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At Samohi, finding a system for success

Boys soccer: Vikings look to bounce back from early losses as they implement Prost's complex offense

BY JEFFREY I. GOODMAN

Daily Press Staff Writer

Last Monday had already become a rough day for the Santa Monica High boys soccer team, which was swept by South Gate-South East in a nonconference duel at the South Torrance tournament.

But the challenges were only beginning to unfold.

The Vikings had to play again later that afternoon, this time against San Pedro. They were shorthanded, too, because a few players were out of town with school closed for winter vacation and several others were nursing injuries. Then it started to rain.

But a Hollywood ending wasn't written for Samohi, which finished the 2015 portion of its campaign with a loss in a penalty-kick shootout after playing to a 3-3 tie.

Still, there was enough to convince coach Corey Prost that the Vikings are capable of a successful season in his second year at the helm.

"I was proud of the way we fought back into the game," said Prost, whose team gave up an early goal in the preseason setback. "We've had a slow start in terms of results, but we're hoping to get everyone healthy and make a push for league and another push for



Courtesy photo

BOYS IN BLUE: The Samohi boys soccer team is in its second year under coach Corey Prost, a Vikings alumnus.

playoffs."

At least in one way, the program is more stable now than it was this time last year. Prost, a Samohi alumnus who is currently in his second year at the helm, has become more familiar with his roster and his players are more comfortable in his system.

"There's always a bit of transition [the first year]," he said. "This year, it's going very smoothly.

We've got a great group of guys who are really committed to improving themselves. I'm proud of the progress they've made so far."

Whether Prost's team can bounce back from a poor showing in nonconference play remains to be seen. The Vikings, who last year lost to Santa Paula in the wild-card round of the CIF Southern Section Division 4 playoffs and finished

with a 7-12-1 record, were just 1-6 this season entering their nonconference finale Jan. 8 on the road against Manhattan Beach-Mira Costa.

This year's squad features a combination of senior leadership and inexperienced talent. Providing stability are senior co-captains Kohl Buitenveld and Mostafa Diab.

Buitenveld "makes our midfield

tick," Prost said. "He's good at distributing the ball and playing the ball we'd like him to play."

Diab, who usually plays at center back, bolsters a defense that is anchored by goalkeepers Emilio Medina, Saba Maknoui and Nate Comay.

"When he's out on the field," Prost said, "we're very strong defensively in the back."

Prost is also expecting a stand-out campaign from sophomore Owen Koettters, a midfielder who earned ample playing time in the varsity ranks as a freshman.

"He's been very good for us in the middle," Prost said. "He's created a lot in our attack."

Samohi's attack is predicated on a complex style that involves precise ball movement from the back line to the forwards. It's a style that Prost learned from former club coach Keith West, who now runs the women's soccer program at Cal State Northridge — and a style that he believes will help his team succeed in the Ocean League and beyond.

Conference play begins Jan. 13 on the road against Hawthorne.

"The bar for us is to improve every day," Prost said. "It's a style the kids aren't used to playing, but it's to prepare them to play at the next level."

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Students await SpaceX rocket re-launch

Spacebound science experiment to get second chance after June mishap

BY JEFFREY I. GOODMAN

Daily Press Staff Writer

As several Santa Monica students have learned, getting to space isn't an easy endeavor.

About six months ago, the

SpaceX rocket carrying their science experiment to the International Space Station exploded shortly after launch from Cape Canaveral, Florida.

It was an unexpected learning experience to be gained from the Student Spaceflight Experiments

Program, a national educational initiative that aims to promote science through real-world application and interdisciplinary collaboration.

The local students whose proj-

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Ring in 2016 on the Westside

New Year's parties, dinners, more around town

BY JENNIFER MAAS

Daily Press Staff Writer

The new year is upon us, but before the resolutions come the celebrations. This year there are several options for Santa Monicans who want to count down in style

on Dec. 31, whether it be at a masquerade ball or with a prix-fixe dinner.

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Local Coastal Plan: Introduction to provide information on the Local Coastal Plan update project. The project will develop a Coastal Land Use Plan based on current City policies and best practices for coastal management consistent with climate change impacts and introduce a Coastal Zoning Ordinance (Implementation Plan). The 18 month project is anticipated to result in an updated Coastal Land Use Plan and Implementation Plan for Council approval and California Coastal Commission certification. Approval of an Implementation would transition coastal permitting authority to the City of Santa Monica. The Commission is being asked to provide suggestions for consideration in the process and on the public outreach process in particular. [Planner: Liz Bar-EI]

SB 743: Initial presentation and discussion regarding State Senate Bill 743, which requires California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) traffic analysis to utilize vehicle miles traveled as the significant criteria instead of level of service. No action will be taken by the Commission on this item. [Planner: Rachel Kwok]

WHEN: Wednesday, January 6, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

WHERE: Council Chambers, City Hall
1685 Main Street
Santa Monica, California



HOW TO COMMENT

The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. You may comment at the Planning Commission public hearing, or by writing a letter or e-mail. Information received prior to the hearing will be given to the Planning Commission at the meeting.

