

PROMOTE YOUR BUSINESS HERE!

Yes, in this very spot! **EVERYDAY**

Call 310-458-7737 for details

smdp.com



INSTANT CASH

WE PAY CASH FOR ANY GOLD JEWELRY

CASH N RUN • Santa Monica

1914 Lincoln Blvd. (Corner of Lincoln & Pico) **310.399.2200**



online at smdp.com

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2009

Volume 8 Issue 303

Santa Monica Daily Press

BUTTS ARE BAD
SEE PAGE 7

We have you covered

THE MAKE US SMILE ISSUE

COMMUNITY PROFILES

JENNIFER ARGENTI



Brandon Wise brandonw@smdp.com

ARGENTI

Violinist on the rise

BY MARISSA LYMAN

Special to the Daily Press

DOWNTOWN When you think about it, life is a series of forks in the road. They could be as trivial as where to go for lunch or as daunting as whether or not to move halfway across the world for employment. For violinist Jennifer Argenti, these "sliding doors" are key to finding her way.

"Every decision that you make could change the course of the rest of your life," Argenti said.

The Santa Monica resident will be releasing her debut solo album Nov. 10, appropriately titled "Sliding Doors." The music comes directly from Argenti's most recent serendipitous decision.

"It was late and I was tired, but there was something telling me ... 'just go to this party,'" Argenti said.

After she arrived at her friends' gathering, Argenti was convinced to jam with a pianist by the name of Aime Caron.

"Three minutes later we were still playing. When we were done, we looked up and everyone in the room was just staring at us," Argenti recalled.

From that moment on, Argenti and Caron knew that they needed to write music together.

Argenti's first sliding door moment came while growing up in Baltimore, Md. Everyone in her family played music, and as the youngest of four girls, Argenti was no exception. At the age of 6, she began playing piano, adding violin a year later. By the time

SEE CP PAGE 9

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Vikings claim late victory over Beverly Hills

BY WILL WEISS

Special to the Daily Press

BEVERLY HILLS The Santa Monica High School Vikings rode a roller coaster of points and emotions to victory over the rival Normans in Beverly Hills on Friday night, sealing the 28-27 win with a final-second touchdown and point after.

And like all great roller coaster rides, it started with a frightful plummet.

In their initial offensive drive, the Vikings struggled, converting for two first downs before collapsing and surrendering

possession on a fumble. With fewer than four minutes left in the first period, Samohi was backed down to the red zone when Beverly Hills junior wide receiver A. J. Fortier clinched the first touchdown catch, putting the Normans up 7-0.

But the Vikings turned the opposing momentum in their favor immediately, charging up the field in a series of first down plays, aided along the way by big plays from senior tight end Luke Zelon, senior wide receiver Mike Smith, a bit of pass interference by the Normans and a 22-yard scramble by senior quarterback Garrett

Safron. On first and goal at the four yard line sophomore running back Kori Garcia mashed it in, bouncing off of two potential tacklers for a touchdown with 2:15 still left in the first quarter.

With things tied up, both teams looked well-matched for the remainder of the first half. Each threatened the other with promising offensive drives, but ultimately faltered; Safron struggled to connect with receivers on crucial passes and the Normans were held up by penalties and an interception.

SEE SAMOHI PAGE 9



SEEING SIGNS

People join together at lifeguard tower no. 22 just south of the Santa Monica Pier to be part of a human circle surrounding a giant sand-sculpted '350.' The sculpture was built to raise awareness about the safe limits of CO2 in the atmosphere which is just 350 parts per million.

Brandon Wise brandonw@smdp.com

COMMITMENT BANDS

331 Wilshire Blvd. Santa Monica | 2 Hours Free Parking (Behind Store)
Monday-Saturday 10am-6pm • 310.451.1349 • www.readersjewelers.com

Gary Limjap
(310) 586-0339

In today's real estate climate ...
Experience counts!

garylimjap@earthlink.net

TAXES
ALL FORMS, ALL TYPES, ALL STATES

BACK TAXES • BOOKKEEPING • SMALL BUSINESS

SAMUEL B. MOSES, CPA
(310) 395-9922

100 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 1800
Santa Monica 90401

Vikings go 2-0 in league

FROM SAMOHI PAGE 1

tion by Vikings senior safety Jared Onouye.

