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THE FEELING THE SPIRIT ISSUE

Samohi's Williams back at home

Injured football player leaves hospital after three months of treatment

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

DOWNTOWN After three months of arduous therapy and waves of support from friends and family, Cody Williams is home.

Williams, who suffered a major injury to his cervical spine during the first game of Santa Monica High School's football season, has been progressing well in the months since the incident and was given the clearance to return home from his doctors at Childrens Hospital Los Angeles earlier this week. He returned home early Friday afternoon.

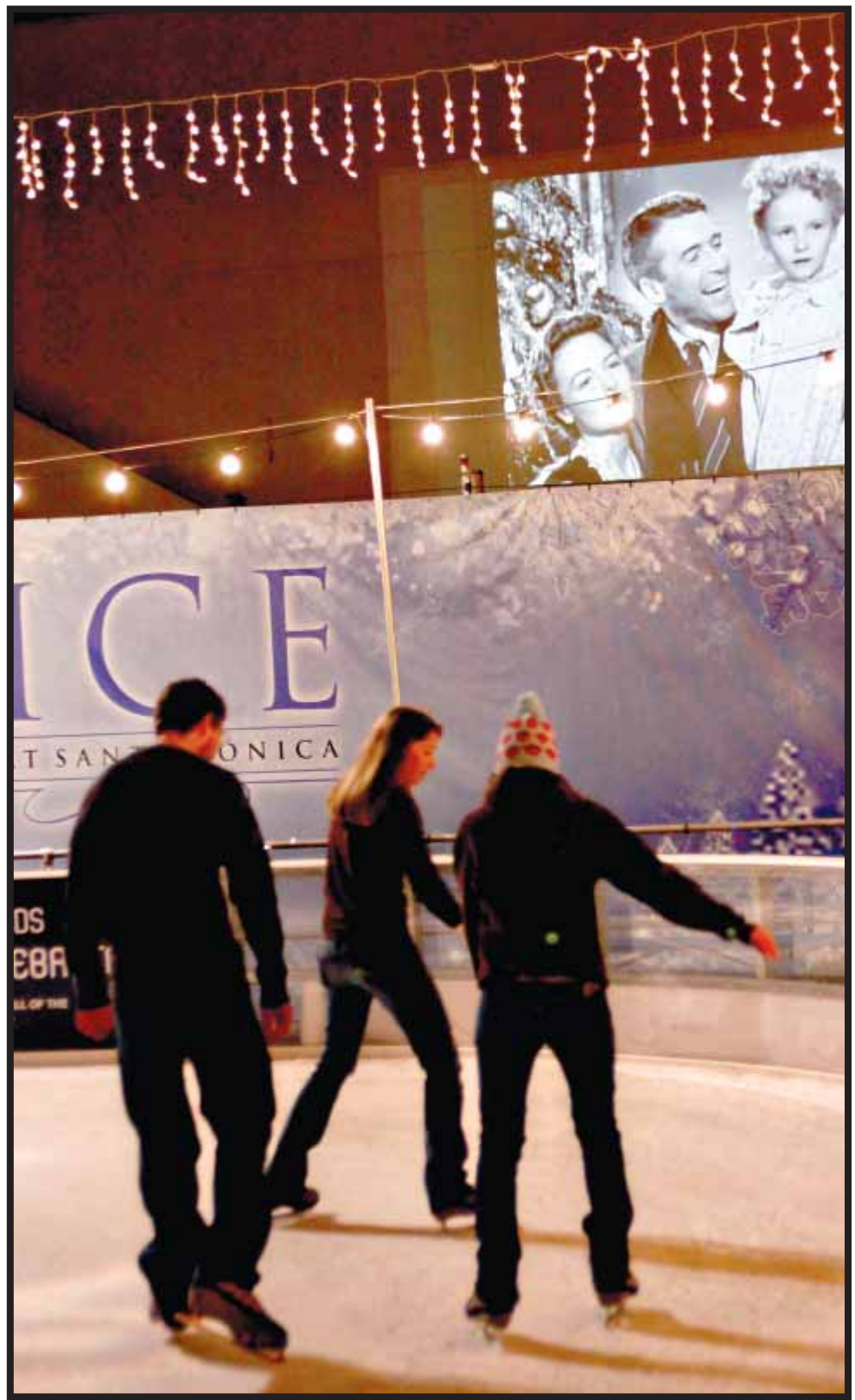
"I'm very emotional," said his mother Stacy Williams. "I feel relieved.

"This journey is going to have a positive ending."

The news of Cody Williams' release spread across the Samohi community immediately with friends and family posting well wishes to him on social networking sites Twitter and Facebook. Members of his team wasted little time in visiting him at home with a few stopping by in the hours after his return home.

The next few days will see Stacy Williams working with at-home nurses who will help orchestrate the next phase of a recovery that has seen him make great strides in the months since the injury. Stacy Williams said he has 100 percent use of his right arm and roughly 65 percent in his left. He even has some sensation in his legs and has been known to wiggle his toes on occasion, his mother said. A corrective collar he has worn

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COOL FLICK

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People enjoy an evening of ice skating as 'It's a Wonderful Life' is projected at ICE at Santa Monica, the outdoor ice rink, on Fifth Street and Arizona Avenue on Thursday night.

Police foil plot to kill partner

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY A Santa Monica man on Friday was charged with trying to hire someone to kill a former business partner, police said.

Paul Harwood, 54, was charged with two counts of solicitation of murder and for possession of and manufacturing cocaine, said SMPD Sgt. Jay Trisler.

The intended victim was not injured and there are no additional suspects, police said.

Officers received a tip that Harwood was looking to hire someone to kill his former business partner. Police would not release the name of the intended victim or provide any information on Harwood's business dealings because the case is still under investigation.

Officers served a search warrant at Harwood's residence on Dec. 16. Officers found a small amount of cocaine.

Harwood is expected to be arraigned on Dec. 31. He is being held on $1 million bail.

Anyone with information on the case is urged to contact the SMPD at (310) 458-8426.

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FirstFed latest bank to fail

DAILY PRESS STAFF

DOWNTOWN First Federal Bank of California, a fixture in Santa Monica for 80 years and one of the oldest and largest financial institutions in Los Angeles, has become the latest victim of the volatile real estate market, forced to close its doors Friday by the federal Office of Thrift Supervision.

FirstFed Financial Corp. was unable to repair a loan portfolio filled with billions of

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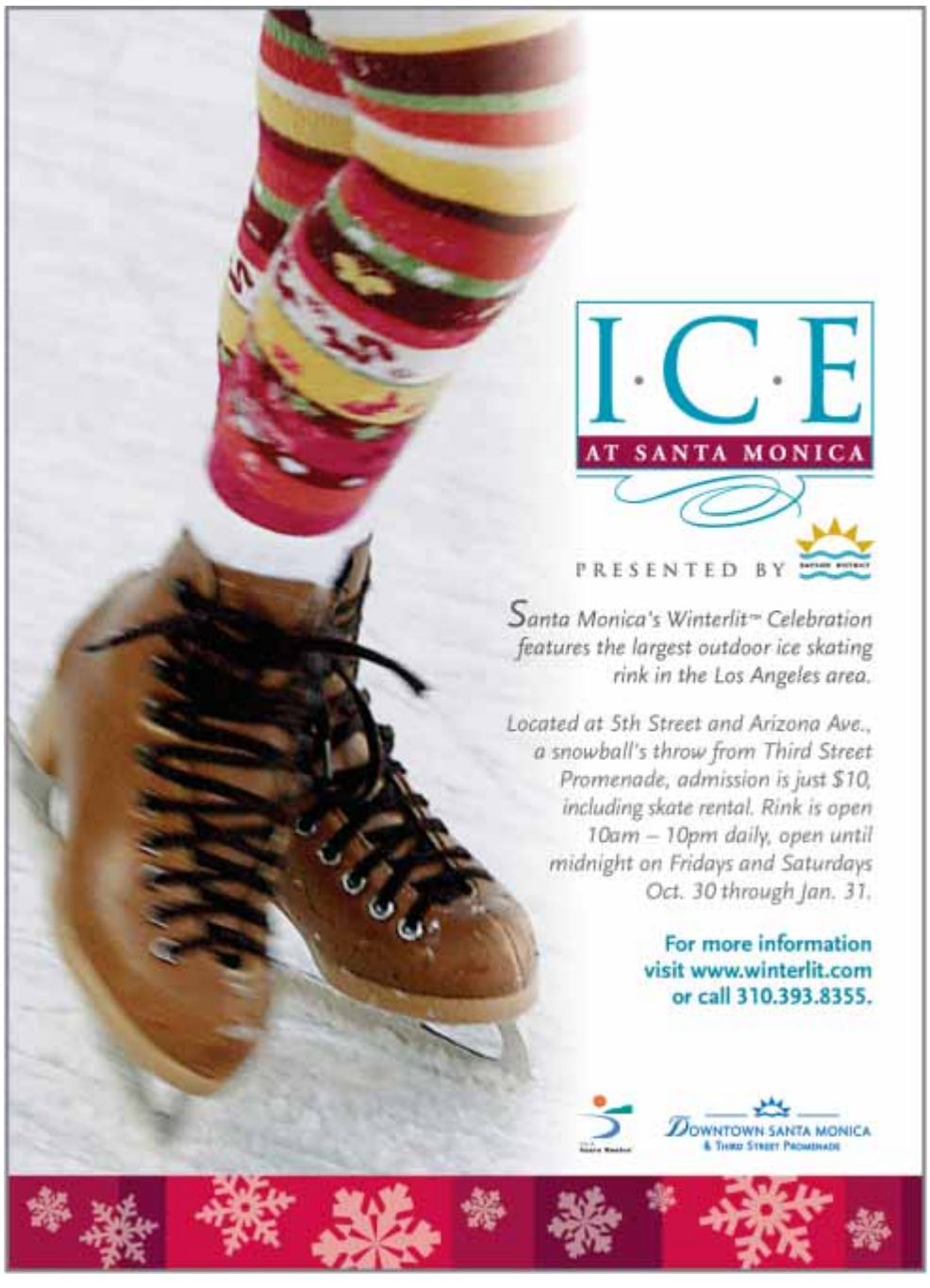
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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA AND SURROUNDS



Saturday, Dec. 19, 2009

Get your pub crawl on
Various locations
5 p.m.
The Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce is teaming with the Westside Food Bank to bring the city its First Annual Santa Monica Pub Crawl. The Santa Monica Pub Crawl (SMPC) aims to raise money and food donations by having participants donate non-perishable food items to the food bank at designated drop-off points along the route. For more information, visit www.santamonicapubcrawl.com.

