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THE SORRY ABOUT YESTERDAY ISSUE

This time, the landlord pays

Apartment complex owner to pay Rent Control \$100,000

BY KEVIN HERRERA | Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL The owner of an apartment complex on Ocean Avenue has agreed to pay the Rent Control Board \$100,000 after city attorneys discovered the landlord vio-

lated the Ellis Act, a state law that permits property owners to go out of the rental business, but puts restrictions on the future use of the property.

Michaelyn Jones, general counsel for the Rent Control Board, said the lawsuit filed against S.M. Ocean Star, LLC was the first of its kind and lets landlords know that "the Rent Control Board is serious about pursuing landlords who abuse the Ellis Act."

The owner of the Ocean Apartments — located at 423-429 Ocean Ave. — has denied any wrongdoing, but

decided to settle the case rather than face litigation and the costs associated with it, according to the attorney representing Ocean Star. The attorney would not answer any other questions regarding the settlement.

It was alleged that Ocean Star withdrew one of three apartment buildings from the rental market in July 2004, with tenants in the four units being evicted. The owner then re-rented some of the units within two years of with-

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BRAVING THE STORM

Brandon Wise news@smdp.com

Members of the Santa Monica High School student clubs 'Team Marine' and 'Heal the Bay' take to the wet streets Thursday afternoon to raise awareness for the environmental dangers posed by plastic bags. The march coincided with the first 'Day Without a Bag' event throughout Los Angeles County. Government officials hope shoppers would make a switch to reusable bags.

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Bring the kiddies to the West LA Library to learn about the ancient art of stone art. Afterwards, they'll have the opportunity to create some of their own.

A Hot Winter's Night

1026 Wilshire Blvd., 9:30 p.m.

Mulatto, Wylde Bunch and Imajin perform a night of soul and hip hop at Temple Bar. Door fee is \$10. For more information, visit www.templebarlive.com.

OPCC Holiday Party

1855 Main St., noon — 3 p.m.

For more information on the Ocean Park Community Center holiday party, call (310) 264-6646.

Samohi's 'Little Women'

601 Pico Blvd., 8 p.m.

Santa Monica High School will perform a new adaptation of Alcott's classic novel about a family of women in the Civil War-era in New England.

Tickets are \$10 for students and seniors; \$15 for adults.

Call (310) 458-5939 or visit www.smcl.org for tickets.

Cool School revisited

1611 Electric Ave., Venice, by appointment only

The "Cool School" exhibit, named for the film which features Ferus Gallery artists, will be on display through Jan. 11. A portion of the proceeds from sold paintings will go to the "Films for Schools" outreach program. For more information, visit www.VeniceTrust.com.

Saturday, Dec. 22, 2007

Indie Hurts so Good

12249 Venice Blvd., 8 p.m.

Good Hurt is getting into the spirit with an Indie Rock holiday show featuring Fire at Play, Let Live, Family Matters and Disarm the Speaker. For more information, visit www.goodhurt.net.

'The Nutcracker'

Royce Hall, 2 p.m.

Set to Tchaikovsky's sprightly score, E.T.A. Hoffman's fable narrates the Christmas adventures of young Clara and the nutcracker doll she adores. For more information, visit www.ticketmaster.com.

Olvera's Posadas

845 N. Alameda St., L.A., 5 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.

Olvera Street presents Las Posadas — a depiction of the nine-day journey of Mary and Joseph's pilgrimage to Bethlehem with singing and a candlelight procession. Free champurado, pan dulce, hot punch and candy.

'Extraordinary Deceptions'

3116 Second St., 2:30 p.m.

The Powerhouse Theatre presents magician Michael Gutenplan, who will bring some magical Christmas cheer by catching a bullet, sawing someone in half and more. Tickets are \$25. For further information, call (310) 396-3680, ext. 3 or visit www.powerhousetheatre.com.

Candid Claus

1300 block of Third Street Promenade, 11 a.m. — 5 p.m.

Take a moment out of the Black Weekend massacre to visit with Santa Claus who will sit still for some candid moments with the kiddies.

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.





Photo courtesy

BIG PLANS: Kathy Wisnicki, the former president of the SMMUSD school board, is seeking a seat on the Malibu City Council.

Wisnicki goes the civic route

Ex-President of the Board of Education runs for City Council

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

MALIBU Kathy Wisnicki is trading in the No. 2 pencils and shiny red apples for a shot at city politics.

Less than a week after ending her stint as President of the Board of Education, Wisnicki has announced her candidacy for a seat on the Malibu City Council, pulling nomination papers on Monday.

Wisnicki, who won a seat on the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District's school board in 2004, is up for re-election next fall, but has decided to redirect her attention to city issues in Santa Monica's neighbor to the north.

"I see issues in Malibu that affect our quality of life, and I believe that I can be effective as a member of the City Council," Wisnicki said in a statement this week.

The mother of two children is one of five people that have gathered nomination papers as of Thursday for the April 2008 election, leaving open a possibility that Wisnicki could still run for the school

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Runoff causes a mess

Recent storms deliver all sorts of pollutants to the Pacific Ocean

BY GABRIELLE HARRADINE
Special to the Daily Press

SM BEACH The recent rains in and around Santa Monica have caused more than just headaches on the roads and promenade. The resulting water runoff in the streets ends up picking up oil, heavy metals, pesti-

cides, fertilizers, litter and bacteria along the way, then streams into the city's sewers before, eventually, flowing into the ocean via storm drains, creeks or rivers.

It's enough to make you pray for sun.

The Department of Public Health (DPH) recommends that beach users avoid contact with ocean water, especially near flowing storm drains, creeks and rivers, for three days following rain showers. Currently, the DPH has a rain advisory for all Los Angeles County beaches. The advisory will be in effect until 3:30 p.m. today, but may be extended, depending on further rainfall.

Heal the Bay, a local non-profit organization dedicated to the health of the local watershed, also advises that people stay out of the water.

In highly urbanized areas like Santa Monica, the runoff will make it to the ocean quickly and, therefore, pollute the waters right away, said James Alamillo, a water quality specialist for Heal the Bay. Whereas, in northern parts of Santa Monica Bay where it is less urban, it may take three to four days for runoff to make it into the ocean. In these places, it is suggested to stay

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WRAPPING IT UP

Students from PS#1 elementary school get set to exchange holiday presents with each other Thursday morning in Mid-City. All of the presents were handmade by the kids. PS#1 was founded by Joel Pelcyger and his wife Ellie Pelcyger in 1971, hosting the student Gift Exchange since its inception.

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Tabloid or newspaper?

Editor:

I am a daily reader of the Press and am very happy that we have a daily paper in Santa Monica.

However, I was disturbed to see the sensationalist headline "Dropouts tend to be criminals," on Friday, Dec. 14. It should more properly have read "Criminals tend to be dropouts." The article itself was more measured and did not substantiate that all dropouts tend to be criminals, nor even a high percentage do. It did seem to show that a high percentage of criminals tend to be dropouts and ignored all together all the scandals of white-collar crime.

Please don't sensationalize your headlines in the manner of the tabloids instead of the real newspaper that you are.