Near the end of the half, however, the Normans figured it out. After batting down a fourth and six pass to Zelon, Beverly Hills gained possession at the Vikings' 46-yard line and hammered in a touchdown in four plays to lead 14-7 at the half.

The second half wasn't any more kind to Samohi as Beverly Hills senior running back Jeremy Bruce pushed in another touchdown to put the Normans up 21-7 before the third period was half over.

This time the Vikings were not as quick to recover, failing to score on their following offensive series. But the Samohi secondary held it together, forcing a punt on the immediately-following Beverly Hills drive which Onouye returned for a touchdown.

Finally, it was a rivalry game.

The Vikings' defense made another big stand, forcing another punt on four downs and ultimately tying the game at 21 on a 24-yard touchdown run by junior running back Brandon Taylor.

Tied once more, Beverly Hills put together another strong offensive effort, marching up the field with major gains on identical pass plays from junior quarterback Josh Newman to senior wide receiver Daniel Bradbury. With 5 1/2 minutes left in the fourth, Norman sophomore wide receiver Cameron Countryman scored Beverly Hills' fourth touchdown. Following the score, Vikings senior middle linebacker Keelan Malone got a hand on the ball, blocking the point after and holding the Norman lead to six points.

With time winding down, Safron wasted no time in mobilizing the offense. Benefiting from a personal foul call against Beverly Hills on a major pass to Featherstone, the Vikings quickly found themselves at first

St. Monica loses to Bell-Jeff

BURBANK The St. Monica Mariners lost to Bellarmine-Jefferson, 47-35, on Saturday at Burroughs High School.

The loss drops the Mariners to 2-4 overall and 0-2 in Santa Fe League play. Bell-Jeff improved to 5-3 overall and 1-1 in league.

Next up for St. Monica's varsity football team is a road game against league rival St. Genevieve on Friday, Oct. 30. The game is scheduled to kick off at 7 p.m.

DAILY PRESS

and 10 on the Normans' 22 yard line. A handful of marginal running gains later, Safron connected to Featherstone for an airborne end zone reception, and following the successful kick, Samohi clinched it with 32.8 seconds left. The Vikings improved their record to 3-4 overall and 2-0 in Ocean League play. Beverly Hills fell to 3-4 overall and 1-1 in league.

"We've been in a lot of fights like this and we've come out on the other end," said Vikings coach Travis Clark after the game. "So it just feels good to finally get these boys an opportunity to feel like they're on the other side."

Clark said that he was especially proud of his receivers and defense for their tremendous efforts, and commended his players on an impressive effort in the final moments of the game.

"We got good blocking this week," said Taylor about what changed from the previous week's performance. "Our line just stepped up big time for us and got us a win."

news@smdp.com

Argenti has worn many hats

FROM CP PAGE 1

she got to high school, Argenti realized that music was far more than a hobby.

Argenti enrolled in the Baltimore School for the Arts, finding her own real life version of "Fame."

"That school changed my life," Argenti said.

Aside from learning among students from all walks of life, the young musician expanded her horizons as she traveled to Taiwan with the Greater Baltimore Youth Orchestra. Upon graduation, her talents bought her to the Baldwin Wallace Conservatory of Music in Cleveland, Ohio. Argenti found the conservatory grueling, practicing six hours a day in front of a mirror on the 1946 West German violin that her mother found in the Baltimore Sun classifieds.

"I've had it ever since [I was 16]," Argenti said. "It's never out of my sight."

By the end of her time in Cleveland, Argenti was burnt out and saw moving to Taiwan as a much needed break. She discovered herself musically, but did not know where to turn next.

