

"This announcement builds on the solar industry's momentum over the past year surpassing all of last year's growth through the third quarter, as well as the approval of the first eight utility-scale solar projects on public lands," said Rhone Resch, the head of the Solar Energy Industries Association. "To put this in perspective, 74,000 permits were issued for oil and gas drilling on public lands over the past twenty years."

Congress in 2005 gave the Interior Department a goal to approve 10,000 megawatts, or about 5 million homes' worth during peak hours, of renewable energy on public lands by 2015.

Although the Bureau of Land Management opened federally owned lands in 2005 to solar development, an examination of records and interviews of officials by The Associated Press showed the program operated a first-come, first-served leasing system that quickly overwhelmed its small staff.

The system also enabled companies, regardless of solar industry experience, to squat on land without any real plans to develop it.

Increasing the approval of solar projects has been a key goal for the Obama administration. The Interior Department identified 14 of the most promising solar projects on federally owned land on a list to be fast-tracked.

Federal officials predict that solar projects could one day contribute up to 24,000 megawatts of electricity — enough to keep 16 million homes powered at peak use.

Conservationists poring over the draft report's estimated 10,000 pages said they are pleased the federal government is finally outlining a program to more quickly approve good solar projects. The Department of Energy on Thursday also announced efforts to fund up to $50 million to test and demonstrate cutting-edge solar technologies.

Many environmentalists, like Alex Daue, renewable energy coordinator at The Wilderness Society, however, said they are concerned about the proposal to open additional acreage beyond the vetted zones.

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LOS ANGELES

NWS says California facing heavy weather

Forecasters say California is in for a period of foul weather, with heavy snow in the north and along Sierra Nevada while southern areas could see some significant rainfall amounts.

The National Weather Service says a series of wet and windy Pacific storms will move in Friday and possibly continue into next week. Some parts of the Sierra could see snow accumulations of up to 10 feet.

In Southern California, work continues on improving flood-control basins designed to capture debris flows from wildfire-scarred mountains above Los Angeles' foothill suburbs.

On Wednesday, public works officials conducted a test of a huge valve on a dam in San Gabriel Canyon to ensure it can control floods from the mountain watershed above eastern Los Angeles County.

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22 arrested in foreclosure protest at Chase

Police arrested 22 demonstrators who blocked entry to a downtown Chase bank branch Thursday to protest what they said were unfair home foreclosures.

The demonstrators, which included homeowners facing foreclosure, community advocates and labor leaders, silently allowed officers to bind their wrists behind their backs with plastic restraints and guide them into a police van.

Dozens more demonstrators chanted and marched on a nearby sidewalk holding sighs that said "Stop Bank Greed, Save Our Neighborhoods" as the 12 men and 10 women were taken into custody.

Detective Gus Villanueva said there were no injuries to police or protesters, who would be cited for trespassing and released.

Alliance of Californians for Community Empowerment member David Mazariegos said the demonstrators hoped to bring attention to the plight of people who were unjustly losing their homes.

He said banks' failure to modify many borrowers' loans puts them in violation of the Home Affordable Modification Program in which lenders agreed to participate as part of the bank bailout.

"The banks are not helping anyone stay in their homes," Mazariegos said. "It's highway robbery, what they're doing to these people."

ACCE director Amy Schur said the groups were singling out JPMorgan Chase & Co. because most of the borrowers whose foreclosures and evictions they are contesting are serviced by that bank.

A Chase spokeswoman did not immediately return a phone call Thursday.

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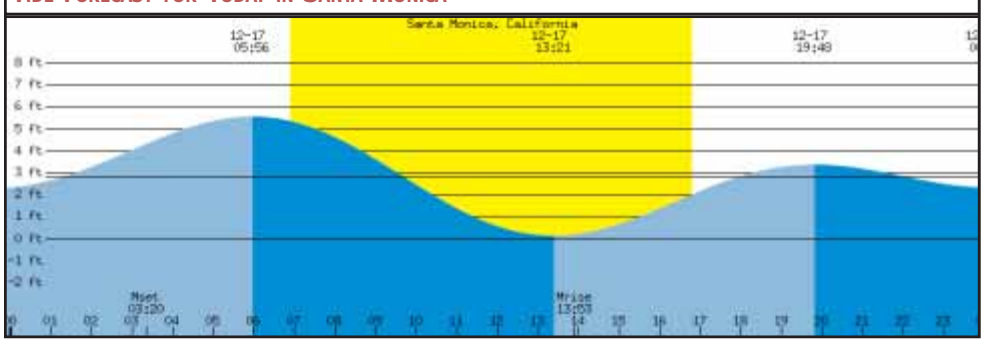
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Long Range Synopsis