Marguerite Spears

Santa Monica

The trees won't run off

Editor:

Instead of spending at least \$50 million of taxpayer money over the next decade for much needed projects to capture stormwater runoff, the city of Santa Monica can reduce that amount by lifting its eyes from the gutters to the trees.

Free stormwater runoff devices grow on trees, large ones like our ficus trees on Second and Fourth streets. In his article faulting cities for uprooting their trees, Dan Cray of Time Magazine states: "The crown of a large tree is a freestanding antiflood reservoir, in some cases intercepting so much rainfall that more than 1,500 gal. a year evaporates instead of hitting the ground. Chop down the tree, and you increase the volume of storm water a city must manage...." (June 21).

The city's determination to continue its path of deforestation, giving at least 55 trees on Second and Fourth streets the ax or slow death by transplanting, will result in at least 82,500 more gallons of stormwater runoff per year in the downtown area. The city needs to realize that free antiflood reservoirs in the downtown area grow on the ficus trees on Second and Fourth streets. The city needs to not squander more taxpayer money and taxpayer assets. The city needs to decrease, not increase, stormwater runoff and save these trees.

Susan J. Hartley

Santa Monica

Truth is around, if you look for it

Editor:

(Re: "SMDP letters are 'voice of the people'", letters, Dec. 14)

I pride myself on thoroughly investigating matters that interest me before making a decision. Proof of this – I enlisted in World War II, but in no wars that followed. (I would have joined a war to protect Tibet from China – and prayed that oil would be discovered there.)

As proof that I still listen to the "other side," I did read Mr. Cooper's letter. I am very glad I did, because his suggestion of a weekly article instead of letter was a wonderful idea.

Thank you, Ms. April-Ross, for also reading letters on the "other side." I hope you learn the truth from them.

Cecillia Rosenthal

Santa Monica



Laughing Matters

Jack Neworth

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Merry Happy Kwanzaa, Chanukah & Christmas

ALL THIS CHRISTMAS CHEER CAN BE downright exhausting ... at least the shopping portion. If you're anywhere near Main Street or Montana Avenue or the promenade, the sound you hear is probably not jingle bells, but cash registers. Heaven help the poor soul who hasn't done his or her Christmas shopping, which of course is I.

Cynicism aside, it's nice to wish happy holidays to family, friends and total strangers. In recent years, however, even this benign gesture has become polarized. Bill O'Reilly suggests that saying "Happy Holidays" is part of a "War on Christmas." O'Reilly needs to take up a hobby, that is, other than falafels and loafahs.

Somehow, the world seems obsessed with religion and it's true in the U.S. In 1988, when Pat Robertson ran for president, I hoped it was a passing phase, but since 9/11 it's not passing. Some days, it feels as though I've moved to a theocracy. The religious right claim liberals have taken God out of the schools, though I thought that was what churches were for. (Judging from test scores, math and science appear to have been taken out of the schools.) Some say "The Treaty of Tripoli," signed by John Adams in 1796, is proof we were to be a secular government. Of course, the religious right have God on their side, who, if he exists, would be tough to argue with.

There's an axiom that in polite conversation one ought not to discuss religion and/or politics, and here I'm doing both. Last week, I was apparently worse. In discussing Mitt Romney, I repeated a comment from an evangelical Web site about Mormons' undergarments and it came out as a cheap joke. (For what I get paid, whatdya expect?)

In the past, I've made jokes about the Pope's hat, but either Catholics are inured — it is quite a hat, after all — or they don't read my column. Being Jewish, I've also commented about the yarmulke worn in Temple by males on the crown of the head. Talmudic scholars teach us the yarmulke is to show humility, but as it happens, it's also ideal for covering that embarrassing bald spot.

Following last week's column, I received a number of e-mails, not all flattering. One was from longtime Santa Monica resident Mark Paredes, who is a High Councilor in the Mormon Church. Yikes! But there's a silver lining in my faux pas, as Mark and I have been e-mailing back and forth. He's teaching me about the Mormon faith and I'm teaching him to forgive the tellers of cheap jokes.

I didn't know that the Mormon Church is the second largest in California, with 800,000 members. The Catholic Church is the biggest, which means in the future, I better go easy on the Pope's hat. In the local area, the Mormon Church has eight congregations and 3,000 members, with two chapels in Santa Monica with 600 to 700 members.

While there are many different sects in Christianity, in Judaism, we only have three: Orthodox, Conservative and Reformed, the latter being mine. (To many of the Orthodox and Conservative faith, Reformed is kind of "Jewish-lite.") Being a Reformed Jew, I have no problem wishing anyone a Merry Christmas. But in these PC times, it's not easy. As I go to greet someone, I have to first determine if they Christian or Jewish, and then make sure I get Chanukahs and Christmases right. Next year, Chanukah starts on the 21st, which will only complicate matters.

Or if the person is a Muslim, what do I say, "Sorry, I forgot Ramadan was in September"? And if a friend is black, I'd worry they'd think I was being sarcastic with "Happy Kwanzaa." (Is it Happy or Merry Kwanzaa?) That's why "Happy Holidays" seemed the perfect solution, that is until Billo.

This year, O'Reilly is claiming victory in his phony war on Christmas. In his unique brand of holiday spirit, he recently compared actor Tim Robbins, campaigning in Iowa for John Edwards, to Hitler's foreign minister. Forget the hobby, O'Reilly needs one of those loafah sponges for his mouth.

One thing's for sure, it's going to be a spectacular Christmas for the Cornerstone Music Conservatory. On the 22nd, they were going to be homeless until their new place is ready. Picture all the little Tiny Tims in the snow holding their violins. (OK, forget the snow part.) A reprieve! Temporarily, they can move in next door to their new place at Fields Piano at Pico and Bundy!

I hope I've made amends for last week's column and not offended anyone new with this one. (A few Rabbis perhaps with the Jewish-lite crack.) With Christmas only a few days away, I borrow from Tiny Tim, "God bless us, everyone! Even the blowhard with the loafah."

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Let's stop fooling ourselves on race

I CAN FIND RACISM EVERYWHERE, which is ironic because my white friends usually can't find it anywhere. Since they're not racist, they always have a non-race-based justification for what (to me) is obvious racism. I don't blame them. They haven't lived with it all their lives, so they don't know the many forms it can take. Ask a white person if he or she is racist or knows any racists and the answer will always be "no." Ask a black person if he or she has ever experienced racism and the answer will always be "yes." That's because racism lives in that mysterious place just beyond consciousness where our defense mechanisms dwell, making it difficult to recognize and easy to deny.

But sometimes there is just no other explanation.

Last week, former Sen. Mitchell released his report on the use of performance-enhancing drugs in baseball. Putting aside the questions of whether or not the report was necessary (and whether players should have their reputations destroyed by the word of guys facing jail time for distributing illegal drugs), the big news was that Roger Clemens — the greatest pitcher of his generation — was a steroid and HGH user. Over the last few years, I've heard some awful things said about the greatest hitter of his generation — Barry Bonds. On the field, he was arrogant, cocky and showed up pitchers. Off the field, people said he was aloof, inaccessible to fans and contemptuous of writers (who now may or may not vote him into the Hall of Fame because he "cheated").