After passing a year in Taiwan working at a hotel, teaching English and subbing for a member of the Tapei Symphony Orchestra, Argenti returned to the states in search of a steady job.

Just as her mother had discovered her violin, an ad in the paper landed the musician in the natural stone industry, working for an importer and distributor. Argenti fell in love with the beauty of the stone and chose to follow her sisters west, knowing that the good weather meant a year-long season

for natural stone.

After just a year living with one of her sisters in Southern California, Argenti relocated to a residence near Santa Monica College. Now 18 years later, it's clear that she won't be going anywhere.

"I love that [it's] so environmentally friendly," Argenti said of Santa Monica. "Even though I travel [it's like] I'm coming back to a vacation."

Argenti soon became a beach regular, as well as a member of the Santa Monica Symphony and a local string quartet. These hobbies have remained, even as sliding door moments have taken Argenti in and out of the corporate world.

The stone industry raised Argenti's awareness about the environment. Just a few years after starting her own business, Argenti enrolled in Cal State Northridge to pursue environmental studies, eventually landing a job with the Walt Disney Co.

"It's funny that I speak about the School for the Arts changing my world and being so liberal and free," Argenti said. "Working for the Walt Disney Co. in their department for environmental policy, it was the same feeling. They let me be creative."

With Argenti, Disney won numerous EPA awards. After hours, however, Argenti and her violin were still inseparable. Around 2003, Argenti decided that it was finally time to focus solely on music.

"[I] leapt off the edge and really went for it," Argenti said.

SEE CP PAGE 12

- LOL: laughing out loud
- BRB: be right back
- MUSM: miss you so much
- A/S/L: age, sex, location
- BF: boyfriend
- OLL: online love
- LULAS: love you like a sister
- POS: parent over shoulder
- WTGP: want to go private?
- LMIRL: let's meet in real life
- HOOP: help delete online predators

Every day, children are sexually solicited online.



HAPPY HOUR

DAILY 5-9 PM

\$5 APPETIZERS \$4 WELL FROM \$3 DRAFT



JOIN US FOR NCAA COLLEGE GAMEDAY NFL SUNDAY TICKET & MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL

GAME TIME SPECIALS INCLUDE:

\$2 MILLER LIGHT \$4 DRAFTS \$5 GUINNESS \$5 FOR A DOZEN WINGS \$2 HOT DOGS \$4 CHEESEBURGERS

SUNDAYS
Beer Olympics
\$2 BEERS
Open mic recordings & Live Music
7pm - close

MONDAYS
KARAOKE 9pm-close
2 for 1 drinks
ALL NIGHT!
Excluding Happy Hour

1026 Wilshire Blvd. * Santa Monica * dakotalounge.com

DONATE Your Vehicle

Tax deductible. No DMV hassle.



The call is free! And so is the pick-up!

American Red Cross
1-888-5-RED-CROSS
(888-573-3276)

Cars • Boats • RVs • Cars • Boats • RVs • Cars • Boats • RVs



BUY One Hamburger Get One FREE!

3rd Street Promenade
1322 Third St.
(310) 394-6362
Offer Good Mon.-Thurs.

Good only at Santa Monica location. Not valid with other discounts or offers. One offer per check. Equal or lesser value hamburger or sandwich will be free. No cash value. Offer expires 10/31/09 ©2009 The Johnny Rockets Group, Inc.

FREE SHAKE with Purchase!

3rd Street Promenade
1322 Third St.
(310) 394-6362
Offer Good Mon.-Thurs.

Good only at Santa Monica location. Not valid with other discounts or offers. One offer per check. No cash value. Offer expires 10/31/09 ©2009 The Johnny Rockets Group, Inc.

V.I.P. YELLOW CAB



Call for Reservations
310.460.8818
310.430.5001

24 Hours a Day
Sedans & Limousines



Great FLAT FEE Specials to All of L.A.

SANTA MONICA
\$24.99
TO LAX
Flat rate

25% OFF
METER
TO ANY DESTINATION
Call for an Estimate