MORE INFORMATION

If you want additional information about this project or wish to review the project, please contact the Project Planner (310) 458-8341. The Zoning Ordinance is available at the Planning Counter during business hours or available on the City's web site at www.smgov.net. The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible. If you have any disability-related accommodation request, please contact (310) 458-8341, or TTY Number: (310) 458-8696 at least five (5) business days prior to the meeting. Santa Monica "Big Blue" Bus Lines #2, #3, Rapid 3, #7 and #9 service the City Hall and Civic Center. "Big Blue" Bus Lines #2 and #8 now run on Ocean Avenue instead of Main Street due to Colorado Esplanade construction. Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the Public Hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Monica at, or prior to, the Public Hearing.

ESPAÑOL: Esto es una noticia de una audiencia pública para revisar aplicaciones proponiendo desarrollo en Santa Monica. Si deseas más información, favor de llamar a Peter James en la División de Planificación al número (310) 458-8341.

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Exhibit: Art Bank: Selections from the City's collection; Open through Jan. 12 in Event House Gallery. Annenberg Community Beach House, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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(129 min.) Seating first come, first served. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 3 - 4:15 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 31

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Guest House

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Main Library

Santa Monica Public Library presents Big Brother is Watching: The Urgency of Orwell's '1984'

The Santa Monica Public Library is proud to present the lecture and discussion, *Big Brother is Watching: The Urgency of Orwell's "1984"* on Wednesday, Jan. 6 at 7:30 p.m. in the Main Library's Multipurpose Room, 601 Santa Monica Blvd.

Join The Broad Stage dramaturge Jonathan Redding for a conversation on the Headlong Theatre's new adaptation of "1984" and the continued relevance of the novel in a world of surveillance capabilities even George Orwell could not have imagined.

Direct from smash hit performances on London's West End, the critically acclaimed Headlong Theatre Company makes its U.S. debut with a radical new

staging that blurs the line between past and present, fiction and reality. George Orwell's groundbreaking novel about the destructive powers of Big Brother is transformed into a thrillingly visceral experience with "1984." "A superbly handled multimedia speculation on the nature of truth that never lets the audience off the hook" (The Guardian), "1984" is a staggering theatrical feat that brings us terrifyingly close to Orwell's dystopian vision of tomorrow. The production runs from Jan. 8 through Feb. 6 at The Broad Stage, 1310 11th St., Santa Monica.

Big Brother is Watching: The Urgency of Orwell's '1984' is free and open to the public. Seating is limited and on a first-arrival basis. The Santa Monica Public Library is wheelchair accessible. For special disabled services, call Library Administration at (310) 458-8606 at least one week prior to event. For more information, visit smpl.org or contact the Santa Monica Public Library at (310) 458-8600.

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Hey bud, here's an idea

I HATE LISTS.

A RELUCTANT CONFESSION. NOT PROUD of it. Smart, accomplished, organized people use lists. "How can you get where you want to go if you don't have a map?" they say. And isn't a map in life often a checklist of to-dos?

Well, to-do, to-dah. I don't do lists and I got where I am, obviously, and I like it here, so there. Oops, that sounds like being proud of defying common wisdom, but in truth I do have my own map and mental lists, and a method of accomplishing that suits my virtues and vices. Everything in its time. But when I get it I've got it for good, you betcha.

Which reminds me, did you see that serial unwed mother Bristol Palin, 25, has made close to a million dollars from her "position" as spokeswoman promoting abstinence before marriage? (That counts a book and "Dancing With the Stars" appearance.) I guess you can map yourself to some pretty lucrative places even if your moral compass is broken, and the irony mines are depleted.

Back to lists. I almost always shun formal, written lists. Those of you who may read this column from time to time probably think the "I Hate Lists" lead above is a way of fooling you into thinking I don't have a list to offer, and then bam! There it is. I must admit I do like to do that.

But no, not this time. I thought about it. A lot. It's the end of the year and everyone makes lists, especially media people. For most of my career as a music journalist I ran away from lists. The 10 Best Albums of the Year? Rather not, for several reasons.

But pondering all that happened in our fair city in 2015 brought me to another place. There were rays of sunshine and hope, but such a trainload of serious, historic, city-changing, future-fouling problems that it's too disheartening to try to make a list and be positive about it.

So here's what I've been mulling over for quite some time.

OMBUDSMAN.

I think we need one in Santa Monica.

No, it's not something you find in a Swedish bakery, but it is a concept from that part of the world, with origins in an ancient Norse word meaning representative. Ancient idea. It may have been in practice in China and Korea as early as second century B.C.

Most nations in the world have ombudsmen — if I may for now, for convenience sake only, with full awareness that my daughter will probably make me suffer for my suffix, use the widely accepted version of the word that clearly ends in "man" without being hoisted on a feminist petard?