Ring in the season
Fairview Branch Library
2101 Ocean Park Blvd., 3 p.m. — 4:30 p.m.
The Holiday Handbell Concert promises to ring in the season with a fair share of fun and holiday spirit. For more information, call (310) 450-0443.

Thoughts on the nativity
Palisades Park
4 p.m. — 5 p.m.
Visit the annual Santa Monica Nativity Scenes from now through New Year's Day. On Sunday, narration of the Christmas story and holiday music will take place near Arizona Avenue at 4 p.m. For more information, call (310) 577-2586.

Sunday, Dec. 20, 2009

Relax your body and mind
Kathmandu Boutique
1844 Lincoln Blvd., 11:30 a.m. —12:30 p.m.
This is a gentle, yet challenging yoga class, especially recommended for beginners and older adults. Classes are donation-based — part of your donation goes to charity. Call (310) 392-4711 for more information.

Monday, Dec. 21, 2009

Wisdom's Way seminar
Santa Monica YMCA
1332 6th St., 7:30 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.
This week as part of the Guy Finley Wisdom's Way talk series, noted success expert Chris Amen will present a seminar entitled, "Give Yourself the Greatest Gift on Earth." She will reveal the secrets of how to make a new start in life, and how to tap into the truly successful person that already lives within you. Call (310) 266-9930 for more information.

Scrabulous!
Fairview Branch Library
2101 Ocean Park Blvd., 1 p.m. — 3 p.m.
Have fun, meet new people, and challenge your mind playing bridge or Scrabble. Call (310)450-0443 for more information.

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.

CORRECTION

In the Dec. 18th edition of the Santa Monica Daily Press, the story on Santa Monica's first annual pub crawl ("Pub crawl unites revelers for a good cause," page 3) should have said that the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce is only a sponsor of the event. The pub crawl is not a chamber-produced event.



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CHANGES: **The SMC Board of Trustees unanimously decided to allow its president to negotiate a deal with City Hall that would compensate the college for a parking lot on Stewart Street. The lot may be replaced by a maintenance yard for the Expo line.**

Delays won't derail Expo project

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN Despite delays and cost overruns during Phase One of the Expo Light Rail project, which is expected to link Santa Monica to Downtown Los Angeles by 2015, City Hall officials and mass transit supporters remain confident the project is on track.

The environmental impact report for the rail line's second phase — the portion that will run from Culver City to Downtown Santa Monica — was released on Friday and is slated to come before the Expo authority's board of directors for a vote Feb. 4. Construction could begin by the end of 2010.

Last week the Los Angeles Times reported the first phase of the project, which was originally supposed to open this summer, has fallen more than a year behind schedule and is running $220 million over budget.

But because the line's two phases are separate projects with separate environmental review processes, delays to the first leg don't necessarily affect the Santa Monica segment, said Mayor Pro Tem Pam O'Connor, who sits on the Exposition Metro Line Construction Authority's board of directors.

"It's not like we have to wait until everything in Phase One is done to begin Phase Two," she said.

O'Connor also downplayed cost concerns during the first phase, saying some of the added expenses were because of added infrastructure improvements to the project, not mismanagement. She added the second phase could go more smoothly because of knowledge and experience gained during Phase One.

"Certainly the design-build contracting method (for the second phase) has been refined based on lessons learned," she said.

Supporters of the line are gearing up for a final push as the second phase environmental impact report heads to the board.

"Elected officials need to see there's public support," said Darrell Clarke, who heads the group Friends 4 Expo.

Clarke, a former planning commissioner, agreed that concerns about the first phase don't have bearing on the Santa Monica section's timeline for completion.

"The second half is about a mile shorter," he said. "It's really simpler."

But Kevin Hughes, the president of the Cheviot Hills Homeowners' Association and a past critic of the Expo Authority's handling of the project, said delays during Phase One could cause transportation leaders to expedite Phase Two, while ignoring community groups' concerns.

"Certainly we would expect to hear the argument, 'Hey there's more pressure on you in Phase Two to get this thing moving'" because of Phase One delays, he said.

Hughes' group has asked the Expo Authority to consider putting the rail line underground in the Century City area, citing traffic and safety concerns.

MAINTENANCE YARD UPDATE

A land swap designed to aid the Expo line's need for a maintenance yard moved

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Injured pedestrian dies at local hospital

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

DOWNTOWN An 82-year-old Santa Monica resident hit by a motorist earlier this week died Thursday as a result of his injuries, police said.

The pedestrian was struck Dec. 15 at 11:50 a.m. while crossing 18th Street and California Avenue, police said. He was taken to a local hospital and listed in critical condition.

The initial investigation revealed that the driver of the vehicle, a resident of Torrance, was traveling west on California Avenue. The pedestrian was walking east in an unmarked crosswalk, police said. The accident occurred when the motorist was making a left turn.

The pedestrian died Thursday at the hospital, police said. Neither he nor the motorist was identified by police. Officers talked with the motorist following the accident. They were released and no charges were filed.

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Garner's accused stalker charged

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

A man accused of stalking actress Jennifer Garner and her husband, actor Ben Affleck, was charged Thursday with two counts of felony stalking and two misdemeanor counts of disobeying a court order.

Steven Richard Burky, 37, was arrested at 9:05 a.m. Monday at a nursery school in the 1200 block of Alley One, at the rear of the First Presbyterian Church in Santa Monica, according to police. Violet Affleck, one of two daughters of Garner and Affleck, attends the school.

Garner was granted a restraining order against Burky in November 2008, after telling a judge she feared for her life and that of her family. She alleged that Burky had been stalking her since 2002 and was becoming more and more threatening.

According to her court papers, Burky once told her "God had sent him a vision of her being persecuted in some manner that may result in her death."

The restraining order required Burky to remain at least 100 yards away from Garner and her family.

Burky was held on a psychiatric hold last year.

He remains jailed in lieu of $150,000 bail.

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Crossing the line

Editor:

I am writing this because I would like you to print the other side of the argument. I am tired of smoking being classified as the plague of the 21st century. There are so many chemicals floating around this city, second-hand smoke is at the bottom of the list. And in regards to Ms. Beth Miller, did she not know there is an airport in Santa Monica? Does she not realize the jet fuel and other chemicals in the plume that goes all the way to the Palisades? I am sick of these people making everyone else responsible for their problems. Your house is your sanctuary and I suggest she move somewhere where it is a non-smoking building, instead if making all of us cater to her! Who does she think she is? If you are unhappy, move! This ban on smoking in apartments that some would like to pass here will pit neighbors against neighbors at a time when we are all too stressed. Please stop catering to these people, things are stressful enough. When did government become allowed to enter my home, when I am not doing anything illegal, and spy on me? Who are these people? Are we not in a war to stop people's rights from being violated? This is crossing a line. Remember, except for the last 10 years, people smoked everywhere, and we are not all dead, are we?

Sandy Grey
Santa Monica

Filming not a problem

Editor:

Rather than filming copters for a movie, they should film (with sound) at Venice the interminable flying school loudly sputtering overhead in endless circles as low-flying Santa Monica Airport (SMO) jets make you want to duck. Then there would be empirical data on flying height (or lack thereof), frequency, and actual sound impact of SMO. Today, as the training props circled us at the beach, and the jets roared spewing their pollution, I checked with the marine life (dolphins, swell sharks, sea lions, pelicans, seagulls) and they agree that the filming was more poetic than the crass SMO operations. At least the defense department didn't lie to your face and imply it is all in your head like SMO staff does as their standard operating procedure.

Marc Cavanaugh
Venice

An inspiration

Editor:

Thank you for the well-deserved tribute to Suzanne Verge ("Sister takes a stand against gun violence," Dec. 7).

I was proud to be on the Million Mom March with her on Mother's Day 2000, in Washington, D.C. The insanity of gun violence in America is tragic. And she is an inspiration to us all.

Ruth Rosen
Santa Monica





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Wisconsin has a bug

WE ALL KNOW THAT STATES HAVE "OFFICIAL" animals, birds, and flowers. Until I did a little research, I didn't know that there were also state insects, amphibians, and reptiles. For example, the state insect of New York is the ladybug, Missouri's reptile is the three-toed box turtle, and the official amphibian of Washington is the Pacific chorus frog. However, recently, Wisconsin has taken this naming of living things a step further. America's Dairyland, whose state dance is the polka, has been in the news lately because there is a bill before the state legislature to name a state germ.