After the Mitchell Report, anything that was said about Barry Bonds can be said about Roger Clemens. As a kid growing up in Boston in the '80s, I can tell you that "The Rocket" was no sweetheart, on the field or off it. He's every bit as surly and just as much of a "cheater" as Bonds ever was. Roger is no more deserving of the benefit of the doubt than Barry, but he's gotten it. If wanting to believe the best about the white guy while pushing the black guy under the bus for the same transgressions isn't racism, then what is it?

There was a similar situation with last year's Oscars. Alan Arkin was nominated for Best Supporting Actor for playing a heroin-addicted grandfather in "Little Miss Sunshine" and Eddie Murphy was nominated for his work as a heroin-addicted R&B star in "Dreamgirls." For his part, Eddie had to sing,

dance and age almost 20 years before dying in Act II. Alan Arkin also dies in his role, but leaves the singing and dancing to Abigail Breslin. And despite the fact that Eddie won the Golden Globe for Best Supporting Actor in the performance of his life, he was passed over for Arkin (who wasn't even nominated for a Globe) at Oscar time. Since the Academy can't or won't recognize Eddie Murphy's work at least as much as the Foreign Press, I don't blame him for telling them to keep their "serious films" and walking right out of the Kodak Theater and onto the set of "Norbit." That Oscar was Eddie's to win and there would have to have been a damn good reason not to give it to him. Alan Arkin's earnest delivery of a tired old cliché ("A real loser is someone so afraid of not winning, they don't even try.") doesn't qualify.

It's the same thing that was responsible for the Great Snub of 1985. There were two huge movies that year, both nominated for 11 Academy Awards: "Out of Africa" and "The Color Purple," based on a story by a black author about black people and featuring an all-black cast. It was nominated for Best Picture, Best Actress, Best Supporting Actress, Best Screenplay, Cinematography, Art Direction, Song, Original Score, Costume Design, and Make-up — but, somehow, not Best Director. How many Oscars did this epic movie win? Not a single one.

I acknowledge that the Academy did (finally) see fit to give some statues to some black people in the past few years. While it's good that Denzel, Halle and Jamie got some love, they earned their awards with their performances. Where "The Big R" comes into play is when we make excuses for the fact that one person's work is judged by different criteria than another person's work. Racism lives in that place in your mind where you give Roger a break that Barry doesn't get, it exists in that place where Eddie has to work harder than Alan for the same recognition, and it thrives when you allow yourself to believe there are 11 good reasons why "The Color Purple" was passed over.

In other words, racism is real — whether you want to believe it or not.

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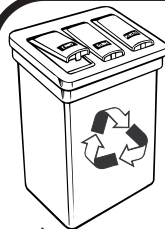


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So this week's Q-Line question asks:

Are Critical Mass riders flouting the city's laws or should the police work with them to help promote bicycling in the city?

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SUNDAY, DEC. 16, AT 5:30 P.M.

Santa Monica police officers responded to the 500 block of Santa Monica Boulevard – Goodwill – regarding a shoplifting suspect in custody. When officers arrived, they made contact with store employees who said the suspect walked into the Goodwill, opened up his backpack and stuffed two pairs of blue jeans into it before walking out without paying for the items. Once outside the store, employees detained the suspect until police arrived. The suspect was placed under arrest for burglary, allegedly telling the officers that he stole the \$8 jeans because they were easy to take. The suspect was identified as Faustino Gomez, 38, a transient. His bail was set at \$20,000.

SUNDAY, DEC. 16, AT 11:45 A.M.

Officers responded to the 200 block of Pico Boulevard regarding an assault with a deadly weapon. When officers arrived, they made contact with the alleged victim, who said he was working on his car in his garage when a man approached him. The victim told the man to leave. He did, but returned a few minutes later. The two began to argue, at which point the suspect pulled out a knife and began walking towards the victim, police said. The victim picked up a hammer to defend himself, at which point the suspect fled. He was later detained by police and arrested for assault with a deadly weapon. He was identified as Ernie Altamirano, 44, a transient. His bail was set at \$30,338. Police said he had outstanding warrants.

SATURDAY, DEC. 15, AT 1:10 A.M.

Police responded to the 2300 block of 28th Street regarding a burglary investigation. When officers arrived, they spoke with a witness who said he saw a suspicious man hiding between two apartment buildings. Officers located the man, who was dressed in dark clothing and had a black stocking on his head. He also was wearing gloves, police said. Officers arrested the suspect on suspicion of burglary. He was identified as Isiah Ransom Gunn, 20, of Los Angeles. His bail was set at \$50,000.

FRIDAY, DEC. 14, AT 11 A.M.

Police responded to the 1300 block of the Third Street Promenade – Crocs retail store – to investigate a report of embezzlement. When officers arrived, they spoke with store security who said two employees had been funneling money into their private accounts. The employees allegedly took old sales receipts and pretended as if they were returning items purchased. The refunds for the items went straight into their credit card accounts. After about a month and a half, store security noticed an unusual number of returns being credited to two accounts and began investigating. Police said the amount of fictitious returns was at least \$5,000. The employees who were arrested for commercial burglary/embezzlement were identified as Geanitha Marshall, 24, of Los Angeles, and Karla Cannon, 19, from Anaheim. Marshall was not allowed to post bail because she was on probation, police said. Bail for Cannon was set at \$20,000.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 12, AT 1:30 A.M.

Police responded to the 100 block of Santa Monica Boulevard – Ye Old King's Head Pub – regarding a report of a patron causing a scene. When officers arrived, they spoke with employees at the pub who said the customer was being disruptive and was escorted outside by security. As the customer got to the front door, he used his right hand to shatter a window valued at \$2,000, police said. The suspect was taken into custody for felony vandalism. While at the police station, officers discovered the suspect had in his possession a small amount of cocaine. He was booked for drug possession and the vandalism. The suspect was identified as Felix Hernandez, 24, from Los Angeles. His bail was set at \$20,000.

TUESDAY, DEC. 11, AT 8:50 P.M.

Police responded to the 1100 block of Alley Five, just off Washington Avenue, after receiving a call about a suspicious person walking through the area looking into cars. Officers detained the suspect and asked him for identification. When the suspect said he didn't have any, officers searched him and found a credit card that belonged to someone else. The suspect could not explain how he came into possession of the credit card. He was placed under arrest for possession of a lost or stolen credit card. The suspect was identified as Juan Alberto Suazo, 44, a transient. His bail was set at \$500.

Staff Writer KEVIN HERRERA compiled these reports.

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Local think tank leader dies at 65

Lewis Solmon, head of Milken educational foundation, passes

By The Associated Press

SANTA MONICA Lewis C. Solmon, founding president of the Milken Institute economic think tank and an outspoken advocate of education reforms, including performance pay for teachers, has died. He was 65.

Solmon died Monday at his West Los Angeles home as a result of a stroke, according to the Milken Family Foundation, a research organization that is independent from the think tank.

Solmon, a UCLA professor emeritus, was dean of the university's Graduate School of Education and Information Studies from 1985 to 1991, when he became president of the Milken Institute.

In 1997, he joined the Milken Family Foundation to focus on education issues and in 2005 became president of the foundation's nonprofit National Institute for Excellence in Teaching.