If we get one in Santa Monica, shall we change it to ombudsperson? Doesn't sound right. Actually, the word ombud is used today in Scandinavian languages to mean proxy or attorney, so maybe we can go with that. That sounds pretty authoritative too, even intimidating — "Look out, the Ombud is coming! Hide your children, hide your second set of books!"

Ombudsmen can operate on a national, state or municipal level. Their duties are usually defined as investigating and reporting on possible naughtiness in government, as reported by citizens. Rumor is the high

school principal is distributing meth to math students. I heard a prominent local butcher paid for the mayor's house and they meet all the time. Or, more likely, I have evidence a councilmember has violated the Brown Act, that an historic home was demolished without permit, or that referendum signatures were not accurately recorded.

Beyond the idea of an ombudsman being an independent government watchdog, each one is set up to suit the situation, and territory. Usually they are not prosecutors, but gather evidence and present findings, leaving other parties to take action or not. But having one trusted, neutral person that citizens can turn to, rather than trying to penetrate the intimidating mass and maze of our many city departments and employees in Santa Monica, to investigate, with authority and license, suspected wrongdoing in government, could solve a lot of problems, restore faith in our city government and create an atmosphere of openness in which many abuses, overreach and partisanship would no longer even be considered.

THERE ARE A COUPLE OF PROBLEMS.

How do you choose the ombudsman? Appointed, by say mayor, city manager or city council? Then aren't they beholden? Not necessarily. On a national level, attorneys general and special prosecutors are appointed often from outside government, given full authority and powers, and are not subject to firing or interference by those who hired them. We can do that here. Or it could be an elected office, but then you have the usual politics, meaning it would likely be subject to SMRR approval, an extension of the city council. Some would think that's good. Not me.

The other problem is defining the duties. Just investigating government wrongdoing is big, but how about the ombudsman also being the one person you could turn to for something else you think is not right? Your neighbor's backyard has suddenly become a noisy daycare center, sans permits. Or she painted her curb red to keep cars from blocking her view of the park across the street. You're getting the runaround trying to keep the basketball courts lit until the designated evening hour. So we might need more than one person.

Charles! You're just growing the bureaucracy! How about if only the ombudsman is paid, and citizens step up to fill part time positions on an as-needed basis, no pay, just the reward of keeping Santa Monica, Santa Monica. We have quite a few people doing that now, spending long hours, and sometimes succeeding in righting wrongs, but other times not having the authority or inside connections to get things done.

That's my "list" for the old year, and my wish for the new one. 2016: the Ombudsman Cometh.

(Note: Phil Brock will likely tell anyone within earshot that I got this idea from him because he did talk it up campaigning in the last election. But I've known about ombudsmen since high school. Conversely, he did not get it from me.)

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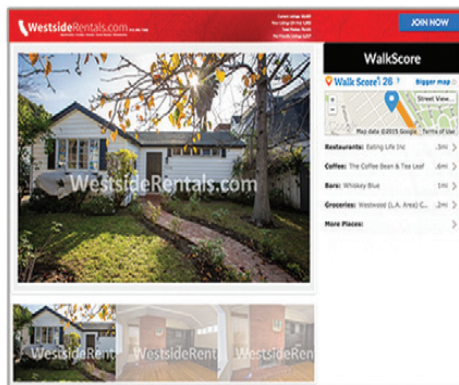
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BOOK REVIEW

'The Last of the President's Men'

BY JACK NEWORTH

In 1962, Richard Nixon ran for governor of California. Two years earlier he had barely lost the presidency to JFK though, and with considerable reason, felt that he had been cheated with voter fraud in Illinois and Texas. But, in 1962, the California gubernatorial was hardly close as Nixon got swamped by Jerry Brown's late father, Pat.

Embittered, at a post-election press conference Nixon announced his retirement from politics, giving a dig at reporters, "You won't have Dick Nixon to kick around anymore." With his latest book, "The Last of the President's Men," his fifth book on Nixon, Bob Woodward is still kicking and, given the book's revelations, deservedly so.

From 1974 to 2015, Woodward authored or co-authored 16 nonfiction books. All have been bestsellers and he has more No. 1 national nonfiction bestsellers than any contemporary author. While this, Woodward's 17th book, is perhaps the most slender of his books, it's filled with first-hand anecdotes that reveal the depth of Nixon's bitterness and paranoia.

The project came to Woodward via Alexander Butterfield, a tall, distinguished-looking former Air Force Colonel who served in Vietnam and was the recipient of the Distinguished Flying Cross. He also served as deputy assistant to the president in the Nixon White House and is most famous for his shocking 1973 testimony at the Watergate Congressional Hearings.

Butterfield revealed that he had supervised the installation of a taping system in the White House that Nixon had requested. One could hear a pin drop. And thus, a year later, Nixon would be the only president in history to resign from office.

Butterfield, now 89, concedes he was conflicted about his testimony because of a sense of loyalty to Nixon. In fact, he concluded his remarks observing that he thought the tapes would exonerate Nixon when he knew that wasn't true. This is but one of many regrets.