Representative Gary Hebl has introduced a bill that would make the bacterium that helps in the production of cheese the official state microbe of Wisconsin. This supposed beloved microbe is as easy to say as it is for someone to say "she sells seashells" after downing a few six-packs of Wisconsin's state drink. The microbe is called the Lactococcus Lactis.

Hebl feels that his bill would pay homage to Wisconsin's cheese heritage while also promoting its image as an important location for biotechnology and microbiology research. Isn't it nice that instead of spending all of their time on a depressing subject like unemployment, some legislators want to brighten their constituents' day by debating what should be the state microbe?

Regina Whitemarsh, a microbiology student at the University of Wisconsin, is all for the measure. In fact, she said, "I think other states would try to think of other, cooler microbes to pick but I don't think they could find one, so they'd be jealous."

I had never thought about being jealous of another state because of its microbe. But now that Wisconsin's Whitemarsh has thrown down the gauntlet, she has my attention and she should have yours. She has scoffed at us and challenged the rest of the country to find "cooler microbes" for their states. Game on.

How hard can it be to come up with a cooler microbe? Microbes are the oldest form of life on Earth. There are billions of them — just in and on our bodies. The three major types of microbes are bacteria, viruses, and protozoa. Let's throw out protozoa. It sounds too much like high school biology. Nobody wants to be the Protozoa State.

That leaves bacteria and viruses. Right off the bat, let's ask the big question: would any state want to declare itself the Swine Flu State or the Land of H1N1? Even if they mean that their state is so strong they aren't worried about taking on swine flu, I just don't see it appearing on any mugs or license plates.

I think going with something well known might be the way to shut down Wisconsin. If I had Schwarzenegger's job, I'd quickly sign up for the Common Cold State. I know the cold is made up of many viruses, but who said we have to limit ourselves to one? Objectively speaking, doesn't California, the Common Cold State have a better ring to it than Wisconsin, the Lactococcus Lactis State?

Another way to go is with the microbe that keeps many kids out of school each year — the Streptococcus. Strep throat is no joke. People have to take it seriously, so they'd have to take seriously the state that adopted the Streptococcus. In any case, it would be an interesting battle — the one between the Lactococcus and the Streptococcus. In the spirit of fairness, may the best ococcus win.

Scientists believe there is a "good bacteria" that helps keep our breath smelling nice. Does good breath trump good cheese? Only time will tell if a state grabs the anti-bad breath bacteria for its very own.

We often hear that yogurt contains good bacteria that helps with digestion and other things. If there is to be a "Yogurt State," it will probably be a blue state politically. I'm afraid the conservative red states will feel that yogurt is "too French."

Like an infection in a science fiction movie, once this fight for the best microbe gets going, I don't know that anyone will be able to stop it. It's all pretty shocking. I never would have guessed that a nice, Midwestern state like Wisconsin would challenge the rest of the country to a new kind of germ warfare.

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The Q Line

Web wise?

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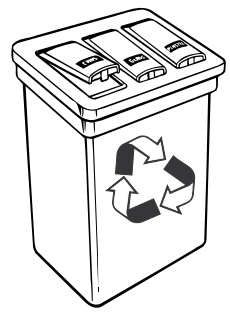


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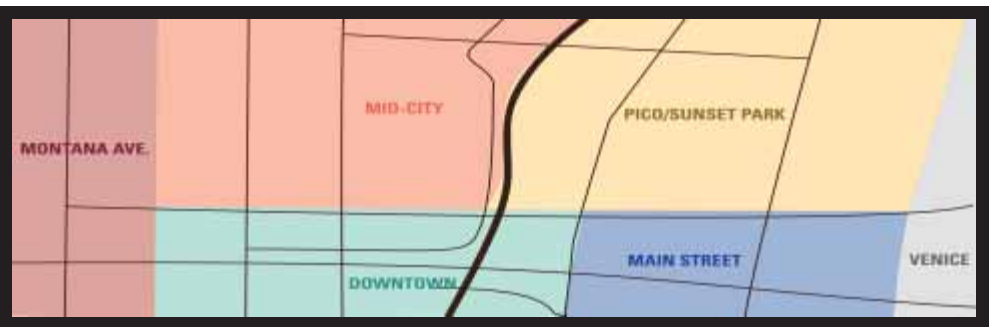


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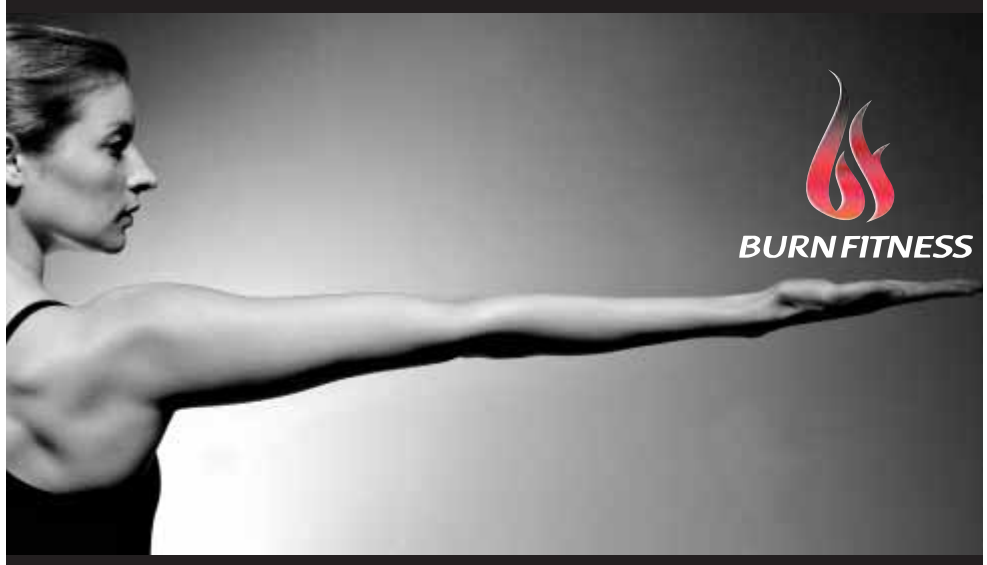




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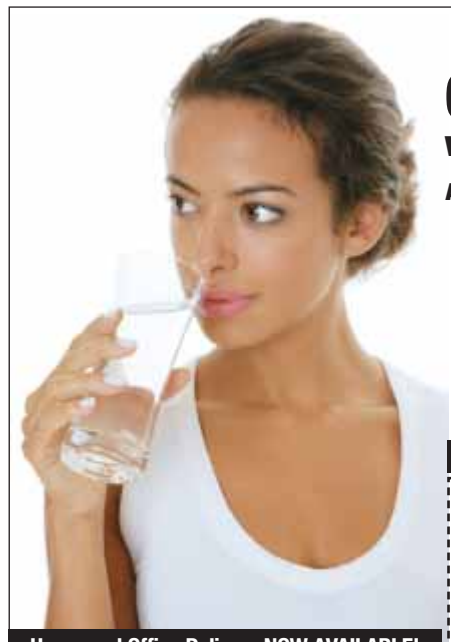
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No refrigeration required

I JUST MOVED INTO A BEAUTIFUL beach-front apartment. Each morning I have the privilege of stepping out my front door right onto the soft sand. I pinch myself each time and ask, "Have I died and gone to heaven?"

The only downfall to my literal paradise is that, for the moment, my apartment is sans fridge. I have no place to store cold food, which you may think would make eating healthy an impossibility. While lack of cold storage does present some challenges, it also offers many fortunate opportunities. For example, I have eaten at my favorite restaurant, Real Food Daily, twice in the past week. They have many wonderful gluten-free options for us gluten sensitive types. My favorite is El Bandito Rojo. It's a vegan enchilada dish but I'll bet it can entice even the most devout carnivore!

My friend Alex, of Weiser Family Farms, gave me a bag full of root vegetables such as purple and orange carrots, purple and red potatoes, rutabagas, Jerusalem artichokes, onions and garlic, plus beets with beautiful purple hued greens attached. Alex informed me that the greens will stay fresh, even unrefrigerated, if you soak the beets, or roots, in water. And indeed he is correct, although they really should be eaten within three days for optimal nutrition. The other root vegetables are best stored in a cool, dry, dark place but do not have to be kept in the fridge.

Since I can't buy berries, which are out of season anyway, I get my anthocyanins from beets, red and purple potatoes and purple carrots. Anthocyanins are one of the most powerful antioxidants you can get in your diet. For the best sources just remember the word "cyan" which indicates they are found in the blue, purple and red hued foods. Whereas most antioxidants can donate only one electron at a time to help squelch oxygen-free radicals, anthocyanins are larger and can donate several electrons at once and still remain stable. Like all nutrients, even anthocyanins' potency diminishes over time so the sooner you eat these powerful foods after picking, the better.

Another great thing about being without a refrigerator is that you get to go to charity dinners, with you, the refrigerator impaired, being the charity. Alex invited me to a dinner at Tierra Sur, a restaurant located inside the Herzog Wine Cellars, a Kosher winery in Oxnard. The menu featured the Weiser Family Farms bounty.