"Lew never wavered in his steadfast dedication and commitment to the pursuit of a high-quality education for all students," foundation chairman Lowell Milken said in a statement on the orga-

nization's Web site.

The Milken Family Foundation is best known for its annual Milken National Educator Award, which provides \$25,000 to teachers, principals and other educational professionals who "are furthering excellence in education."

With the family foundation, Solmon helped develop the Teacher Advancement Program, a system aimed at closing student achievement gaps through methods such as performance pay for elementary school teachers.

The program is now in use in 180 schools nationwide, including some in Chicago, New Orleans, Philadelphia and Minneapolis. About 5,000 teachers and 60,000 students are involved.

Solmon also wrote more than two dozen books and monographs on education topics and authored numerous newspaper opinion pieces. He testified before state and federal education panels and had been an adviser on education to Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and Florida Gov. Jeb Bush.

Solmon was born in Toronto. He held an economics doctorate from the University of Chicago and taught economics at Purdue University and the City University of New York before moving to UCLA in 1974 to become executive officer of the school's Higher Education Research Institute.

Solmon is survived by his wife, Vicki; children Kira and Matt; six grandchildren; his mother, Eve, and a brother, Fred.

Family lost in mountains says faith trumped fear

BY JULIET WILLIAMS

Associated Press Writer

PARADISE A man who was lost in the mountains along with his three children for three days during a snowstorm said he was terrified they wouldn't make it out alive, but he remained strong for his children and relied on his faith.

Frederick Dominguez and the children, who vanished while looking for a Christmas tree, were rescued Wednesday by a helicopter from a snowy ravine, just as another storm was bearing down in the foothill region about 100 miles north of Sacramento.

"You just want your kids to be safe and you're just praying, 'God, keep my kids alive,'" Dominguez told reporters at Feather River Hospital in Paradise.

The rescue came as relatives and friends were starting to lose hope. One snowstorm had covered the family's tracks, and an even bigger storm was hours away from burying the four even deeper.

"I'm just amazed how well they did," Lisa Sams said after seeing her children and ex-husband for the first time since they went missing. "It was like butterflies in my stomach, like if you were going to go on a very first date."

The four appeared to be in good shape as they bounded from a California Highway Patrol helicopter that ferried them to safety in two trips; Alexis, 15, and Joshua, 12, were taken out of the woods first. Their 38-year-old father smiled at cheering relatives and friends later as he and his 18-year-old son,

Christopher, emerged from the aircraft.

They were taken to the hospital and checked for dehydration, hypothermia and frostbite, physician Kurt Bower said. They were released within hours, but early Thursday, Alexis was readmitted for pain in her toes from minor frostbite.

I'M JUST AMAZED HOW WELL THEY DID."

Lisa Sams, Mother

Michelle Nye, a spokeswoman for Feather River Hospital in Paradise, said Alexis was admitted to the hospital shortly after 2 a.m.

After he had been checked at the hospital, Dominguez described three harrowing nights in the wild as he tried to keep his children from panicking and succumbing to the numbing cold. Joshua needed constant reassurance.

"I said, 'Son, I would tell you what I bought you for Christmas if I thought we weren't going to make it,'" Dominguez recalled. "My kids were relying on me, and I'm scared, but you can't tell them you're scared."

The ordeal began Sunday, when Dominguez and the children left church and headed to the mountains to cut a tree for Christmas. Because the father had custody of his children at the time, his ex-wife did not know they were missing at first.

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A LOSS FOR WORDS

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Members of the striking Writers Guild of America gathered Monday night at the Santa Monica Civic Auditorium for a membership assembly. The event was restricted to current active members.

Wisnicki to run for council seat

FROM WISNICKI PAGE 3

board seat if she doesn't come out victori-
ous in her hometown. The nomination
period to run for a seat in Santa Monica is
from July 14 to Aug. 8.

"Representing Malibu as a member of
the Santa Monica-Malibu school board
has given me the opportunity to develop
relationships that will help me hit the
ground running as a councilmember,"
Wisnicki said.

Candidates for City Council are required
to receive no less than 20 certified signa-
tures of Malibu registered voters and no
more than 30 signatures to qualify for the
April ballot. There are three open seats on
the five-member City Council. Mayor Jeff
Jennings and Councilmember Ken Kearsley
cannot run for re-election because they
have exceeded their term limits.
Councilmember Pamela Conley Ulich has
not drawn nomination papers yet, accord-
ing to the Malibu City Clerk's Office.

Wisnicki served as vice president of the
Board of Education in 2006, but served a
considerable amount of time filling in as
the president once then President Julia
Brownley began campaigning for a seat on
the California State Assembly. She was
promoted as the president late last year,
serving as the head of the board during a
tumultuous time when district officials
were called into question for accountabil-
ity and transparency. The throne was
passed on to board member Oscar de la
Torre on Dec. 13.

The lone board member from Malibu
would also be the only parent of a public
school student on the City Council if
elected.

Prior to serving on the Board of
Education, Wisnicki served on the dis-
trict's Financial Oversight Committee,
PTA Council — which she served as pres-
ident — and was the co-chair of the

Measure S Campaign. She received her
doctorate in education from UCLA and
specializes in studying the achievement of
at-risk youth.



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Kathy Wisnicki,
Malibu City Council candidate

It is because of her experience in the
school district that de la Torre believes
Wisnicki will be successful in April, call-
ing her a "shoo-in."

"Kathy is a strong advocate for Malibu
and she would do a good job as a member
of the City Council representing the best
interest of the youth and families at
Malibu," de la Torre said on Thursday.
"The added benefit is she has many good
relationships with not only the school
board, but with other elected officials in
the city and the region, making her a valu-
able asset to the political culture of
Malibu's political community."

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Recent storm's runoff to blame for pollution

FROM RAIN PAGE 3

out of the water for up to seven days after a rain.

There are several worries in the water after a rain occurs, including bacteria, pathogens and viruses.

The testing used by the city for bacteria takes 18 to 24 hours to achieve a result, so instead of going by current water quality statistics, the agencies and groups concerned base their advisories on data from previous storms. The past tells them that after one-tenth of an inch of rain falls in the city, bacteria levels tend to spike in the ocean water. Hence, this is usually when a rain advisory goes into affect.

The Surfrider Foundation, an organization that also works to protect the coast, has a page on their Web site informing people about water quality before and after a storm.

"Waters that are polluted may contain several different disease-causing organisms, commonly called pathogens," the site warns. "Enteric pathogens — those that live in the human intestine — can carry or cause a number of infectious diseases."

Most municipalities, including Los Angeles County, don't test for viruses because of the cost-effectiveness of the testing. Even so, viruses are believed to be a major cause of swimming-associated diseases, and are responsible for cases of gastroenteritis, hepatitis, respiratory illness, and ear, nose, and throat problems.

Because the water advisories are just that — advisories, watergoers have to decide themselves whether or not they're willing to take the risk of going into the water.

Alamillo, who boogie boards, said he chooses not to go in, but says the information that Heal the Bay offers is important to allow people to make an informed decision as to whether or not they want to go in.