When Butterfield left the White House to become head of the F.A.A., a post he held for two years, he took with him 20 boxes, a trove of thousands of documents, many never seen before. For decades Butterfield tried to write his memoir but it remained unfinished when he agreed to meet with Woodward who flew out to California.

Butterfield had been college friends at UCLA with H.R. Halderman, Nixon's Chief of Staff. At 42, on Air Force assignment in Australia, and always wanting to be part of a White House, Butterfield wrote Halderman about a possible job. When Butterfield flew himself from Australia to Washington D.C., Halderman was even more impressed. He decided to make Butterfield his top deputy, as was Halderman to Nixon.

But Nixon, it seems, didn't meet strangers, a shockingly odd trait for a politi-

cian. Halderman had to "wait until the right moment" for Butterfield's introduction. And when it happened, Nixon completely ignored Butterfield who was so humiliated he thought about quitting.

Soon, however, Nixon would embrace Butterfield as an ally in his "me against the world" mindset. One Christmas season, Nixon uncharacteristically toured the White House support staff buildings. He was alarmed that two of the female employees had a photo of JFK at their desks. Nixon saw this as a betrayal and an "infestation." Like a dictator, he delegated Butterfield to remove the photos. He did and sent the president a memo - "sanitation completed."

When the Secret Service was assigned to Ted Kennedy, Nixon had Butterfield insert a plant in the hopes of getting illicit photos of Kennedy's sexual activity. Butterfield regretfully admits he could have been indicted for that.

Butterfield was also delegated to meet with Pat Nixon twice weekly. Butterfield reveals Nixon often communicated with his wife via memos, in which he spoke in third person and signed RN. He was compulsively controlling of whom Pat spoke to and for how long.

Other historical documents in the book include highly classified memos between Nixon and his then National Security Adviser, Henry Kissinger about the Vietnam War. In one, Nixon declares that, "10 years of bombing and the result = zilch!" And yet to the press for three years Nixon boasted of the bombings' success.

At the infamous My Lai massacre in Vietnam, 500 innocent civilians were slaughtered by American soldiers. Fearing it could sabotage his re-election, Nixon focused on discrediting witnesses.

In "The Last of the President's Men" Woodward chronicles Nixon's enemies list, illegal spying, break-ins, Watergate and the cover-up. He describes Nixon's as a "criminal administration of monumental corruption."

Nixon never had inner peace. Plagued by his demons, he obsessed about anyone who had things handed to them. As for Butterfield, shunned by the GOP after Watergate, Woodward's book is a confessional.

And yet, during 40 hours of interviews at Butterfield's California home, Woodward was emotionally moved by the number of photos on the wall of Butterfield with Nixon. He even chose one for the book cover.

Butterfield being just one casualty in the national nightmare Nixon caused over Watergate, there were clearly no winners. Except perhaps, Bob Woodward.

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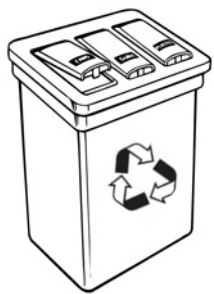
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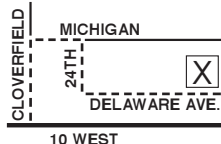
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regular menu, as well as a second seating from 8 - 10 p.m. with a four course prix-fixe dinner (\$90 per person). The celebration will include party favors, a champagne toast, a DJ after 11 pm (no cover charge) and a screening of Times Square's New Year's countdown on a 12-foot projector screen. For reservations, call (310) 586-1111.

Another savory option for the evening is the Choose Your Own Adventure dinner at Aestus (507 Wilshire Blvd.) from 6 - 10 p.m. Diners can choose from the modern American restaurant's a la carte dinner menu or opt for a \$65 five-course tasting menu featuring selections like sunchoke & chestnut soup, house-made pappardelle with pork sugo, grilled lamb chops, and chocolate soufflé. Wine pairings from owner/wine director Kevin O'Connor will be available for \$30 with a champagne supplement available for \$16 a glass. Caviar and truffle supplements will also be on offer for those wishing to further indulge. For reservations, call (424) 268-4433.

Those who are looking to include more than food in their plans can look to the Sweet '16 Black & White New Year's Eve Ball at Wokcano Santa Monica (1413 5th St.). The party will go from 8 p.m. - 2 a.m. and will include music by DJ Frankie, hosted hors d'oeuvres from 8 -10 p.m., a cham-

pagne toast, a photo booth, party favors, a New Year's Eve countdown and more. Tickets are \$40 in advance, \$50 on Dec. 31 and \$60 for the VIP option. Tickets can be purchased at <http://wokcanosmnye2016.eventbrite.com>. For bottle service/table reservations, call (310) 497-6324; for dinner reservations, call (310) 458-3080. Black and white cocktail attire is required to attend.