Chef Todd Aarons did things with root vegetables I never thought possible. Imagine a potato ceviche with fresh citrus and sea bass and just a tad of red onion to bring a little pungency to the dish, followed by a Jerusalem artichoke (aka sunchoke) soup with fried parsnip crouton. FYI, Jerusalem artichokes are not related to the traditional artichoke but are instead a root vegetable and relative of the sunflower. The soup was simple, yet delectable.

Our third course was baby carrot budino, which means "pudding" in Italian and is basically a white carrot puree with small diced orange carrots. The budino was accompanied by duck confit and baby beet relish plus some of those purple hued beet greens. Most of the guests couldn't believe they were eating beets and carrots. Although the chef told us he did very little to alter their natural flavors, these root vegetables tasted quite different from what you find in the traditional grocery store. You must visit the Weiser Family Farms stand at the Farmers' Market to really appreciate what I'm talking about.

The last course, which I could not finish, was an apple wood grilled hanger steak with white garlic puree, lamb bacon and Russian banana potato pancake. I should have taken this course home. It was delicious but I was stuffed by this point. Although, not too stuffed to try the dessert: Nantes carrot pie with red beet and eucalyptus honey gelato. Who'd a thunk it? What a way to eat your veggies!

Please mind your salivary glands. This was a one-time meal. However, Chef Todd Aarons and Tierra Sur offer many dinner options including a featured Farmer Dinner several times a year. For more information please visit their Web site: herzogwinecellars.com.

After that four course meal, I was sated for at least a day. The next evening I ate light. My meal was a simple yet satisfying fare of roasted root veggies. I scrubbed some purple and orange carrots, a rutabaga, two tiny purple and red potatoes, a few sunchokes along with an onion and two cloves of garlic. I quartered all the vegetables, peeled the onion and left the garlic cloves in their skin. Drizzled with high heat sunflower oil, then seasoned with sea salt, basil and oregano, I roasted everything on a baking tray in an oven set at 400 degrees for 40 minutes. When eaten together the flavors perfectly complemented one another, some sweet, some bitter with just the right amount of salt and herbs to pull all flavors to the forefront.

I also chopped the beet stems and greens, added some shredded beets and a shredded rutabaga, then tossed everything with some olive oil, balsamic vinegar and sea salt and enjoyed my impromptu salad. Although I liked the taste of the roasted rutabagas, I absolutely loved them raw. They taste like a milder version of horseradish, another favorite root of mine.

Because I am forever a frugal foodie, after washing all of my produce, I took all the peels and end pieces, boiled them in fresh water and made a savory vegetable broth which is great either on its own or with some roasted root vegetables thrown into the pot. Who says it's hard to eat healthy? Not me!

So, I've lived nearly two weeks without refrigeration. While eating less food, I may have lost a pound, but my energy is good, my mind is clear and I am happy to be in my creative space with the sand at my toes. What will happen in the next week? Who knows? For now I'm just eating one day at a time.

ELIZABETH is a registered dietitian and certified holistic chef who loves to find creative ways to eat healthy each and every day. She is more than happy to review your healthy restaurant options. To contact Elizabeth, please visit her Web site: www.TheKitchenVixen.com



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Friends, family rally behind hurt player

FROM **WILLIAMS** PAGE 1

since the days following the injury is scheduled to come off next week, a development that both friends and family eagerly await.

Cody Williams' considerable progress is a pronounced difference from when he was first hurt. He had little mobility below his neck in the days after the incident and has steadily improved since. The full extent of his prognosis will not be known for at least three months and could take up to nine more months before doctors can properly assess what level of recovery to expect.

"He's had the best therapist that I ever could ask for," Stacy Williams said. "(Cody) has far exceeded what (his doctors) expected."

Chris Featherstone, one of Cody Williams' closest friends on the football team, just looks forward to spending time with his buddy.

"I can't wait until we can play video games again," Featherstone said. "Every day after practice we'd play."

Efforts to return the Williams' home to some semblance of normalcy will be ongoing for the next few weeks as Stacy Williams takes an extended leave from work.

"I'm just relieved that he's home," she said. "He's worked so hard.

"He's come very far."

Those who have seen him in recent days said that Cody Williams has been in good spirits as he awaited his return home. Samohi Head Coach Travis Clark spent time with him on Thursday, coming away with a sense of relief.

"He's looking strong, moving his neck really well," Clark said. "He's looking good."

Those close to the situation said that Cody Williams has shown immense maturity in the face of considerable turmoil. His aunt, Traci Bodak-Smith, said that he was a bit of a quiet kid growing up, but has proven to be a pillar of strength for his family. She's most proud of the fact that he hasn't become pessimistic during what at times has been a trying process.

"It has been amazing to be around a 16-year-old boy that is able to have such a strong sense of hope," Bodak-Smith said. "He has such a strong will."

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Maintenance yard land swap negotiations continue

FROM **EXPO** PAGE 3

ahead last week, as the Santa Monica Community College District Board of Trustees unanimously decided to allow its president to negotiate a deal with City Hall that would compensate the college for SMC-owned land slated to become the rail yard.

Under the plan, a 2.35-acre lot at Stewart Street and Exposition Boulevard currently being used as a parking lot would be used for the maintenance facility. In exchange, City Hall would give the college a lot of equal value located near SMC's Bundy Campus.

Some neighborhood residents have opposed the idea, claiming the proposed rail yard will be yet another environmental blight in an area already impacted by the I-10 Freeway and a solid waste transfer station.

The final EIR for the second phase of the Expo project includes a plan to build a 100-foot buffer aimed at sheltering homes in the vicinity from the proposed facility.

> **"IT'S NOT LIKE WE HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL EVERYTHING IN PHASE ONE IS DONE TO BEGIN PHASE TWO."**
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> **Pam O'Connor**
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Investigation still ongoing

FROM **PEDESTRIAN** PAGE 3

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Screenwriter O'Bannon, who wrote 'Alien,' dies

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ST. JOHN'S Screenwriter Dan O'Bannon, whose credits include "Alien" and "Total Recall," has died. He was 63.

The Writers Guild of America says O'Bannon died Thursday. His wife, Diane, told the Los Angeles Times her husband died at St. John's Hospital in Santa Monica, after a 30-year battle with Crohn's disease.

He began his career in 1974 with the science-fiction film "Dark Star," which he co-wrote with director John Carpenter. O'Bannon continued writing sci-fi and horror pictures throughout his career. His credits include "Invaders from Mars," "Bleeders" and "The Return of the Living Dead," which he also directed.

Born Sept. 30, 1946, in St. Louis, O'Bannon earned a film degree from the University of Southern California in 1970.

Besides his wife, he is survived by his son, Adam.

FirstFed made attempts to fix its portfolio

FROM BANK PAGE 1

dollars in decaying adjustable-rate mortgages. The closure ends a tumultuous period for the 80-year-old savings and loan, which, despite sustaining losses for more than a year, was the longest surviving lender of risky option adjustable-rate mortgage loans.

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. was named as the receiver. OneWestBank, located in Pasadena, assumes all deposits, according to officials with the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp.

FirstFed had approximately $6.1 billion in total assets and $4.5 billion in total deposits as of Sept. 30. That made it the sixth biggest depository institution in Los Angeles County.

The 39 branches of First Federal Bank of California were expected to reopen Saturday as branches of OneWestBank. Those with accounts with FirstFed will automatically become depositors of OneWest. Deposits will continue to be insured by the FDIC.

"This transaction is consistent with our strategy to expand the OneWest footprint in our home market of Southern California," Steven Mnuchin, chairman of OneWest Bank, said in a statement.

FirstFed customers this weekend can access their money by writing checks or using ATM or debit cards. Checks drawn on the bank will continue to be processed. Loan customers should continue to make their payments as usual, federal banking officials said.

In addition to assuming all of the deposits of the failed bank, OneWest Bank agreed to purchase essentially all of the assets.

OneWest's management has experience sifting through failed mortgage portfolios. The thrift's predecessor, IndyMac Bank, had been one of the largest originators of risky Alt-A mortgage loans during the housing boom. But as the loans went bad, the institution became one of the largest casualties of the bust, according to the Los Angeles Business Journal.

FirstFed is the fifth local federally insured institution to fail in 2009, and the first since California National Bank was shuttered Oct. 30. Regulators said the closure is expected to cost the FDIC's deposit insurance fund $146.3 million, the Los Angeles Business Journal reported.

FirstFed has been a fixture in the area since opening its doors in Downtown Santa Monica in 1929, taking deposits and offering personal and home mortgage loans. In 1983, the institution began offering adjustable-rate mortgages, which would become a core product offering.

Over the past decade, however, with Wall Street scrutinizing mortgage loans in large numbers, competition grew heated, driving down underwriting standards. In a recent interview, FirstFed executives admitted to dropping their own standards during the boom times, but said they tried to cut back well before the crash, the Los Angeles Business Journal reported.

Most of the thrift's recent problems stem from 2005, when FirstFed originated $4.4 billion in single-family loans, primarily option-ARMs. Uneasy with the rapidly growing loan portfolio, the thrift in late 2005 began requiring proof of income for all mortgages, and business dropped by half almost immediately.

With cracks in the housing market beginning to show, FirstFed in 2007 embarked upon an aggressive and moderately successful loan modification program to help stave off problems in its option-ARM portfolio.

Following a $245 million loss in the fourth quarter of 2008, regulators issued a cease and desist order directing the thrift to raise capital. Executives took drastic measures, including laying off 10 percent of its workforce and selling real estate, but were unable to raise new capital.