**I SURF EVERY MORNING
IT'S NOT RAINING. BUT I
WON'T GO IN NOW. IT'S BROWN
AND IT SMELLS."**

Jennifer Argenti, Avid surfer

"I surf every morning it's not raining," said Jennifer Argenti, an avid surfer. "But I won't go in now." Friends of Argenti did go in yesterday, and when they came out after the session, they told her what she missed — "It's brown and it smells."

Maybe, the advisories are good advice.

For more information about the health of the water you can go to www.lapublichealth.org/beach/.

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Property owner agrees to settle dispute

FROM RENT PAGE 1

drawing them from the market, a violation of the Ellis Act.

Under the law, the Rent Control Board is authorized to bring an action for exemplary damages against the owner for doing so. The purpose of the exemplary damages is to penalize the landlord for abusing the Ellis Act, and to serve as an example to other landlords that such abuses will not be tolerated, Jones said.

Three of the evicted tenants are pursuing separate actions against the owner, Jones said.

Calls to the attorney representing the former tenants

were not returned.

Jones said she was tipped off by a resident living next to the apartment building in question. When attorneys went to investigate, Jones said they found people living in two units who admitted to paying some form of rent.

"Evidence is always the hurdle in cases like this," Jones said. "Here, though, we had people who admitted to paying rent."

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Notes from the film scoundrel

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Striking writers improve shows

I REALLY HOPE THAT THE STRIKE IS NOT settled by awards season. I am an American that is anti-union. I have a distaste for the self-important ego maniacs they derive from. I don't have a family, and won't for some time, but when I do have one I won't be out in the streets playing a violin because of a strike. If and when I write movies, I will never join the union. I know this will forsake the "big names" I could potentially work with and have in my films, but "the names" really aren't that great anyway.

Not crossing picket lines is this big caboodle of respect that is doled out to the SAG, DGA and others of their ilk. They are all disdainful of each other behind closed doors and are all looking at this WGA strike as a way and a blue-

print to play checkers with the powers that be and the people at large. Average Joe certainly doesn't care about some silly actor, writer, or director who can't earn enough in an over-paid business. Just as a Hollywood person doesn't care about a metal workers strike. All I care about is that the awards shows all do away with their hosts and horrible writers. Gil Cates, longtime Oscar telecast producer, looks forward to a non-host, non-schtick, all-awards format. Higher ratings would be expected and thus ad rates would be at a higher financial premium, leading to more revenue. I like his posturing, and I really hope there is some teeth to his threats.

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NEW RELEASES

REVIEW BY KENN TARR



Photo courtesy Paramount Vantage

HARD TO LIKE: Nicole Kidman plays a character that is difficult to admire, but a joy to watch.

Strong ensemble cast makes 'Margot' a noteworthy drama

NOAH BAUMBACH'S NEO-WOODY

Allen misadventure of once-close sisters re-uniting is an utterly joyless debacle, the type of film that makes one cringe watching. When seeing "Margot at the Wedding," viewers should be happy to be rid of the neurotic and irresponsible characters and head back out into the daylight.

Oh, did I mention that I actually like this picture?

This movie portrays Margot (Nicole Kidman) and Pauline (Jennifer Jason Leigh) as they attempt to reconcile at the expense of everybody else around

them. Newcomer Zane Pais plays Margot's son Claude and his performance alone is worth watching. A role in which he is required to gradually realize his mother is a completely insane bitch, he pulls it off with aplomb in addition to being pitch-perfect in the requisite coming of age sub-plot.

Jack Black co-stars as Pauline's oddly-facial haired fiancé. He wears his mustache but "it was meant as a joke." Needless to say vacationing novelist Margot is too prim to accept

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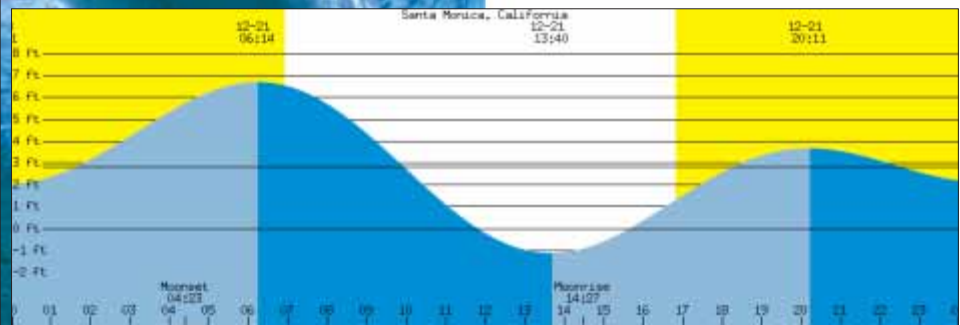
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ON THE SHELVES

REVIEWS BY RANDY WILLIAMS

Alicia Keys, 'As I Am'

The singer-songwriter's third studio album showcases her range as a musician. A classically-trained pianist, the R&B star kicks off with a more traditional piece then mixes in Motown and reggae-flavored compositions. A bit broader than her major debut, "Songs in A Minor" and the Grammy-winning chart-topper, "Diary of Alicia Keys", "As I Am" presents Keys as a deeper, raspier vocalist still developing her immense talents. (J Records)



Photo courtesy J Records
CHANGE UP: Alicia Keys takes chances on 'As I Am.'

John Fogerty, 'Revival'

With a new perspective on his past and a renewed sense of optimism for the future, the appropriately named album reveals Fogerty's rejuvenated musical spirit and command. At times wistful like "Don't You Wish It Was True", to rockabilly with "It Ain't Right" and a personally reflective tune, "Broken Down Cowboy", the Grammy-winner even revisits the swampy days of his old superband with "Creedence Song". Revival is compelling work from an American music icon. (Fantasy)

Stanley Clarke, 'The Toys of Men'

One of the most enduring cutting-edge electric bass players in history and a pioneer in the jazz fusion movement, here Clarke examines the emotional sweep of war. The 13-song set spans from the dark and violent to the uplifting and transcendent. The title tune refers to the use of weapons from clubs to swords men have used to intimidate adversaries with the six-part song touching on the range of war from chaos to hope. An unusual mix of acoustic and electric, solo and ensemble pieces, Clarke stretches his notable musical reach to produce a fully-satisfying album. (Heads Up Records)

Tricia Yearwood, 'Heaven, Heartache, and the Power of Love'

The first female country artist to sell over a million records on their debut album, one of the genre's treasured voices, Yearwood is back with her first studio album in two years offering a range of somber, lighthearted and rousing tunes as the title suggests on her Big Machine Records debut. (Big Machine Records)

NWA, 'Straight Outta Compton' re-issue

It has been 20 years since NWA rocketed "Straight Outta Compton" to double platinum success garnering worldwide acclaim and notoriety as rap music's most powerful force, redefining forever the trajectory of popular music. The commemorative release adds five bonus tracks, including a live version of "Compton's 'N The House," covers of "Straight Outta Compton" tracks by Snoop Dogg and C-Murder, Bone Thugs-N-Harmony, Mack 10, and WC, and a new package essay by noted music writer and author Soren Baker. (Capitol)