Another party option is Viceroy Santa Monica and 89.9 KCRW's New Year's Eve 2016 Black Tie Masquerade Ball. The event, held at Viceroy (1819 Ocean Ave.) from 9 p.m. - 1:30 a.m., will feature a hosted bar and hors d'oeuvres from Cast Restaurant. KCRW DJs Jason Bentley and Raul Campos will be spinning tunes poolside. Tickets are \$180, with tax, gratuities and food and beverage included. Tickets can be purchased at <http://viceroynye2016.eventbrite.com/?aff=VSMNYE2014>. For VIP cabana reservations, call (310) 260-7507. Black tie and cocktail attire are required to attend, masquerade masks are optional. All attendees must be 21.

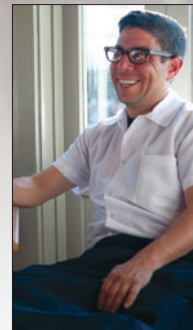
And for those who want to continue the celebration through New Year's Day, Del Frisco's (1551 Ocean Ave.) is offering a special brunch from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m., Jan. 1--3. For reservations, go to <http://delfriscos-grille.fbmta.com/a/0/45110855256/45097801814/default.aspx>.

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ROCKET

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ect was aboard the ill-fated Falcon 9 are now awaiting a re-launch of the mission. Their experiment will likely be sent to space on or after Jan. 14, although a final date has not yet been confirmed.

“We’re just in a holding pattern,” Susan Stivers said.

Stivers, a former English teacher at Lincoln Middle School, was involved in the program when then-eighth-grade students Samuel Buckley-Bonanno, Adam Chamas, Charlie Gooding and Shrayes Raman designed an experiment involving paper chromatography - a method for separating chemicals and other substances.

Now retired, Stivers is serving as a volunteer coordinator for the local experiment affected by the failed mission so program leaders Gretchen Gies-McLaughlin and Marianna O’Brien can focus on working with current Lincoln students on the next spaceflight mission.

“Because I was their teacher,” Stivers said, “I’m just following Mission 7 to the end.”

O’Brien and the former Lincoln students - most of them now enrolled at Santa Monica High School - could begin reassembling their project as soon as the second week of January, Stivers said, and they’ll follow strict protocol for how to put it together.

Stivers is serving as the point of contact between the national program managers and the local students.

“She has been our lifesaver,” Gies-

McLaughlin said.

The eventual launch of the rocket will provide a measure of closure for a campus where regular classes were not in session at the time of the June 28 mishap.

According to Gies-McLaughlin, the students were initially disappointed by the outcome. But they were excited that SpaceX offered them a tour of their facility, including their manufacturing and design spaces. The students learned about what happened in the failed launch and saw the rocket that will be used for a future mission.

“Science is a calculated risk,” Gies-McLaughlin said. “There’s trial and error. We want to make sure that we realize that not everything is a success. Sometimes we learn more from our failures than our successes.”

Even before the failed launch, the students spent hours brainstorming, researching and fine-tuning their project. They also did close readings of highly technical science documents, learned how to write scientific proposals and made documentaries about their experiments.

Stivers said the student spaceflight program helps students develop their science and communication skills while also encouraging critical thinking and teamwork.

“It gives the kids an immense confidence,” she said. “It makes them feel like they’re players out in the world, that they can do whatever they set their minds to. You can take complex materials and make them meaningful.”

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WATER TEMP: 58.1°

WEDNESDAY – POOR TO FAIR – SURF: 2-3 ft knee to waist high
Primarily holding NW swell with minor NW windswell and minor SW swell mixing in. Good wind/weather with offshore in the AM. Incoming tide in the morning will help most spots.

THURSDAY – POOR – SURF: 1-2 ft knee to thigh high
Minimal mix of old NW swell leftovers and SW swell. Good wind/weather with offshore in the AM.

FRIDAY – POOR – SURF: 1-2 ft ankle to knee high
New WNW-NW swell slowly building in. SW Traces.

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

January 12, 2015

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QUICK STATS
(for the last 30 days)

Number of sewage spills -- 0
Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
Number of wet days -- 14
Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 33/20
Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 5/19

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Heal the Bay reminds you not to swim or surf within 100 yards of any flowing storm drain or for at least 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	LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	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.	A	F
El Pescador State Beach, between Lachusa and Los Aliso creeks.			Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A+	A+
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	A+	Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	B	B
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	B	A+	Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	A+
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	A+	Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A+	F
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	F	Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	C	C
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	F	A+	Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	A	D
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A+	F	Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A+	A+
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	F	A+	Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A+	B
Solstice Canyon at Dan Blocker County Beach.	A+	D	Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A+	F
Puerto State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	A+	Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	A+
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerto Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	A+	F	Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	A	F
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	F	Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	F	A+
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	A	F	Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St..	A+	D
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	ns	F	Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower.	F	B
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	F	Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	ns	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	A+	Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	A	F
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A+	A+	North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	B	B
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	A+	F	Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty).	A+	A+
Tuna Canyon.	ns	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	A+	F
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	A	B	Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant.	A+	A+
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	ns	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	A+	A+
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	B	F			
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	B	A+			

LEGEND

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



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CRIME WATCH

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF



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

ON DEC. 16 AT APPROXIMATELY 3:18 P.M.