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- Number of wet days -- 11
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 42 / 22
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 5 / 17

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

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

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

LEGEND

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

Heal the Bay's Beach Report Card℠ is based on weekly water quality monitoring data provided by the City of Los Angeles' Environmental Monitoring Division and the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services. Data is analyzed as soon as it is made available to us by the public agencies. Beaches are graded on an A–F scale based on the risk of ocean users becoming ill. Samples are analyzed for bacteria—enterococcus, total and fecal coliforms—that indicate biological pollution. A fact sheet detailing the exact methodology used in determining grades for each location is available from the office or on our web site. The report is not designed to measure the amount of trash or toxins found at local beaches.

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MLB

Yankees sign Russell Martin

BY RONALD BLUM
AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK Russell Martin wanted the Los Angeles Dodgers to show him some love. When he didn't get it, he was willing to move on.

The catcher finalized a $4 million, one-year contract with the New York Yankees on Thursday, a few weeks after rejecting an offer from Los Angeles that guaranteed $200,000 more. When he turned down the Dodgers' deal, the team allowed him to become a free agent.

"I wanted to find out how bad the Dodgers wanted me and see if they still believed in me," Martin said during a telephone conference call. "So by doing that, they kind of gave me the answer that I wanted to find out about."

Martin, who was born in Ontario, turned down interest from Toronto and Boston. He said changing teams will hit him when he arrives at spring training and puts on a different uniform.

"They're still my boys over there," he said. "It's tough not being able to be with the guys that I've always played with," he said.

Martin becomes the Yankees' primary catcher, with Jorge Posada shifting to designated hitter. Barring a trade, Francisco Cervelli, Jesus Montero and Austin Romine will compete for a reserve role.

"He was one of the premier catchers in the game not too long ago," Yankees general manager Brian Cashman said. "From performance and injuries the last two years, he's slipped from that status, but we feel he's a low-risk, high-reward scenario."

Martin will have surgery Monday to repair a torn meniscus in his right knee, an injury the Yankees discovered during his physical. Cashman said Martin should be ready by the start of spring training.

The 27-year-old was an NL All-Star in 2007 and 2008, hitting 19 homers in 2007 and driving in 90 runs the following year. He set career lows last season with a .248 average, five homers and 26 RBIs in 97 games. His season was cut short Aug. 3 when he broke his right hip and tore a labrum against San Diego while tagging up and trying to score on a flyball.

"It could be a physical thing," Yankees manager Joe Girardi said. "But I believe we can get him back to where he was. He's a patient hitter. He knows how to work the count."

Martin said he tied to be more athletic in his swing, going for speed, agility and flexibility instead of strength.

"I lost a little bit of my power," he said.

New York had planned to move the 40-year-old Posada from behind the plate, and Cashman had been saying Cervelli would compete with the two young players for playing time.

"As these kids take the next step to the major league level, they can develop on their time frame, and now the time frame is not forced on them because we need them now at all cost," Cashman said. "Instead of sink or swim, it's now a situation where we can ease them in."

Girardi said the youngsters may be better off in the minors than a promotion to a major league backup role.

"It is a position that you want guys playing every day, improving their skills," he said.

Martin made $5.05 million last season and the Dodgers included in their offer $1.5 million in performance bonus that could raise raised his income next year to $5.7 million.

NCAA FOOTBALL

Wisconsin TE Kendricks leads Badgers to Rose Bowl

COLIN FLY
AP Sports Writer

MADISON, Wis. Lance Kendricks remembers being 11 years old and sitting in a Milwaukee kitchen, mesmerized at the images on the small television.

Kendricks watched Ron Dayne run through Stanford on the way to 200 yards rushing on Jan. 1, 2000, the second of back-to-back Rose Bowl victories for the Badgers.

"I was back at home watching it in the kitchen, my mom was cooking, I didn't really have aspirations of going to Wisconsin, but I think that was one of my best memories of watching Wisconsin on TV," said Kendricks, now a senior tight end for the Badgers.

No. 4 Wisconsin (11-1) is finally in the Rose Bowl again, facing undefeated TCU (12-0).

The third-ranked Horned Frogs have the nation's best run defense, and Kendricks recognizes it's not just the Badgers' vaunted offensive line that must block for the talented backs.