FirstFed is the 140th FDIC-insured institution to fail in 2009. The closure was the fifth in Los Angeles County this year. Besides Cal National, the other local closures were Alliance Bank in February, First Bank of Beverly Hills in April and Mirae Bank in June.

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Obama brokers a climate deal, doesn't satisfy all

ARTHUR MAX
Associated Press Writer

COPENHAGEN Two years of laborious negotiations on a climate agreement ended Friday with a political deal brokered by President Barack Obama with China and other emerging powers but denounced by poor countries because it was nonbinding and set no overall target for curbing greenhouse gas emissions.

German Chancellor Angela Merkel, a leading proponent of strong action to confront global warming, gave the Copenhagen Accord grudging acceptance but said she had "mixed feelings" about the outcome and called it only a first step.

Obama's day of frenetic diplomacy produced a three-page document promising $30 billion in emergency aid in the next three years and a goal of channeling $100 billion a year by 2020 to developing countries with no guarantees.

The five-nation agreement includes a method for verifying reductions of heat-trapping gases — a key demand by Washington, because China has resisted international efforts to monitor its actions.

The agreement, which also includes India, South Africa and Brazil, requires industrial countries to list their individual targets and developing countries to list the actions they will take to cut global warming pollution by specific amounts. Obama called that an "unprecedented breakthrough."

"We have come a long way, but we have much further to go," he said.

If the countries had waited to reach a full, binding agreement, "then we wouldn't make any progress," Obama said. In that case, he said, "there might be such frustration and cynicism that rather than taking one step forward, we ended up taking two steps back."

A final plenary session began debating the agreement early Saturday morning with the aim of reaching enough consensus that the president of the conference, Danish Prime Minister Lars Loekke Rasmussen, could declare the document approved. But that outcome was thrown into question as a string of developing nations began to protest what they called an inadequate and nonbinding text.

The delegate from the Pacific island nation of Tuvalu — which is threatened by rising seas — told the meeting that his country's future was not for sale. Cuba, Bolivia and Venezuela complained that they had no input into the drafting of the document.

Obama met twice with Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao — once privately and once with other leaders present — in hopes of sweeping aside some of the disputes that had blocked progress. The U.S. and China are the world's two largest carbon polluters.

A key moment that led to the deal took place when Obama walked uninvited into a meeting that was already under way with China hosting Brazil, India and South Africa.

Later, a senior Obama administration official said that "the only surprise we had, in all honesty, was ... that in that room wasn't just the Chinese having a meeting ... but in fact all four countries that we had been trying to arrange meetings with were indeed all in the same room. ... The president's viewpoint is, I wanted to see them all and now is our chance."

The official spoke on condition of anonymity in order to be able to talk about the sensitive diplomatic events of the day.

Brazil climate ambassador Sergio Barbosa Serra said Wen was hosting the meeting when it was joined by Obama, and "several important decisions were taken, not a few of them due to Brazilian mediation."

Bangladeshi delegate Quamrul Islam Chowdhari said Obama had won over many of the leaders by personally phoning them in the weeks before the summit and "making them feel important."

The emerging outcome was a disappointment to those who had anticipated the Copenhagen Accord would be turned into a legally binding treaty. Instead, it envisions another year of negotiations and leaves myriad details yet to be decided.

Merkel said "the path toward a new agreement is still a very long one." European Commission President Jose Manuel Barroso said the deal was "clearly below" the European Union's goal.

"I will not hide my disappointment," he said.

But British Prime Minister Gordon Brown said the agreement had almost universal support. "Let's remember, a year ago nobody thought this sort of agreement was possible," he said.

Lumumba Di-Aping, the Sudanese ambassador who chairs the bloc of developing countries, called it "extremely flawed."

"A gross violation has been committed today against the poor, against the tradition of transparency and participation of equal footing for all parties of the convention and against common sense," he said, complaining that Obama negotiated the pact in one-on-one meetings and a forum of 25 nations.

The document said carbon emissions should be reduced enough to keep the increase in average temperature below 2 degrees Celsius (3.6 degrees Fahrenheit), which is stronger than in any previous declaration accepted by the rich countries.

However, environmental groups called it a meaningless aspiration.

"The deal is a triumph of spin over substance. It recognizes the need to keep warming below 2 degrees but does not commit to do so. It kicks back the big decisions on emissions cuts and fudges the issue of climate cash," said Jeremy Hobbs, executive director of Oxfam International, an organization that works with developing countries.

He said the agreement "barely papers over the huge differences between countries which have plagued these talks for two years."

Outside the conference hall, more than 100 protesters chanted, "You're destroying our future." Some carried signs of Obama with the words "climate shame" pasted on his face.

Obama had planned to spend only about nine hours in Copenhagen as the summit wrapped up. But, as an agreement appeared within reach, he extended his stay by more than six hours to attend a series of meetings aimed at brokering a deal. He and Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton held talks with European leaders, including Merkel, Brown and French President Nicolas Sarkozy.

He said there was a "fundamental deadlock in perspectives" between big, industrially developed countries like the United States and poorer, though sometimes large, developing nations. Still he said this week's efforts "will help us begin to meet our responsibilities to leave our children and grandchildren a cleaner planet."

The deal as described by Obama reflects some progress helping poor nations cope with climate change and getting China to disclose its actions to address the warming problem.



Play Time

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A tale of two nations

EVER SINCE THE GOVERNMENT PERMITTED Native Americans to establish — and keep the proceeds from — their own gambling casinos, there has been a stampede among people of many different ethnic backgrounds to claim their "Indian heritage." This "rush to authenticity" — no matter how remote — is a running gag in Richard Montoya's new play "Palestine, New Mexico," which is now having its world premiere at the Mark Taper Forum in Los Angeles. The title, which one might assume is a metaphor for hostilities between diverse cultures, is in fact, nothing of the sort. It's the name given sardonically to their Rez, as they call the reservation, by the Native Americans, following a large influx of "tribal" Jews.

This amusing conceit, which Montoya created, appropriately, for Culture Clash, the prominent Chicano/Latino theater ensemble, is the background for the return home to the Rez of the body of a native son, Raymond Birdsong, who had been killed in the war in Afghanistan. Ray was the son of the tribal chief, played here by Russell Means, the political activist that the Los Angeles Times called "the most famous American Indian since Sitting Bull." Means, who has appeared in more than 22 feature films, is a commanding and dignified presence onstage, and brings a solemnity to his role as the father of the dead soldier.

Accompanying the arrival of Ray's body is the distraught Captain (Kirsten Potter), who is determined to deliver Ray's last letter to his father. Barred from the Rez as an unwelcome trespasser, she pleads with the armed and belligerent border guards to allow her a visit with the chief. Three of the guards, a hilarious trio of Culture Clash loonies, are closer in spirit to The Three Stooges than to the earnest and solemn Indians we usually see depicted in films. There is Top Hat, beautifully played by playwright Richard Montoya, who talks to his bicycle as if it were a horse and carries in his hatband an "Indian authenticity card" that verifies his claim to being "1/100th Indian." There is also Bronson (Ric Salinas), the "bad-ass outlaw" named for movie bad guy Charles Bronson, who identifies himself as a "Rhodes Scholar from East Los Angeles College." And finally, there is Farmer (Herbert Siguenza), who rides around in a golf cart equipped with a police siren and flashing lights and worries aloud, "Do I look Armenian?"

Interspersed with the silly goings-on are projected flashbacks of the Afghanistan war — flashes of gunfire, heavily armed soldiers darting back and forth, and the interior courtyard of the mosque where Ray Birdsong met his death. There are also surrealistic touches: the water tower on the Rez momentarily becomes a dazzling white minaret, a larger-than-life portrait of Osama bin Laden suddenly appears onscreen, a line of soldiers appears in silhouette along the clifftops of the New Mexico plateau.

Ray, who spoke Pashto to the Afghanis, believed that they were one of the lost tribes of Israel. And, in keeping with the diversity theme of the play, believes that his own tribe is Jewish as well. Top Hat, it turns out, used to teach Kaballah in Santa Fe. And Farmer, examining his tribe-mates, suddenly shouts, paraphrasing Haley Joel Osment in "The Sixth Sense," "I see Jewish people!"

Witty and well-written, but sometimes disjointed, "Palestine, New Mexico" is an interesting theater-piece. Set in Rachel Hauk's stark desert in the midst of red sandstone monoliths, the surroundings leave you with grit in your teeth. And Paul James Prendergast's music and sound are also dramatically effective. Alexander V. Nichols' lighting and projection design are integral to the production and are timely and well done, and the occasional bursts of Indian dancing and chanting are the icing on the cake.

Director Lisa Peterson falters a bit, though, by keeping much of her large cast of tribe members stationary and a little wooden. They often pontificate, rather than just speaking naturally, which makes their overall message of cultural brotherhood seem a little less sincere and their body language too stiff for the message. Except for "The Three Stooges," who are pluperfect throughout!

"Palestine, New Mexico" will continue at the Mark Taper Forum, 135 N. Grand Ave, in Downtown Los Angeles, Tuesday through Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 2:30 p.m. and 8 p.m., and Sunday at 1 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. through Jan. 24, 2010. Call (213) 628-2772 for the exact schedule and for tickets.

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City of Santa Monica
Ordinance Number 2302 (CCS)
(City Council Series)

The following is a summary, prepared by the City Attorney, of Ordinance Number 2302, which was adopted by the City council on December 8, 2009.