Officers assigned to the downtown area monitored a call regarding an assault with a deadly weapon. The suspect was removing bottles from the trash and throwing them at passersby. A witness saw the suspect almost hit two women in the head with bottles. The described suspect was standing on the nearby corner at Ocean and Broadway yelling obscenities at passersby and waving his arms when officers arrived. When the officers approached him, the suspect yelled at them and refused to drop unknown items in his hands. The suspect made a fist and was clenching his jaw. The officers grabbed control of one of the suspect's arms to stop the suspect from throwing anything at them, but he continued to throw his arms violently toward the officers. He continued to resist, kicking his legs. The suspect continued to resist the officers until he was taken to the ground and handcuffed.
Alfred Anthony Fells Jr., 43, homeless, had bail set at \$10,500.

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department responded to 329 calls for service on Dec. 28.

HERE IS A SAMPLING OF THOSE CALLS CHOSEN BY THE SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS STAFF.

Traffic accident, Lincoln/Pico, 1:28 a.m.
Traffic accident, Ocean/Bay, 1:31 a.m.
Death, 2200 block of 3rd, 6:45 a.m.
Person down, 2200 block of 3rd, 6:48 a.m.
Disturbance at a business, 1000 block Wilshire, 7:33 a.m.
Person with a gun, 2400 block of Lincoln, 7:42 a.m.
Armed robbery, 300 block of Wilshire, 8:53 a.m.
Petty theft, 700 block of 9th, 8:57 a.m.
Fight, 4th/Olympic, 9:49 a.m.
Burglary, 2000 block of Olympic, 9:56 a.m.
Hit and run, 1500 block of Montana, 10:13 a.m.
Suspicious person, 600 block of Santa Monica, 10:29 a.m.
Suspicious circumstances, 3rd Street Prom/Arizona, 10:41 a.m.
Disturbance at a business, 2800 block of Lincoln, 10:49 a.m.
Petty theft report, 2nd/Arizona, 11:20 a.m.
Burglary, 2800 block of Neilson, 11:26 a.m.
Vandalism, 1000 block of Ocean, 11:26 a.m.

Family disturbance, 3100 block of 3rd, 11:46 a.m.
Hit and run, 1600 block of 5th, 11:59 a.m.
Traffic accident, 1200 block of 5th, 12:08 p.m.
Traffic accident, 1700 block of Pico, 12:29 p.m.
Rape, 8500 block of Wilshire, 1:20 p.m.
Critical missing person, 300 block of Santa Monica Pier, 1:36 p.m.
Battery, 2200 block of 23rd, 1:49 p.m.
Battery, 500 block of Olympic, 2:14 p.m.
Hit and run, 1200 block of 3rd Street Prom, 2:50 p.m.
Burglary, 500 block of Broadway, 2:51 p.m.
Fraud, 1900 block of La Mesa, 2:52 p.m.
Fraud, 1300 block of 15th, 2:55 p.m.
Critical missing person, 300 block of Santa Monica Pier, 3:32 p.m.
Public intoxication, 1300 block of 4th, 3:43 p.m.
Hit and run, 1200 block of 22nd, 3:56 p.m.
Traffic accident, 1400 block of Montana, 4:23 p.m.
Traffic accident, 1600 block of 4th, 5:00 p.m.
Assault with a deadly weapon, 900 block of Pico, 5:38 p.m.
Vandalism, 2900 block of Main, 6:09 p.m.
Traffic accident, Main/Ocean Park, 7:06 p.m.
Fight, 2500 block of Ocean Park, 7:10 p.m.
Burglary, 500 block of Broadway, 7:18 p.m.
Armed robbery, 1300 block of Berkeley, 7:19 p.m.
Suicide, 1100 block of 17th, 9:24 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

The Santa Monica Fire Department responded to 48 calls for service on Dec. 28.

HERE IS A SAMPLING OF THOSE CALLS CHOSEN BY THE SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS STAFF.

EMS, 1800 block of Lincoln, 12:29 a.m.
EMS, 1100 block of 5th, 1:22 a.m.
EMS, Lincoln/Pico, 1:28 a.m.
EMS, 2800 block of Pico, 2:49 a.m.
EMS, 1300 block of 15th, 3:27 a.m.
EMS, 1800 block of Pico, 6:39 a.m.
Request fire, 2200 block of 3rd, 6:58 a.m.
EMS, 2200 block of 3rd, 6:59 a.m.
EMS, 15th/Montana, 8:39 a.m.
EMS, 500 block of California, 8:39 a.m.
EMS, 500 block of Olympic, 9:22 a.m.
EMS, 1600 block of Arizona, 9:38 a.m.
EMS, 3000 block of Delaware, 10:13 a.m.
EMS, 1700 block of 18th, 11:26 a.m.
EMS, 2800 block of Lincoln, 12:01 p.m.
EMS, 17th/Pico, 12:35 p.m.
EMS, 800 block of 2nd, 12:42 p.m.
EMS, 2000 block of Cloverfield, 12:44 p.m.