"We're definitely a run-first team. Clearly," Kendricks said. "The receivers know they have to know how to block. So if they have to know how to block, I definitely have to know to block."

Kendricks recognized he had developed all the skills it took to be successful in Wisconsin's offense in the bowl game last year. With Miami clamping down on Garrett Graham, his counterpart, Kendricks began running Graham's routes in the offense.

Kendricks finished with seven catches for 128 yards and the Badgers beat Miami 20-14 to win the Champs Sports Bowl in Orlando, Fla.

"It catapulted my confidence. From then on, I kind of took it as a game of thinking to a game of fun. That's pretty important," he said.

Wisconsin quarterback Scott Tolzien and Kendricks both came into the program together, redshirted and were on the scout team as freshmen. Kendricks, who entered as a standout wide receiver, struggled initially.

"There was a lot of hype behind me, but in high school we didn't really have a big playbook, so coming here there was a lot to learn, it was literally starting from step one," he said. "That spring, they moved me to tight end, I learned how to block, probably the hardest thing to do."

Tolzien said Kendricks' pass catching skills are unique and that Graham and former tight end Travis Beckum helped Kendricks develop. He now takes a lot pride in his blocking ability.

"You have to know how to block at tight end, especially in the Big Ten, you can't go without blocking," Kendricks said. "I knew if I put in that hard work, it would definitely pay off and it has."

Coach Bret Bielema said Kendricks keeps pushing himself to be better.

"If you took a vote, I bet you our kids would say he's one of the top five workers in our program," Bielema said.

And the list of great players for Wisconsin at tight end is long. Thirteen have played in the pros and four have been on NFL rosters this year.

MOVIE TIMES

Aero Theatre
1328 Montana Ave.
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Days of Heaven (PG) 1hr 35min
McCabe & Mrs. Miller (R) 2hr
7:30pm

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(310) 458-6232

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows - Part 1 (PG-13) 2hrs 30min
12:50pm, 4:00pm, 7:15pm, 10:30pm

Burlesque (PG-13) 1hr 40min
1:30pm, 4:30pm, 7:30pm, 10:15pm

How Do You Know (R) 1hr 56min
1:00pm, 3:45pm, 7:00pm, 10:00pm

Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader in Digital 3D (PG) 1hr 52min
2:20pm, 5:10pm, 7:55pm, 10:30pm

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

Tangled in Disney Digital 3D (PG) 1hr 40min
11:20am, 2:00pm, 4:35pm, 7:15pm, 9:45pm

Yogi Bear 3D (PG) 1hr 22min
10:30am, 12:45pm, 3:00pm, 5:15pm, 7:30pm, 9:50pm

Tron: Legacy in Disney Digital 3D (NR) 2hrs 07min
10:00am, 1:00pm, 4:00pm, 7:00pm, 10:00pm

How Do You Know (R) 1hr 56min
10:45am, 1:45pm, 5:00pm, 8:00pm, 10:45pm

Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader in Digital 3D (PG) 1hr 52min
9:45am, 12:30pm, 3:20pm, 6:15pm, 9:00pm

Black Swan (R) 1hr 50min
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Laemmle's Monica Fourplex
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Inside Job (PG-13) 1hr 48min
3:00pm, 7:40pm, 10:15pm

Ward No. 6 (Palata NÂ°6) (NR) 1hr 23min
1:00pm, 5:30pm

King's Speech (R) 1 hour 58 min
1:10pm, 2:10pm, 4:00pm, 5:00pm, 7:00pm, 8:00pm, 9:50pm

Casino Jack (R) 1hr 48min
1:50pm, 4:30pm, 7:10pm, 9:50pm

AMC Criterion 6
1313 Third Street Promenade
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Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows - Part 1 (PG-13) 2hrs 30min
12:40pm, 4:00pm, 7:15pm, 10:30pm

Love and Other Drugs (R) 1hr 53min
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Tangled (PG) 1hr 40min
10:30am, 1:30pm

Tourist (PG-13) 1hr 43min
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Tron: Legacy (NR) 2hrs 07min
11:00am, 2:00pm, 5:00pm, 8:00pm, 11:00pm

Fighter (R) 1hr 54min
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For more information, e-mail news@smdp.com