Ordinance Number 2302(CCS) amends existing provisions of the Municipal Code regarding landscaping and irrigation systems in order meet and exceed new state standards for water conservation. Among other things, the Ordinance changes existing municipal guidelines into standards, makes them applicable to both public and private property, and provides that the standards apply to both new irrigation systems and modifications to existing systems and landscaping.

The Ordinance will become effective thirty days after its adoption.

The full text of the Ordinance is available upon request from the Office of the City Clerk, located at 1685 Main Street, Room 102, Santa Monica; phone (310) 458-8211.

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Applications must be received by 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, January 19, 2010, at the Office of Sustainability and the Environment.

Applications are invited to fill 2 vacancies on the Measure V Citizens Oversight Committee. All persons who reside in Santa Monica are invited to apply regardless of race, sex, age, disability, religion, marital status, national origin, sexual preference, or ancestry. Appointment will be made at a City Council meeting in January or February, 2010.

The Oversight Committee was created to audit the use of the proceeds of the Clean Beaches and Ocean Parcel Tax (also known as Measure V) adopted by voters in November, 2006.

The State Political Reform Act requires Commission (Committee) members to disclose their interest and income which may be materially affected by their official action by filing a Statement of Economic Interest (Form 700) with the City Clerk's office upon assuming office and annually thereafter.

Application forms and information are available on the internet at www.sustainablesm.org. Applications are also available at the Office of Sustainability and the Environment, 200 Santa Monica Pier, Suite J, Santa Monica, CA 90401. You may request an application by mail, email or fax by calling (310) 458-2213. *Disability related assistance and alternate formats of this document are available upon request by calling (310) 458-2213.*

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NEW DVD RELEASES

BY RANDY WILLIAMS



Photo courtesy Disney

'Monsters Inc.'

This Oscar-winning animated flick features vocal performances by John Goodman as the lumbering Sulley and Billy Crystal as the wisecracking Mike Wazowski, two monsters working at the biggest scream processing plant in Monstropolis. Their work routine is shaken up drastically one day when a little girl wanders onto their job site and the adventure of returning her home begins. Bonus segments include animation gag reels, a storyboard to film comparison and a monster file. (Disney)

'The Mel Brooks Collection' (Blu-ray)

One of cinema's leading mirthmakers is given the DVD treatment here that is worthy of a titan of comedy. The nine-disc set includes such classics as "Blazing Saddles" and "Young Frankenstein." There is a collectible 120-page hardcover book that examines Brooks' professional and personal life plus commentaries, documentaries, trivia tracks, still galleries, isolated score tracks and a half-dozen all-new segments exclusive to Blu-ray. Brooks is one of the few creative artists to have won an Emmy, Oscar, Grammy and Tony award. (Fox)

'Rocky' The Undisputed Collection (Blu-ray)

More than 30 years after the original film, "Rocky" continues to be recognized as an icon and American hero where a "nobody" becomes a "somebody." This definitive collection that features Sylvester Stallone as Philadelphia club fighter Rocky Balboa includes each film version as well as a bonus disc with hours of documentaries, interviews, behind-the-scenes footage and a new trivia game. (MGM)

'Gone With the Wind' 70th Anniversary Edition

Winner of 10 Academy Awards and widely considered the most celebrated motion picture of all time, this 1939 romantic epic has been remastered with six times higher resolution that a standard DVD. Set in the South against the backdrop of the Civil War, it features Clark Gable as charismatic Rhett Butler and Vivian Leigh as the sassy, headstrong heroine Scarlett O'Hara. This special edition includes such premiums as a 40-page hardcover book with photos and production notes, a reproduction of the original program, eight 5 by 7 frameable art prints and a CD soundtrack sampler. There are also new extended documentaries about the classic film. (Warner Bros)

'The Night Before Christmas: Special Edition'

This double-disc bundle of story time fun features a dozen colorfully animated holiday gems. There are tales about Christmas and other holiday events brought to life by the vocal performances of Anthony Edwards, Alfre Woodard and Christopher Lloyd. (Scholastic)

'Whatever Works'

Woody Allen returns to his beloved New York for this offbeat comedy about finding love in unexpected places. The picture explores the relationship between a crotchety misanthrope (Larry David) and a naïve impressionable young runaway from the south (Evan Rachel Wood). (Sony)

'Hell on Wheels'

An illuminating ride inside the world of professional cycling like you have never seen. Through stunning cinematography and rare interviews, this film lays bare the sheer physical and mental crushing challenges of one of sports' greatest events: the Tour de France. Oscar-winning filmmaker Pepe Danquart presents the world's best cyclists including Eric Zabel, Andreas Kloden and Lance Armstrong. The passion and suffering of these amazing endurance athletes are on full display here all set against the beauty of the Alps and French countryside. (First Run)

RANDY WILLIAMS can be reached at www.sportandcinema.com

BOOKREVIEW

BY DANE ROBERT SWANSON



'Through the Fire'

By Shawn Grady • Bethany Books

Fire can both purify and destroy.

It purifies when it is used to burn away the dross to get to the priceless item beneath. It destroys when it is out of control. The recent Station Fire did lots of damage. It burned over 251 square miles before it was stopped. Fire can't be controlled or tamed — only respected.

Fire is also a destructive force. Our hats should go off to those who choose the job of firefighter as their profession. The training it takes to be a fireman is intensive and demanding. It is not a profession for the fainthearted. The training a firefighter undergoes is intense. To enter the program one must pass three exams; a written, a Candidate Physical Ability Test (CPAT) and an aptitude test.

The CPAT consists of opening and closing a fire hydrant with a hydrant wrench 17 turns each way. They also must climb and descend an aerial ladder set at 60 degrees up to 50 feet. You also will be crawling through an attic or crawl space with a self-contained breathing apparatus strapped to the full firefighters' gear. And to end it all you will be required to complete a search and rescue drill program.

Sometimes you win and save lives. Others times you are able to stop the fire before it does too much destruction. It is OK until the fire starts hunting you. In this debut novel, author Shawn Grady uses the background of firefighting to present us with a suspense tale. It is told in the first person. In the skin of Aidan O'Neill, a second generation firefighter, we experience what it is like to fight fires.

There is always the danger of someone being left in the fire. Then the rescue begins.

"Where's the kid?"

"What kid?"

I followed alongside. "We heard there was a mother and child."

"We ... searched the whole ... back there. Nobody there."

I stopped. "No, we heard there was a kid."

The fires are coming too close together to be an accident. Someone is targeting the area around the station. For what purpose would a pyromaniac start fires?

The writing is tight. The suspense is well done. The main plot is man against nature. We have a secondary plot of man against man.

In a flash back we are informed that Aidan's father had died while fighting a fire that was suspected to be set by an arsonist.

"Normal fires didn't burn that hot, that fast, that destructive."

It is for this reason our hero is so intense. He wants to fight back the only way he knows how. This forms a subplot to the story.

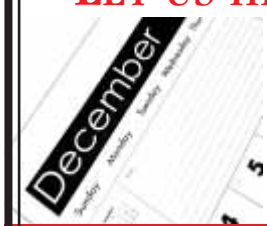
The experience the author has in Reno, NV as a fireman and a paramedic shows in the research he has done for the book. Read it for the escapism it provides.

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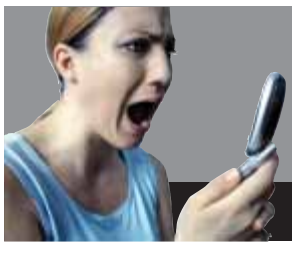


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SURF REPORT

Surf Conditions **Water Temp:** 61°

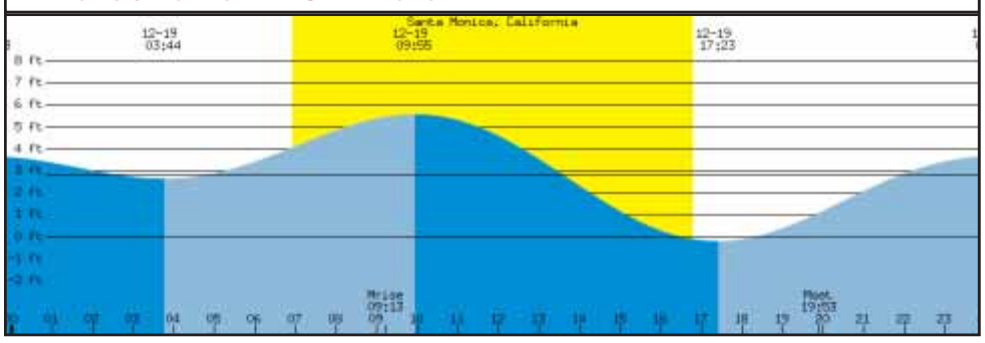
Swell Forecast

Swell is expected to back down to chest high max around west facing breaks. South facing spots would be smaller. Offshore winds may be a bit stronger than Sunday.

Long Range Synopsis

Looks smaller with knee to waist high surf most everywhere.

Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica



BEACH REPORT CARD

NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous 30 days up to the ending date of **December 15, 2009**

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QUICK STATS (for the last 26 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 1
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 9
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 37 / 16
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 5 / 23

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

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

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

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

LEGEND

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

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.

The Beach Report Card is an indication of past water quality and is not a warranty of the current safety of those areas surveyed. Our lawyers are happy.

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MLB

Dodgers get Ely, Link to finalize Pierre trade

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO The White Sox sent right-handed pitchers John Ely and Jon Link to the Los Angeles Dodgers on Friday, completing this week's acquisition of outfielder Juan Pierre by Chicago.