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Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sepul Creek mouth (sewerline)	A+	A+	Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence	A+	A+
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth	A	A+	Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain	C	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lachasa and Los Altos creeks	A+	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain	A	A+
Escalante Canyon at El Morado State Beach	A+	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chatsworth)	F	F
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth	A+	A+	Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain	F	D
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth	A+	A+	Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain	F	C
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private)	A+	ns	Santa Monica Municipal Pier	F	F
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth	A+	A+	Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kentner storm drain	F	F
Escalante Creek, just east of Escalante State Beach	A+	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restaurant)	A+	F
Ledger Canyon Creek mouth	A	A+	Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain	B	F
Saltine Canyon at San Blazquez County Beach	A+	ns	Venice City Beach, at the Baso Ave. storm drain	A	ns
Puerto State Beach at creek mouth	A+	A+	Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain	F	A+
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerto Beach, at 24572 Mulliken Rd.	A	ns	Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain	A	ns
Surfside Beach at Mulliken Canyon fence	A+	A+	Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south	A	C
Surfside Beach (beach location) - daily	F	F	Venice Beach-projection of Tapsell St.	A+	C
Mallbu Pier - 50 yards east	A	A	Marias del Rey, Mothers' Beach- flagguard tower	A	D
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon	A+	ns	Deckweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth	A	F
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zone)	A+	ns	Deckweiler State Beach at Calver Blvd. drain	A+	ns
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs	F	A+	North Westchester Storm Drain at Deckweiler State Beach	A+	ns
Pine Creek at Los Tamien County Beach	A+	ns	Deckweiler State Beach at World Way (south of DAW jetty)	A+	A+
Tuna Canyon	A	A+	Deckweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain	A	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth	A	C	Deckweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant	A+	A+
Castroville Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	F	F	Deckweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain	A	A+
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	F	C			
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain)	A+	A+			

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DRY — each location is graded on an A – F scale based on bacterial pollution levels present in the surf zone

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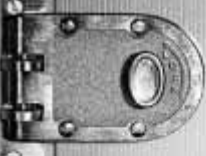
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Sleepless over lack of sleep

IN MOVIES, WHEN THE MEDIEVAL CASTLE is stormed in the middle of the night by a rebel faction, the king and queen are always wearing long, white bedgowns. This is probably because having kings and queens leap out of bed naked (yet historically accurate) isn't integral to the plot.

The first Christmas after I was married, my mother gave me, among other gifts, a set of flannel pajamas. I took them out of the box. The flannel was cream-colored, printed with pineapples, coconuts, and bananas. My first thought was not about how "me" they were (which they were). My first thought was, It's the first Christmas after I just got married – what am I supposed to do with pajamas?

But, eventually, you do find yourself in tropical fruit sleepwear.

This Christmas, (my seventh married Christmas), I will wake up in the guest bedroom at my mother's house in brown cotton pjs printed with sushi. I found them at a boutique on Main Street. They were hanging in the shop's window for a month, and every time I walked past that window, the pajamas made the corners of my mouth turn up. But then, one day, replaced by jeans that promised to simulate a tummy-tuck, the pajamas were gone. Why hadn't I just gotten them the first time I saw them? Or the fourth? I had figured the pajamas would lose their effect. I had figured that one day I would walk by that window, and not even notice the sushi pajamas. But not seeing them made me the same kind of sad I felt freshman year of high school when my favorite TV show was canceled. Those pajamas understood me.

"You didn't sell out of the sushi pajamas you had hanging in the window?" I asked inside. Oh no, the saleswoman told me.



West Dressed
Mariel Howsepian
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There were two left. I had already made up my mind to buy a pair when I looked at the price tag. The average Nicaraguan could live for 40 days on the amount of money necessary to buy these pajamas.

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I never know what to get my mother – the proverbial "woman who has everything" – for Christmas. A couple of years ago, I bought her and my step-dad livestock: Goats, bunnies, bees. (Are bees considered livestock?) I didn't put the animals under the tree with red bows tied around their necks. (Do bees have necks?) I donated money to a nonprofit organization that gives livestock to people in third world countries, and gave my mother and step-

HOLIDAY PLANNING:
■ **UNLESS YOU PLAN** to be the one holding the camera on Christmas morning, give thought to what pajamas you put on Christmas Eve.

dad cards I had printed off the organization's website. Now, the organization keeps sending me pamphlets and personalized address labels and gratitude for my commitment to ending world hunger.

Last year, research firm IMS Health found that Americans spent more than \$20 billion on sleep accessories and extras. We (not me – I'm not sure who this "we" is) bought white noise machines and cashmere pajamas. This doesn't include the \$3 billion we (still not me) spent on prescription sleep drugs. According to the National Institutes of Health, one-third of us have some kind of sleep disorder. (Does one's snoring husband count as a sleep disorder?) The Center for the Advancement of Health disagrees with NIH, claiming that the number of people with legitimate sleep problems is much lower than one-third, and that, essentially, Americans are a bunch of hypochondriacs.

Sleepless about not being able to sleep? In New York, "corporate wellness center" Yelo charges the low-low price of \$12 for you to come in a take a 20-minute nap. The average Nicaraguan could live for a week on \$12.

This Christmas Eve, I intend to nestle all snug in my sushi pajamas, and let visions of sugar plums stage a krumping battle with the livestock and naked royals.

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The stars show the kind of day you'll have:
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Hanging out is fun, Aries

Happy Birthday!

You could be full of energy this year. Though dynamic, often your ideas fall on deaf ears, which sometimes frustrates you. Learn to let others take credit for your ideas, and suddenly you'll get results. If you are single, many people might demonstrate more than a casual interest. Pick and choose with care. If you are attached, allow your sweetie to play a stronger role in your bond. GEMINI can be challenging or nurturing.



Born Today

Track star Florence Griffith Joyner (1959)
Actress Jane Fonda (1937)
Actor Ray Romano (1957)

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★ You could feel vaguely out of sorts for a good part of the day. Ideas stream in from out of left field, and you also might be uncomfortable about the costs. Mid-afternoon, you get a second wind. Postpone as much as possible. Tonight: Hanging out is fun.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Though you might feel on top of the world, and perhaps a touch skeptical about a boss's or someone else's suggestion, trying to make a difference could be close to impossible. Tonight: Treat someone to eggnog or a seasonal happening.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ You might not be as right-on as you'd like to be. Make that OK, as you could be a touch exhausted or questioning another's actions. In the late afternoon, your mind grasps what it previously could not. Act now. Tonight: On top of the world.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Though you might like to be more sure of yourself, you still need to act. In a sense, a partner is unintentionally sabotaging you. Act on what you want directly. Avoid a conflict, and take your space if possible. Tonight: Choose something quiet.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Yes, you might have too much to do, but you will accomplish it all. You will feel better than you have in a long time. By late afternoon, you start making plans to get together with friends and loved ones. Tonight: Christen the weekend in style.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Take an overview even if others are too triggered to detach. Knowing how to pull out of a difficult situation could become a specialty. You also might not be seeing the whole situation clearly. Listen to your inner voice. Tonight: A must show.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★★ Reach out for someone you care about. How you are dealing with a situation could change dramatically. Listen to your inner voice with a partner. You might not be able to see eye to eye right now. Tonight: Opt for something very different.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★★ Others dominate. You might have a lot of ideas, but no one wants to listen. Put on a great piece of holiday music and relax. Later this afternoon, others seem more willing to talk turkey. Make time for a special person. Tonight: Under the mistletoe.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★★ How you deal with someone could be much different in the p.m. You might feel as if you are getting nowhere fast in the morning, yet you'll greet success late afternoon. Use timing and get results. Tonight: In the whirlwind of life.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★ Someone simply does not get what you believe is a novel idea. Though this lack of response could be disappointing, why let it bother you? Make time for what you need to do later today. Remember yourself in the many errands you run. Tonight: Take it easy.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Your imagination might prove to be more of a delight to you. Someone around you simply does not get it. Don't let this lack of response get to you. Be happy without approval. Late afternoon, fun appears. Tonight: Paint the town red.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★ Speak your mind, and others will listen. Sometimes you might confuse an issue rather than help it. If you would like to hang out and not make important statements, all will flow. Pressure builds on the home front. Tonight: Head home early.