Go home, Aquarius

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Your ability to get past most problems amazes others but remains routine for you. A celebratory feeling marks everyone's mood -- after all, it is Friday. You get past a problem for now by simply staying away or avoiding it. Tonight: Treat and be treated. Have fun!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ News forces you to smile, whether you decide to keep a stern demeanor or not. You'll see events far differently with some perspective and time. Make no general announcements just yet. Slow down if you're tired. Tonight: Whatever knocks your socks off.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ Vanish, if possible -- not that you are trying to avoid any situation. You will simply flourish and accomplish more flying solo. Your efforts involving an associate or daily-life matter will pay off. Tonight: Hang with mystery.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ You flourish in crowds and accomplish far more in group discussions. A partner or loved one comes back with conviction about an issue. Know that this is not a fight but rather an animated discussion. Tonight: Where the party is.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Be more in touch with others' expectations. Let someone know when he or she puts you in a position where you can only fail. Support yourself; honor your limitations and boundaries. You will be happier, and so will those in your immediate circle. Tonight: Leader of the gang.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ Keep reaching out for someone you care a lot about. This person can stand on ceremony, but through your grounded yet creative approach, you finally get a response. Use care with financial commitments. Tonight: Try something different. You might like it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Someone comes toward you with the best of intentions. Give this person time to really express his or her ideas and essence. You could be taken aback. Hang in there and get to know this person better. Tonight: Togetherness is the theme.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Others let you know how they feel. You might be far more assertive than you intend to be, thus triggering many strong reactions. Relax and know that this second is not the only second in time. You will have another chance. Tonight: Follow the crowds.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Keep your focus on the big picture, and you won't be disappointed. There is a sense on your part that the good times are here. Unfortunately, a key friend doesn't feel the same way. You cannot change this person's mood. Tonight: Join a pal or two.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ Others enjoy your feedback, especially when you are energetic, direct and full of ideas -- like now. Whether dealing with a work issue or scheduling your weekend plans, no one can deny this innate ingenuity. Tonight: Go for something fun.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ Express an innate tension, which demands that you are in more than one place at once in order to alleviate it. Sit down and give yourself a reasonable talk. Though you might be pressured to handle different problems, opt for one issue at a time. Tonight: Mosey on home.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ You state your case in a manner in which many people will agree. Your ability to detach and understand where others come from separates you from many. However, a close partner could cause you a problem. This person simply doesn't see eye to eye with you. Tonight: Christen the weekend with friends.

Happy birthday

This year, you often juggle many different concerns. You have the energy and insight to achieve a lot. What remains key is to take frequent breaks in order to relax, love and be with your friends. Living needs to be your highest priority, thus quickly move past daily problems as often as you can. If you are single, Cupid will be in your neighborhood mid-spring. You could be delighted by what occurs. If you are attached, Cupid's arrow easily could hit you, warming up your relationship. You can count on TAURUS to be practical.

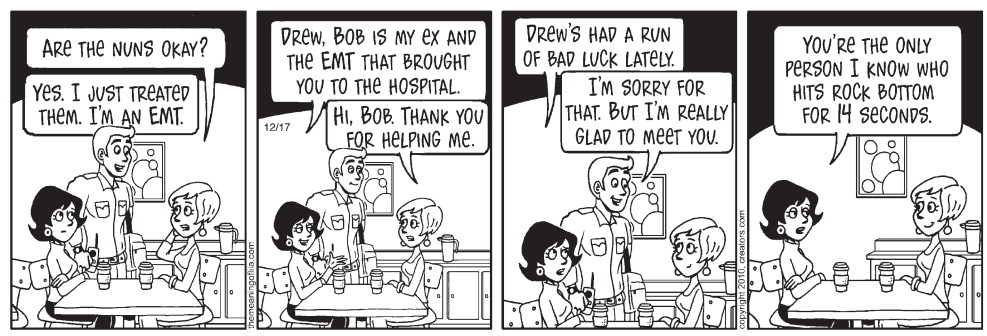
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The stars show the kind of day you'll have:
★★★★★Dynamic ★★ So-So
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Garfield
By Jim Davis