The 23-year-old Ely was 14-2 with a 2.82 ERA in 27 starts with Double-A Birmingham last season. He led the Southern League in strikeouts (125) and was tied for the lead in victories. Ely was drafted by the White Sox in 2007. He is 30-15 with a 3.75 ERA in 67 games over three minor-league seasons.

Link, 25, went 1-2 with a 3.99 ERA and 13 saves in 48 relief appearances with Triple-A Charlotte in 2009. He has gone 17-15 with a 3.87 ERA and 67 saves over five minor league seasons. He was acquired by the White Sox in 2007 in return for Rob Mackowiak.

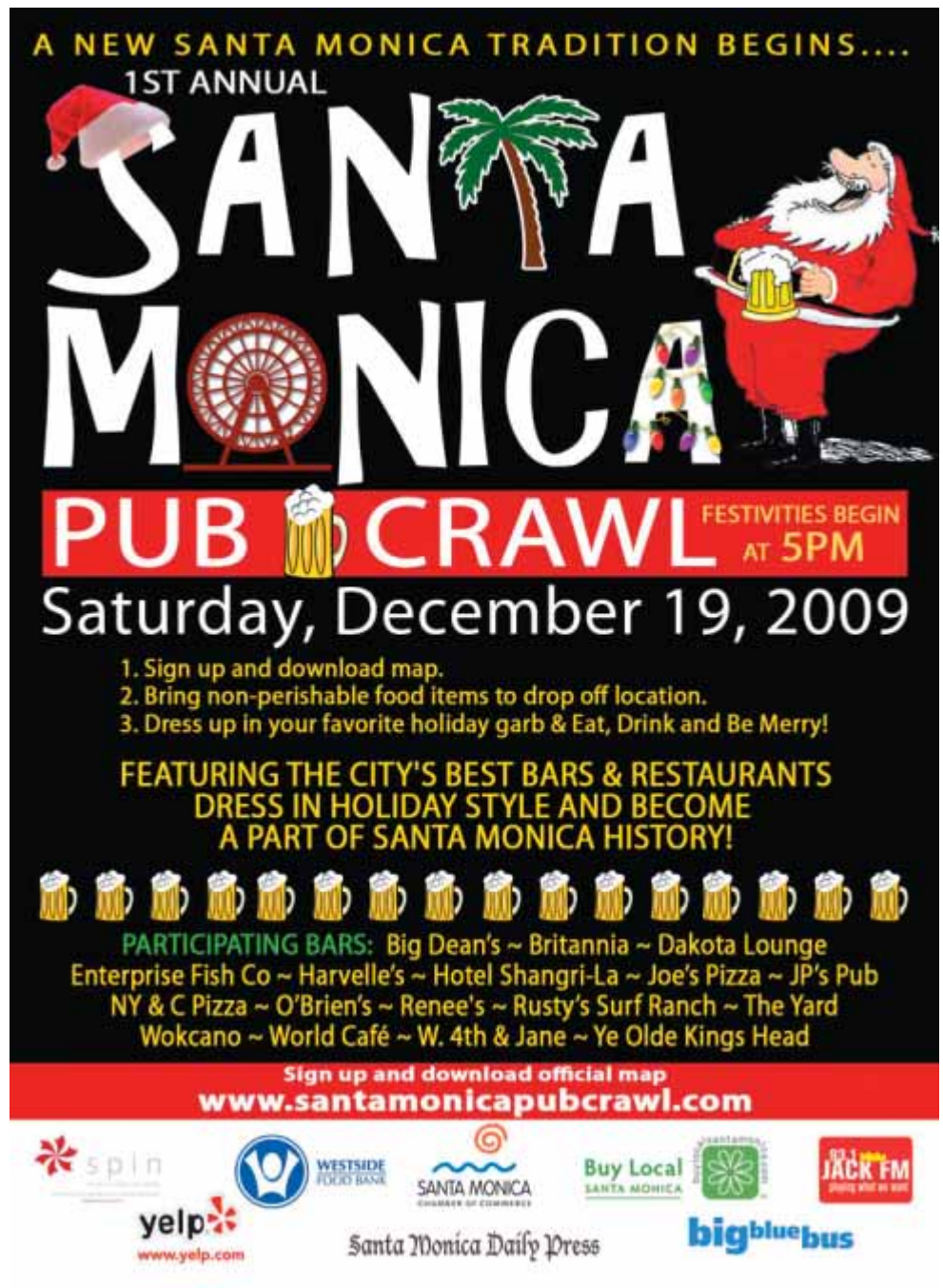
Chicago obtained Pierre and $10.5 million from the Dodgers on Tuesday.

The White Sox also claimed pitcher Freddy Dolsi off waivers from the Detroit Tigers. The 26-year-old right-hander was 1-0 with a 1.69 ERA in six appearances with the Tigers last season. He spent most of the year at Triple-A Toledo.

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Saturday
Mr. Magoo's Christmas Carol (G) 52min
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Lawrence of Arabia (PG) 3hrs 36min
7:30

Sunday
It's a Wonderful Life (NR) 2hrs 10min
4:00, 7:30

AMC Loews Broadway 4
1441 Third Street Promenade

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

The Hurt Locker (R) 2hrs 11 min
1:40, 7:30

Fantastic Mr. Fox (PG) 1hr 27min
10:15 a.m., 12:25, 2:45, 5:00, 7:15, 9:35

The Messenger (R) 1hr 45min
11:00 a.m., 4:45, 10:30

Ninja Assassin (R) 1hr 39 min
10:20 a.m., 12:40, 3:00, 5:25, 7:50, 10:15

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Fantastic Mr. Fox (PG) 1hr 27min
12:10, 2:20, 4:50

Ninja Assassin (R) 1hr 39min
12:30, 2:55, 5:15

Brothers (R) 1hr 50min
10:45 a.m., 1:50, 4:30, 7:15, 10:00

Princess and the Frog (G) 1hr 35min
11:00 a.m., 1:45, 4:15, 6:45, 9:30

Princess and the Frog (G): Closed Captions 1hr 35min
12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15

Up in the Air (R) 1hr 49min
11:15 a.m., 1:00, 2:00, 3:45, 4:45, 6:30, 7:30, 9:15, 10:30

Avatar 3D (PG-13) 2hrs 40min
10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 2:15, 3:15, 6:00, 7:00, 9:45, 10:45

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

The Road (R) 2hr 7min
1:20, 4:10, 7:00, 9:50

Punctured Hope (NR) 1hr 46min
4:30, 9:40

Home (NR) 1hr 53min
1:30, 7:10

An Education (PG13) 1hr 55min
1:55, 4:40, 7:30, 10:00

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11:00 a.m.

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The Blind Side (PG-13) 2hrs 6min
12:20, 1:10, 3:30, 4:10, 7:10, 10:10

Did You Hear About the Morgans? (PG-13) 1hr 43min
11:30 a.m., 12:30, 2:00, 3:00, 4:30, 5:30, 7:00, 8:00, 9:30, 10:30

The Twilight Saga: New Moon (PG-13) 2hrs 10min
12:40, 3:40, 6:40, 9:40

Invictus (PG-13) 2hrs 12min
1:20, 4:20, 6:30, 7:20, 9:20, 10:20

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Perfection is rarely reached. Aim high, but also know what it is you want and expect. Surround yourself with friends, and you might enjoy yourself far more than you thought possible. Tonight: Excitement starts from nothing.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Whether you are throwing the party or are the centerfold, much goes on around you. How you handle a situation that has unusual pressure and attachment could be important. A friend might be acting strangely. Tonight: Leader of the gang.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ If you can take off for a mini weekend retreat, please do. Some of you might escape the here and now by relaxing and choosing a different type of weekend escape. Going to a holiday concert also could be nice. Tonight: Just allow your mind to venture out.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ Relate to others directly. Your attention and thought will be greatly appreciated no matter what. A change of plans or forthcoming news could surprise you. If you are single, a very exotic stranger could enter your life. Tonight: Togetherness is the theme.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ Let others make the first move. You have many options that appear out of the blue. Listen to suggestions that come forward. A key associate or loved one could act strangely. Caring flows more easily. Tonight: Only where people are.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ Get as much done as possible, especially as others will try to drop this errand or that little job on you. You could be out of sorts very quickly if you aren't careful. Someone might be acting unpredictably. Tonight: Clear out as much as possible.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Make a loved one, a new friend and/or a child a high priority. Not that you act to receive, but you will get back in multiples. Understanding evolves and trust builds. A brainstorming session points to another way of handling complications. Tonight: Let your hair down. Be yourself.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Stay close to home. In fact, you might be throwing a party or two. Let go and relax with those you care about. Whether it is partaking in eggnog or adding a few decorations to your tree, enjoy the holiday pace and innate caring. Tonight: Don't forget the mistletoe.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ Don't stand on ceremony if you haven't heard from someone for a long time. Just pick up the phone and say "hi." There is a sense of going overboard right now. You can scarcely resist acting on that sense of abundance. Tonight: Visit with friends.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You could be going overboard with spending, especially if you are trying to pick up some last-minute gifts. A sense of indulgence naturally comes from you at this time of year. Just don't make some irreparable damages. Tonight: Your treat.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ You seem to be able to stabilize a situation by handling a long-overdue change. You'll find stability when you detach from the here and now. Emotions often color situations far more than you realize. Tonight: Follow the music.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Know when enough is enough. If you are feeling under the weather, make it OK. You simply cannot be everywhere all at once. Accept what is true for you and honor your well-being. Tonight: You don't have to explain where or who you have been with.