EMS, 500 block of 22nd, 1:04 p.m.
Automatic alarm, 1400 block of 10th, 1:06 p.m.
EMS, 1400 block of Lincoln, 1:13 p.m.
EMS, 600 block of Santa Monica, 1:59 p.m.
Automatic alarm, 1700 block of Ocean, 2:38 p.m.
Automatic alarm, 1700 block of 4th, 3:17 p.m.
Transformer fire, 1300 block of 14th, 3:23 p.m.
Automatic alarm, 1600 block of Montana, 3:25 p.m.
Vault fire, 11th/Arizona, 3:34 p.m.
Elevator rescue, 300 block of Santa Monica Pl, 3:40 p.m.
EMS, 1300 block of 4th, 3:42 p.m.
Automatic alarm, 1600 block of Montana, 4:26 p.m.
EMS, 2300 block of Oak, 4:52 p.m.
EMS, 1000 block of Franklin, 5:01 p.m.
EMS, 1600 block of Main, 5:58 p.m.
EMS, 300 block of Colorado, 6:09 p.m.
EMS, Main/Ocean Park, 7:06 p.m.
EMS, 400 block of 17th, 7:10 p.m.
EMS, 2500 block of Pico, 7:23 p.m.
EMS, 400 block of 22nd, 7:24 p.m.

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33 Perfect place

34 Meeting slate

37 "Toodlee-oo!"

39 Bested in a pie contest

43 "Yeah, right!"

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- 45 Hand over

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Yesterday's answer

- 17 Tennis star Rafael

18 Texas landmark

19 Put on a pedestal

21 Ham it up

22 Long sofa

24 Baling need

25 Plopped down

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Difficulty Level ★★ ★

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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1944 - King George II of Greece declares a regency, leaving the throne vacant.

1947 - King Michael I of Romania is forced to abdicate by the Soviet Union-backed Communist government of Romania.

1948 - The Cole Porter Broadway musical, Kiss Me, Kate (1,077 performances), opens at the New Century Theatre and becomes the first show to win the Best Musical Tony Award.

1958 - The Guatemalan Air Force sinks several Mexican fishing boats alleged to have breached maritime borders, killing three and sparking international tension.

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MEET UP WITH FRIENDS, SCORPIO

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Reach out to someone you care about; you know you can make a big difference in this person's life. Follow your instincts when discussing how much to share about an investment. Your efforts will pay off in prestige and leverage. Tonight: Try something new.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ A friend might be deceptive, and a loved one will call this person's integrity into question. You might have difficulty listening to this conversation and seeing what is obvious to the other party. Listen to your instincts, but use logic. Tonight: Loosen up with the moment.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Understand what is happening within a situation on the homefront. Your ability to relate on a one-on-one level attracts someone else's attention. Could this person be slightly envious of your style? The unexpected occurs when dealing with a specific friend. Tonight: A must show.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You might want to understand what is going on around you. How you deal with someone could change quickly. Your sense of direction will point toward a new path. Defer to those who can carry out an idea more effectively. Tonight: The unexpected sets a new tone.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Your ability to change direction emerges. Use care with the words you choose. Know what is needed in order to continue, and decide if it is worth the effort. Be aware of the costs of continuing as you have been. Creativity could be stalled if good decisions are not made. Tonight: Ever flexible.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Move forward in a more creative way. Others are highly responsive to you. Seize the moment, as an associate loosens up a situation with his or her unexpected actions. You could be surprised by how quickly the ball falls in your court. Tonight: Go for what you want.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ Within your immediate circle lie many positive changes, yet you might feel as if you can't handle them all. Recognize the positive vibes you're receiving from others. You will be OK, as long as you can transform certain rigid viewpoints. Tonight: Know when to vanish.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ You will have the unique opportunity of seeing a friend's transformation occur. Reach out to this person and make a kind gesture, despite the fact that it isn't natural to you to be someone else's cheerleader. Embrace the role for now. Tonight: Meet up with friends and hang out.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You'll feel as if someone really cares. This person has a way of letting this be known, which makes you smile. It could be just a simple expression of support, but that seems to make all the difference. Use caution with your finances. Tonight: In the limelight.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ Reach out to someone at a distance. Fatigue plays a role in your decisions. You have the ability to adjust and transform more quickly than in the recent past. Listen carefully to news. You'll find that a burst of energy pushes you toward your goal. Tonight: Read between the lines.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ One-on-one relating will evoke strong results where you least expect it to. A friend could disappoint you with his or her lack of responsiveness. If you are not pleased with what you see, recognize that there still are alternatives. Tonight: Not among the crowds.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Listen to news with an open mind. The unexpected is likely to occur. You can't seem to make a loved one happy, no matter how hard you try. Be more forthright in how you handle your interactions with this person. Assess your finances. Tonight: Avoid a risk, even if it seems good.