The Meaning of Lila
By John Forgetta & L.A. Rose



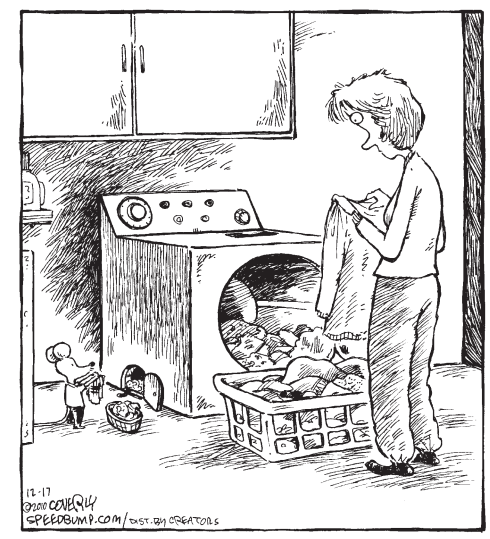
Girls and Sports
By Justin Borus and Andrew Feinstein



Strange Brew
By John Deering



Speed Bump
By Dave Coverly



Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★★★

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GETTING STARTED

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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

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1 Big hit
6 Owed amounts
11 Verboten
12 Three-time Wimbledon champ
13 Next to
14 Contradict
15 Tyler of "The Lord of the Rings"
16 Sea dog
18 Fertility-clinic topic
19 Tennis feat
20 — bind
21 Unite
22 Prepare
24 Lawyer: Abbr.
25 Cannabis extract
27 Dance move
29 Starts
32 Siamese or Burmese
33 Crumb carrier
34 Hogwash
35 French friend
36 Deli choice
37 Commotion
38 Turning tool
40 Flying reptile of movies
42 TV's DeGeneres
43 Steaming
44 "Bye!"
45 Stable mothers

DOWN

1 Prison camp
2 Spite
3 Place for a star's credit
4 Chip off the old block
5 Hampers
6 Winger of films
7 Christmas forerunner
8 Undetected
9 Hot dish holder
10 Unwavering
17 Writer Trollope
23 Easy mark
24 Cart puller
26 Meantime
27 Justice symbol
28 Tex-Mex treat
30 So far
31 Gems
33 Sports spot
39 "You there!"
41 Manmouse link

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Yesterday's answer

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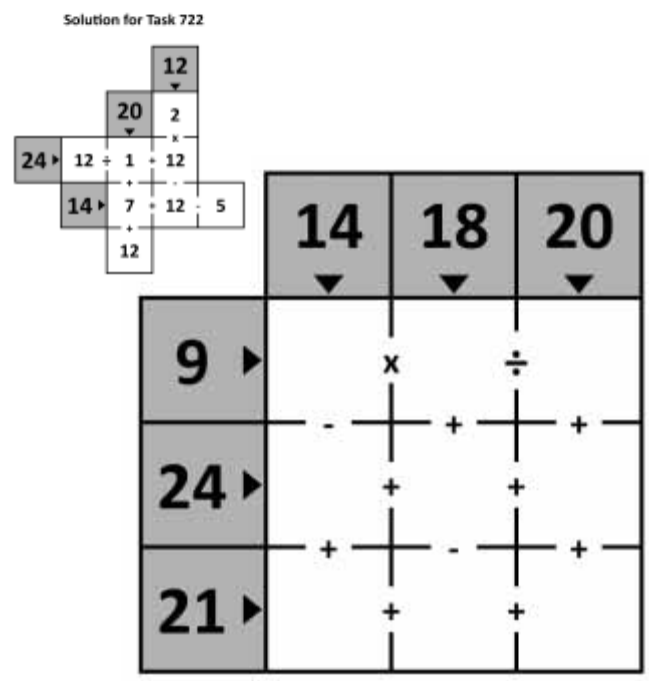
- Fill the grid with the set of given numbers (1 to 12) to satisfy the Equa demands (7 to 24) in the shaded boxes. The Equa demands represent the sum of the digits that you will insert into the empty squares.
- Each horizontal row has one Equa demand to satisfy; each vertical column also has one demand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

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Fill in the empty fields with the given numbers so when calculated together they satisfy all Equas in the gray boxes:

4, 5, 5, 7, 9, 11, 11, 12, 12

Solution for Task 722



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SUPER LOTTO PLUS: 6 8 14 23 26 Meganumber: 4 Jackpot: $13M

Fantasy 5: 3 8 15 28 39

DAILY 3: MIDDAY: 0 9 1 EVENING: 2 1 7

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ (1) Police in Gumperda, Germany, arrested a 64-year-old retired do-it-yourselfer in November after he drilled through a neighbor's wall in their duplex home. The man had spent two days trapped in his own basement, where he had laid bricks and mortar for a room but apparently forgot to leave himself an exit. (2) Sheryl Urzedowski, 38, was cited in September for DUI in Orland Park, Ill., after failing a field sobriety test to walk a straight line. According to the officer's report, Urzedowski put her hands on her hips and strutted to and fro "as if she were a (runway) model," after which, apprehensive about being arrested, she asked the officer to read her "the Amanda rights."