Happy birthday

This year, you open up to new possibilities that up till now have eluded you. More than ever before, friends, meetings or groups of people play a significant role in supporting you in fulfilling one of your key goals. The unexpected causes unanticipated ripples through your life. If you are single, you meet people with ease. Develop a friendship along with the romantic relationship. That intertwining might be critical to the success of the relationship. If you are attached, the two of you, through becoming more community oriented and social, actually add another link to your bond. AQUARIUS makes a great friend.

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The stars show the kind of day you'll have:
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★★★★ Positive ★ Difficult
★★★ Average

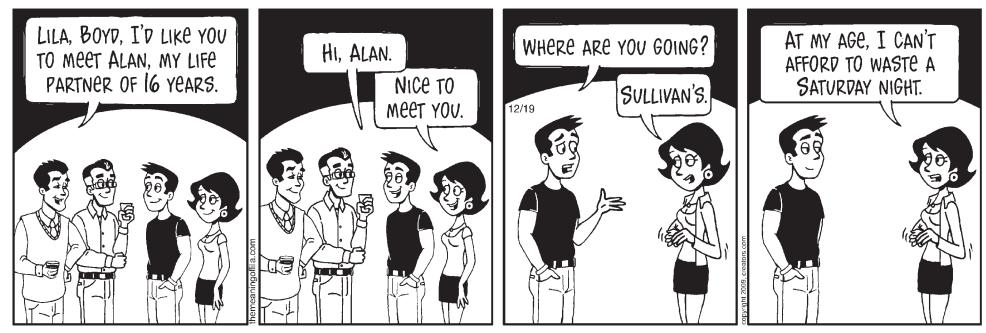
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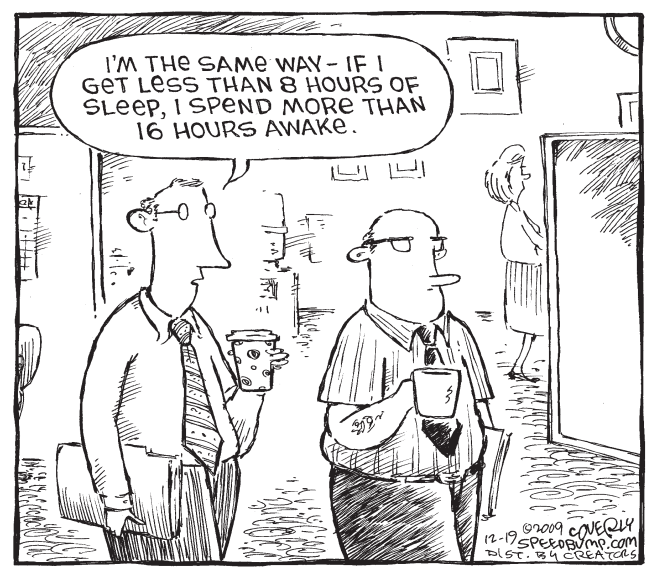
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Difficulty Level ★★★★

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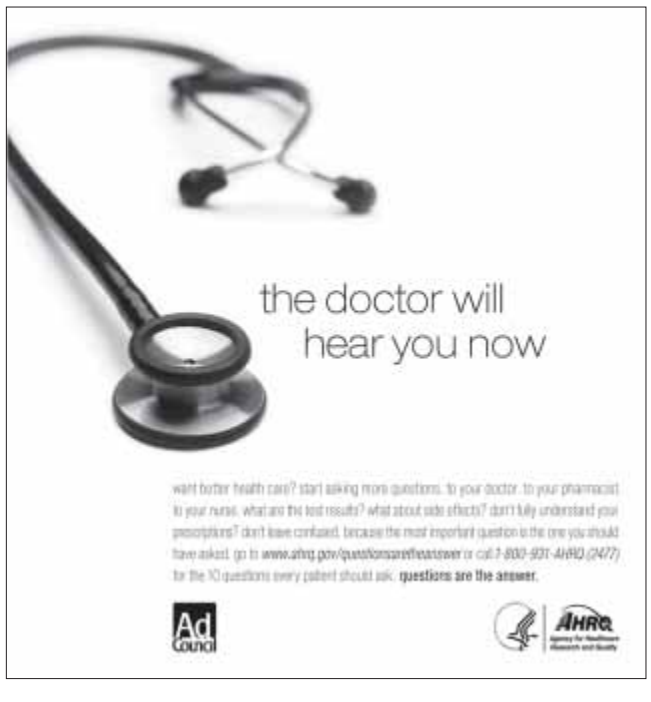
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3	4	1	2	5	6	8	9	7
5	7	6	1	9	8	4	2	3
9	8	2	7	3	4	5	1	6
7	2	8	3	6	9	1	4	5
1	3	5	4	8	2	7	6	9
4	6	9	5	1	7	3	8	2
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 One kind of equality
7 Grating sound
11 Boxing combo
12 Pot starter
13 Old antacid
14 Brought into the world
15 Sister of Anne and Charlotte
16 "The Bourne Identity" star
17 Hero's birthplace?
18 Second shot
19 Globe area
21 Was ahead
22 "The Wall" band
25 Japanese honorific
26 Wee
27 Arts' partner
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34 Mall business
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36 Continues
37 Gaze
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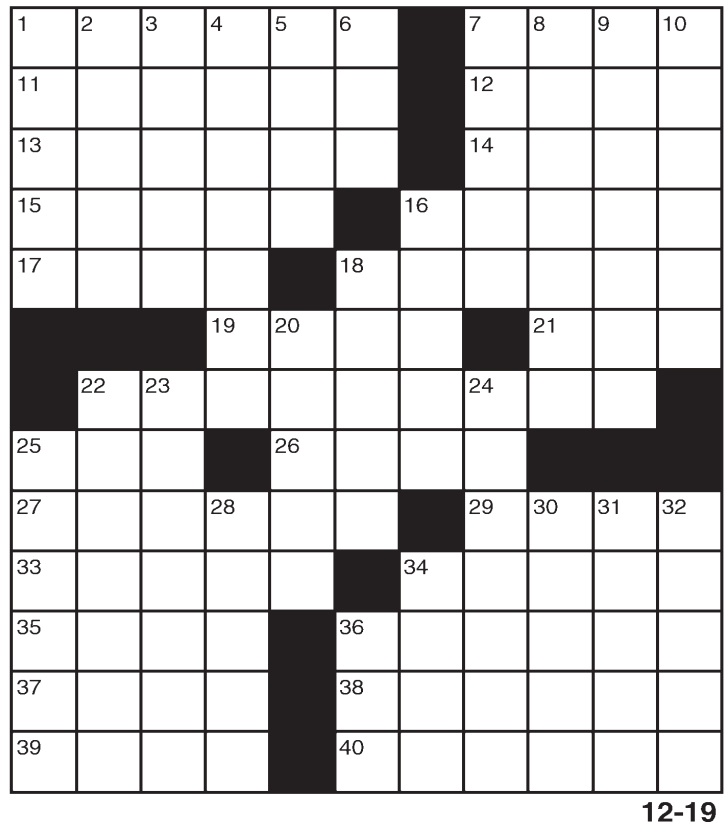
DOWN

1 Like a judge
2 Cartoon genre
3 Director DeMille
4 Bread choice
5 Wrong
6 High hit
7 Morocco city
8 Peculiar thing
9 Flattered
10 Wrote
16 Bargains
18 Breaks
20 Revue segments
22 One out early
23 Agitated
24 Pearl harborers
25 Throws away
28 Dreads
30 Does some modeling
31 Stood
32 Circus sights
34 Needing a massage
36 Whale group

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Franciscan monk Cesare Bonizzi, 63, who 15 years ago turned from spiritual new age music to heavy metal (inspired, he said, by the groups Metallica and Megadeth) and who has spent the last several years as the robe-clad lead singer of his own band, Fratello Metallo, announced his retirement in November after realizing, he said, that the devil had tempted him too much with celebrity and turned him away from his brothers.

■ (1) William Evans, 57, on trial in St. Augustine, Fla., in August for a sex crime that occurred nearly 30 years ago (but not erased by the statute of limitations), committed suicide while away from the courthouse, awaiting the jury's decision. Without knowing that, the jury came back and declared him not guilty. (2) Engineering student Ken Kitamura, 19, drowned in the Yodogawa River in Osaka, Japan, in August. He and several colleagues had constructed a prototype canoe made of concrete, and Kitamura was the first to try it out.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1967 Prime Minister of Australia Harold Holt is officially presumed dead.

1972 Apollo program: The last manned lunar flight, Apollo 17, crewed by Eugene Cernan, Ron Evans and Harrison Schmitt, returns to Earth.

1975 John Paul Stevens is appointed a justice of The United States Supreme Court.

1981 Sixteen lives are lost when the Penlee lifeboat goes to the aid of the stricken coaster Union Star in heavy seas.

1983 The original FIFA World Cup trophy, the Jules Rimet Trophy, is stolen from the headquarters of the Brazilian Football Confederation in Rio de Janeiro.

1984 The Sino-British Joint Declaration, stating that the People's Republic of China would resume the exercise of sovereignty over Hong Kong and the United Kingdom would restore Hong Kong to China with effect from July 1, 1997 is signed in Beijing by Deng Xiaoping and Margaret Thatcher.

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