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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SO WHAT'D YOU GUYS TALK ABOUT WHILE I WAS AT THE BAR?

The Meaning of Lila

By John Forgetta & L.A. Rose

WOULD YOU LIKE TO COME IN FOR A CUP OF COFFEE?

SURE.

OH, NO! THERE'S A MEDICAL EMERGENCY DOWNTOWN.

MEDICAL EMERGENCY?

A WOMAN JUST HAD A HEART ATTACK!

I WAS JUST ABOUT TO ASK A MAN INTO MY APARTMENT. IT'S PROBABLY MY MOTHER.

The Other Coast

By Adrian Raeside

TOYS

TCH. IT'S TOUGH TO KNOW THESE DAYS WHICH TOYS COULD BE HARMFUL. UNLIKE WHEN I WAS A KID.

WHEN YOU'RE FINISHED PLAYING WITH YOUR LEAD TOY SOLDIERS, I'VE BOUGHT YOU A CHEMISTRY SET - WITH EXTRA MERCURY AND GUNPOWDER.

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By Jim Davis

SO YOU'LL COME? ...GREAT!

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LIZ AND HER HOLIDAY FUDGE?!

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HERE COMES THE WIGGLY WORM! HERE HE COMES!

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13 Slow tempo

14 Masked hero

15 Bordeaux buddy

16 Re-reporter's question

18 Road-house

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Once again, someone found a suspected live explosive on his property, put it in his car, and took it to the local police station (this time, a hand grenade, in Devon, England, in November). (For the record, emergency personnel would rather be told about an explosive than have it brought into their building.)

■ Once again, a motorist casually traveling on a highway had his vehicle crushed by an airborne cow (this time, near Manson, Wash., in November). The 600-pound cow had fallen off a cliff, totaling the minivan but not injuring the driver, who was quoted in an Associated Press dispatch saying repeatedly, "I don't believe this."

■ In August, a Roman Catholic bishop in the Netherlands, Martinus Muskens, suggested that Christians start referring to God as "Allah" as a way of relieving world tensions. "Allah is a very beautiful word What does God care what we call him? It is our problem." A priest in Rome said Muskens' intentions were good, "but his theology needs a little fine-tuning." Muskens said he spent eight years in Indonesia, where Catholic priests used "Allah" during Mass.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1913 Arthur Wynne's "word-cross", the first crossword puzzle, is published in the New York World.

1937 The film Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs is premiered at the Carthay Circle Theater in Los Angeles.

1958 French presidential election, 1958: Charles de Gaulle is elected President of France as his Union des Démocrates pour la République party gain 78.5% of the vote.

1968 Apollo program: Apollo 8, the first manned mission to the moon, is launched from the Kennedy Space Center in Florida. At 2h:50m:37s Mission elapsed time (MES), the crew performs the first ever manned Trans Lunar Injection and become the first humans to leave the Earth's gravity field.

1970 Elvis Presley meets with President Richard Nixon to discuss the war on drugs.

1970 The F-14 Tomcat flies for the first time.

1971 The United Nations Security Council chooses Kurt Waldheim to succeed U Thant as Secretary-General.

1988 A bomb explodes on board Pan Am flight 103 over Lockerbie, Dumfries and Galloway, Scotland, killing 270.

1994 A homemade bomb goes off on the # 4 train on Fulton Street in New York City.

WORD UP!

tocsin \TOCK-sin\, *noun*: 1. An alarm bell, or the ringing of a bell for the purpose of alarm. 2. A warning.

The Scoundrel takes on ‘roids

FROM SCOUNDREL PAGE 10

This weekend should be a real battle at the box office. From now until Christmas Day several high-profile and long-awaited films will enter into the pantheon, many already carrying high expectations for awards. Others are just common-man schlock, “National Treasure: Book of Secrets”. Frequent sell-out Nic Cage is back for the sequel. The original film “National Treasure” exposed secret societies and Freemasonry, however, one should never believe the movie version of events. This film is cow dung just like the one that preceded it. High-ranking Freemasons must have gotten to husband and wife screenwriters Cormac and Marianne Webberley and shaken them both down. No more cinematic depictions of Freemasonry, true or false-flag, thank you. Alas, the film will open with around \$50 million at the box office. “I Am Legend” will be number two, probably dropping 50 percent to \$35 million. The futuristic horror thriller has secured its place as the top-grossing film of the holiday season. Also opening this week is John C. Reilly’s “Walk Hard: The Dewey Cox Story”, Hillary Swank’s first attempt at romantic comedy in “P.S. I Love You”, the Cold War era comedy drama “Charlie Wilson’s War” (waning Oscar hopes and all), and the long awaited “Sweeney Todd” and “There Will Be Blood”.

IN OTHER NEWS ...

In conflict-of-interests news, former Senator George Mitchell’s “Mitchell Report” does not name a single Red Sox baseball player as a steroid user. The Orioles? Nine of them, and many more mentions of performance-enhancing drugs being a major part of the culture of the Baltimore locker room. Of course, the Yankees are hit hard, as is Toronto. Not finding a single Red Sox player who was an HGH user or steroid user is like looking in a haystack for a needle and finding no hay. Do haystacks even have hay? Of course. Do the Red Sox players use performance-

enhancing drugs? Of course. It is good that the names are out now, but to not find anything wrong with Boston whatsoever makes the report pretty un-objective.

IN A COUPLE OF YEARS THERE WILL BE A SPORTS TRIVIA GAME SHOW ON TV CALLED ‘WHO’S THE USER?’ HOSTED BY JOSE CANSECO. HIS BIZARRE, ENTERTAINING ADMISSIONS IN HIS BOOK ‘JUICED’ STARTED THE WHOLE PROCESS.

Also, the report, besides the Andy Pettitte and Roger Clemens revelations, is really a glorified who’s who list of anonymous baseball players. It really doesn’t shatter me that much that Larry Bigbie, David Segui or Adam Piatt were juicing. Still Miguel Tejada was revealed as a user and the report is actually pretty fun to read, especially if one remembers the heady days of Major League Baseball earlier this decade. My guess is when there is another report like this in a couple of years, Boston players and many more of today’s current stars will be exposed. These drugs make the players better, usually much better. Some have admitted using, saying that they tried it once, or used it to get over a specific injury. Yeah, right.