■ People Who Have Run Over Themselves Recently: (1) A 20-year-old man trying to push his car up a steep hill on Levering Street in Philadelphia lost control and was crushed and hospitalized (September). (2) Jackie Long, 52, crashed her car into a tree in Chipping Campden, England. Her door burst open just as the car went airborne, and she fell to the ground and was run over by the rear driver's-side wheel, requiring hospital treatment (September). (3) A 51-year-old woman was killed in Francis, Okla., by her riding lawnmower. She hit a pothole, was thrown about 14 feet ahead of the still-advancing machine, and could not move out of the way fast enough (September).

TODAY IN HISTORY

1969 The SALT I talks begin.

1969 Project Blue Book: The United States Air Force closes its study of UFOs, stating that sightings were generated as a result of "A mild form of mass hysteria, Individuals who fabricate such reports to perpetrate a hoax or seek publicity, psychopathological persons, and misidentification of various conventional objects."

1970 Polish 1970 protests: In Gdynia soldiers fire at workers emerging from trains, killing dozens.

1981 The Senegambia Confederation is founded.

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Announcements

Los Robles Hospital & Medical Center
4th Floor Vertical Expansion Core & Shell(37,784 SF)

Layton

Layton Construction (Construction Manager/General Contractor) and the Owner will be holding an informational meeting for interested subcontractors and vendors regarding this project.

Meeting Location, Date and Time:
Los Robles Medical Center January 11, 2011 Classroom 1 Open House: 4:00 p.m. 215 West Janss Road Presentation: 4:30 p.m. Thousand Oaks, CA 91360

Prequalification packets will be distributed at the meeting. Subcontractors must be prequalified in order to bid on the project. Prequalification information must be returned to Layton Construction by 5:00 pm PST on January 13, 2011. Questions regarding the project should be directed to:

Eric Carlson
ecarlson@laytoncompanies.com
801-568-9090

Trent Isaacson
tisaacson@laytoncompanies.com
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Toys for Tots Toy Drive &
The 5th Annual Tree of Life



TOYS FOR TOTS

Through the gift of a shiny new toy, the Marine Corps Reserves Toys for Tots Foundation provides happiness and hope to disadvantaged children who might otherwise be overlooked this holiday season.

This year marks the 63rd anniversary for the Toys for Tots tradition of the U.S. Marine Corps Reserves. Since 1947, Toys for Tots coordinators have distributed over 419 million toys to 195 million needy children. Unfortunately, with over 13 million children living in poverty, Toys for Tots needs your help more than ever to achieve our goal of delivering a toy to every child in need.

This year marks the fourth year the City of Santa Monica Woodlawn Cemetery & Mausoleum will be participating as an official toy drop off site. The Cemetery is located at 1847 14th Street (Corner of 14th Street and Pico Boulevard.) across the street from Santa Monica College.

Donations of <u>new</u> unwrapped toys can be dropped off at the Cemetery business office beginning November 22 and continuing through December 20. Toys may be dropped off Monday through Friday from 8:00 am until 4:30 pm and on Saturday and Sunday from 10:00 am until 3:30 pm. Please call (310) 458-8717 for additional information.

Also during this holiday season the cemetery will be displaying a 30 foot living pine tree in the lobby of the mausoleum. The purpose of the tree is to allow individuals and their families and friends the opportunity to visit the mausoleum and to hang an ornament on the tree in memory of a loved one that has passed away. The cemetery will provide the ornaments which can be personalized. At the end of the holiday season, the tree will be planted on the grounds of the cemetery as an everlasting memory.

The holiday season can be a very difficult time for many people who have experienced the death of a loved one. In an effort to make this time a little bit more bearable and offer hope for the future, the Cemetery staff would like to extend an invitation to the Community to participate in the Tree of Life program

<u>The tree and ornaments will be available December 1 through December 23* during the follow schedule:</u>

Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. | Saturday and Sunday 10:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.

* Thursday, December 23 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon

Woodlawn Cemetery & Mausoleum is owned and operated by the City of Santa Monica and is located at 1847 14th Street (corner of Pico Boulevard and 14th Street) in Santa Monica.

For additional information, please contact the Cemetery Office at (310) 458-8717.

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