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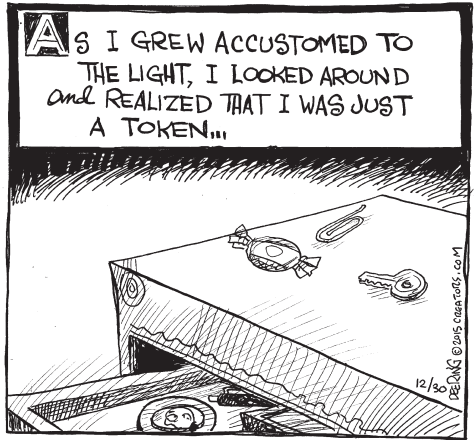
This year you can and often will detach and take an overview of what is going on around you. You will revise your thoughts accordingly, which often plays into your attitude, actions and commitments. Your home life continues to have an unpredictable quality to it. Be careful with investments around your home or in real estate. If you are single, through travel or perhaps a workshop of sorts, you could meet someone very unique. You might be slow to commit, as you will want to make sure you can accept a different type of lifestyle. If you are attached, the two of you start to enjoy your differences and often laugh at them. You could travel more than you expect this year. VIRGO helps you see the big picture.

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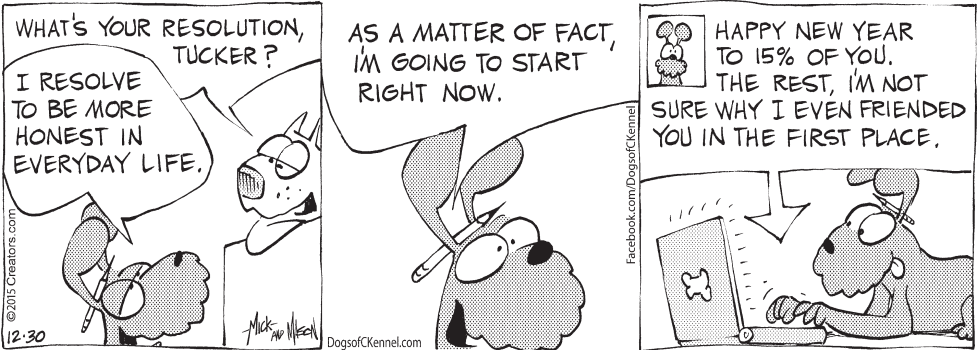
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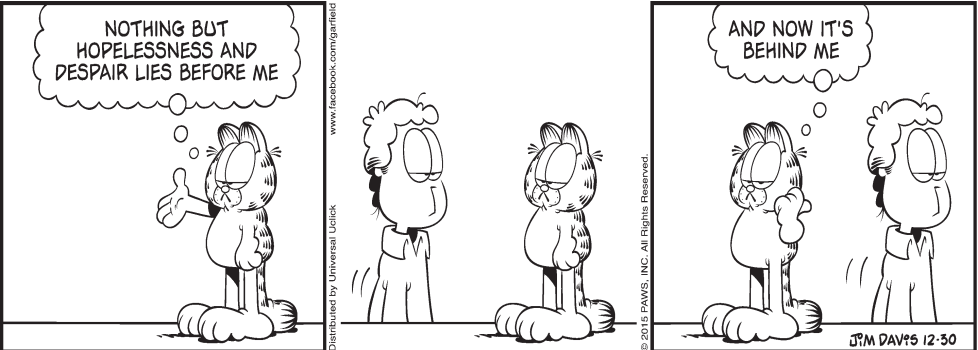
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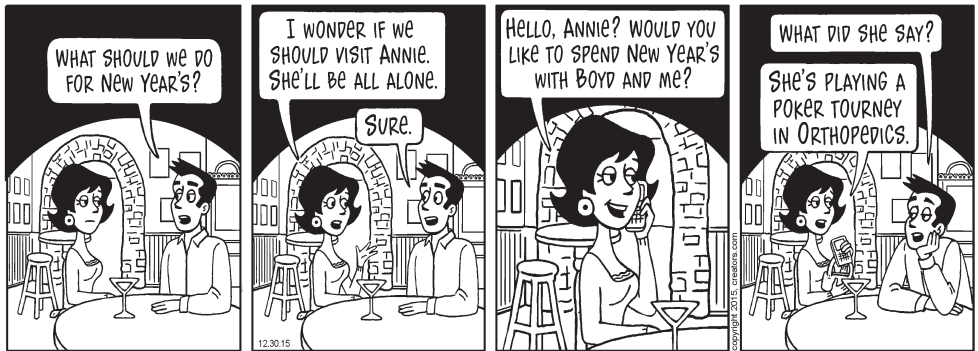
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