That is as believable as Bill Clinton not inhaling. Why would you only take it once, so far into your

career. Did you think you’d just partake in the latest fad? No. The real answer is much more calculating and bleak. The baseball institution, from fitness trainers, high school and college coaches, right down to the owners and managers, have always ignored and obviously at times, secretly promoted the steroid lifestyle. A silly report by a biased old man netted close to 100 names. In a couple of years there will be a sports trivia game show on TV called “Who’s The User?” hosted by Jose Canseco. His bizarre, entertaining admissions in his book “Juiced” started the whole process. Still, as he illustrated, baseball is just one aspect of a steroid epidemic in our country. From baseball to football to track and your local gym, it is now estimated that 15 percent of high school seniors use steroids. You may not know these peeps, but they are everywhere, and it usually is a habit that continues into adulthood. For baseball stars, the results are evident in their statistics and paychecks.

One star that needs exposing: Santa Claus. That guy’s juicing for real! How does he make his way across seven continents in just one night? Ho, Ho, Ho is hardly ‘roid rage however. Mitchell certainly does know how to get his name out there though. Everyone, please enjoy the holiday, and be irresponsible if you see fit to do so. Drink and drive, flirt with nieces, act generally uncouth. I really get tired of those threatening commercials and PSAs about driving drunk on the holidays. The police and government have shouldn’t be spending their money on that mess? Have a very uncouth Christmas to all the happy and unhappy goyim out there, and the righteous gentiles as well. As the storm clouds graze over Santa Monica, the scoundrel emerges from his chamber of knowledge for a magnificent Holiday weekend.

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‘Margot at the Wedding’ is hard to look at, easy to like

FROM FILM PAGE 10

this, and I only wish there were more scenes between the leads in this film. Particularly, the scenes with Black and Kidman are strong. Generally, Baumbach writes good scenes of conflict, where the root of every argument is made often very far below the surface. Leigh’s Pauline character is ambivalent and often passive with Margot, but that doesn’t mean she is willing to forgive and re-embrace the arrogant Margot.

Pauline may not be perfect and is all too bohemian for Margot nowadays, so the conflict during their reunion arises solely from Margot as she meddles, lies to her son and others and spreads rumors in a variety of fashions. Kidman exceeds in this performance, hopefully through with the paycheck phase of her career with recent schlock such as “The Interpreter”, “The Invasion” and “Bewitched”.

The movie is perhaps too under-stated and what actually happens may seem

oddly cliché. But it works because everything falls into place well enough, and if over-the-top escapades were the norm in this film, then it would be a studio film, which it is not. Baumbach works counter to typical family comedy-drama fare. This and “The Squid and the Whale” are rare honest films, perhaps too honest for many. I only wish he had written more scenes specifically for Leigh’s character.

All in all, Baumbach brings a kind of horror movie-type honesty to this work.

No one dies, no one is much different when it ends, but they very well will be should there ever be a “Margot at the Funeral” sequel. Boasting great performances by the four main characters, Kidman, Leigh, Black and Pais are part of a strong ensemble cast.

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Notice is given that on December 26, 2007 at 8:30 a.m. or as soon after that time as the matter may be heard, petitioner will move for an order adjudicating the Santa Monica Daily Press as a newspaper of general circulation for the City of Santa Monica, County of Los Angeles. The hearing will be held in Department 20 of the Los Angeles Superior Court, 111 N. Hill Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012.
The Petition sets forth the following:
1. Petitioner, Ross Furukawa, is publisher of the newspaper known as Santa Monica Daily Press, which is seeking adjudicated under Government Code §6008 as a newspaper of general circulation for the City of Santa Monica.
2. Santa Monica Daily Press is published for the dissemination of local or telegraphic news and intelligence of a general character in the City of Santa Monica, California. The business address is 410 Broadway, Suite B, Santa Monica, CA 90401.
3. Santa Monica Daily Press has a bona fide subscription list of paying subscribers, and substantial paid distribution.
4. For more than three years preceding the filing of the petition, the petitioning newspaper has been established under the name of Santa Monica Daily Press, and has been so established and published, that is, issued and sold or distributed regularly each weekday in the City of Santa Monica.
5. During each of the three-year period preceding the filing of this petition, the newspaper has maintained a minimum coverage of local news and intelligence of a general character of not less than twenty-five percent of its total inches; it has a principal office of publication located in the City of Santa Monica, County of Los Angeles.
DATED: December 13, 2007
Lisa Grace-Kellogg
Attorney for Petitioner
Santa Monica Daily Press
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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case No. YS017879
Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles
Petition of PENNY MARIE BISCHOFF for Change of Name
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner or Attorney: PENNY MARIE BISCHOFF filed a petition with this court for a decree of changing names as follows: PENNY MARIE BISCHOFF to ESTHER MARREV BISHOVITZ. The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted.
Notice of Hearing:
Date: 1/08/08 Time:8:30 am, Dept.B.
The address of the court is 1725 Main St., Santa Monica, CA 90401.
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Santa Monica Daily Press.
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The bids must be submitted at the Cashier's Office, located on the Mezzanine level, 900 South Fremont Avenue, Alhambra, California 91803-1331, before 11 a.m. on Tuesday, January 22, 2008. The bids will then be publicly opened and read in Conference Room A or at the location posted in the main lobby.

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pleted over a period of one year. The work requires a California Class A or C-10 contractor's license. Prebid questions regarding the Plans and Specifications should be directed to Mr. Harry Cong at (626) 458-3111.

A mandatory prebid meeting for this Contract will be held on Monday, January 14, 2008, at 10 a.m., in the Small Dining Room of the Headquarters Building, 900 South Fremont Avenue, Alhambra, California 91803-1331, Thomas Guide page 595, H-6. Attendance at this meeting is mandatory for award of the contract.

The bids must be submitted on the proposal forms included in the bidder's package of the contract documents, which may be purchased for \$14, if picked up at the aforementioned Cashier's Office, (626) 458-6959, Monday through Thursday between 7 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., or for \$17, if mailed, which includes postage and handling.

Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check, cashier's check, or surety bond payable to the County of Los Angeles in an amount equal to at least 10 percent of the bid to guarantee that the bidder will enter into the contract if it is so awarded.

All persons performing the work shall be paid not less than the General Prevailing Wage Determination prepared by the Director of Industrial Relations pursuant to the California Labor Code. Copies of these wage rates are available at the Department of Public Works.

The bid must provide full disclosure of False Claims Act violations, labor law/payroll violations, debarments, and civil/criminal legal actions as provided for on the forms included as part of the proposal. Failure to complete these forms may result in a determination that the bidder is nonresponsive and/or not responsible.

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The successful bidder will be required to fully comply with all applicable State and Federal reporting requirements relating to employment reporting for its employees and comply with all lawfully served Wage and Earnings Assignment Orders and Notice of Assignment and continue to maintain compliance throughout the duration of the contract. Failure to comply may be cause for termination of the contract or initiation of debarment proceedings.

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