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THE WET AND SOGGY ISSUE

Paying tribute to King's legacy

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

SGI AUDITORIUM On a rainy Monday morning when students, government workers and many others were free to sleep in, several hundred Santa Monica residents instead were at Soka Gakkai International Auditorium to celebrate the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

The event was the 25th annual commemoration put on by The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Westside Coalition. Billed as a program of "commitment, renewal and interfaith celebration," the event featured a range of musical performances, speakers and prayers.

It was also a call to action.

"Unless we do something ourselves, nothing's going to get done," Darlene Evans, who chairs the coalition, said in her welcome speech.

The keynote address was delivered by Adena Williams Loston, a former dean at Santa Monica College and current president of St. Philip's College in San Antonio, Texas.

As a montage of images from King's life appeared on a screen behind her, Loston told the crowd that while problems persist in society, the election of Barack Obama as the first black president shows there is "hope for a vision" in the United States.

Still, it's not a bright time for the country, she said.

Rather than focusing on civil rights — the issue that defined King's life — Loston instead cited a long list of events in the news during the past year that she said show society's ills.

From the couple that crashed a White House dinner, to the balloon boy hoax in Colorado to Tiger Woods' fall from grace, the world, in Loston's view, is in many ways

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IT'S RAINING, IT'S POURING ...

Brandon Wise *brandonw@smdp.com*

Rain water rushes into a storm drain off Wilshire Boulevard Monday during heavy rains that soaked Santa Monica and the Southland. More rain is expected this week, with flash flood warnings for areas burned by recent wildfires. There were 81 rain-related traffic accidents reported as of Monday afternoon.

Council to approve $3.35M for credit card processing

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL These days you can pay for just about any city service with a credit card, but while it may be convenient, there's a hidden cost attached.

Processing payments made with plastic is expected to cost City Hall $3.35 million over the next five years, under the terms of a contract with TransFirst Health and Government Services the City Council is expected to approve tonight.

The contract comes after City Hall has greatly increased the number of credit card payments it receives in recent years. Since it began accepting credit car payments at parking structures in 2008, for example, card payments are up 750 percent to 30,000 per month, according to a City Hall report.

The contract for credit card services is part of a $9.6 million spending package the council is expected to approve tonight.

The other big ticket item on the agenda is $3.47 million to examine the feasibility and estimate costs of capping the I-10 freeway between Fourth Street and Ocean Avenue. The proposed project is described in detail in a Daily Press article from Jan. 16, "City Hall to take first step on freeway capping plan."

While credit card payments to City Hall may be becoming more popular, City Hall still receives 60 percent of utility payments the old fashioned way. The council tonight is scheduled to approve a $132,000 contract with the RT Lawrence Corp. to process payments dropped off in City Hall's lockboxes.

City Hall is also planning to analyze its Big Blue Bus service with an eye toward making bus lines more efficient for commuters once the future Expo light rail line opens in Santa Monica in 2015. The contract to study the bus service with Transportation Management and Design is for $699,000.

The council is also slated to approve $248,000 to upgrade and maintain software used to track workers' compensation and liability claims during the next five years. City Hall said the upgrade is needed because of new federal reporting requirements that the old software system wasn't

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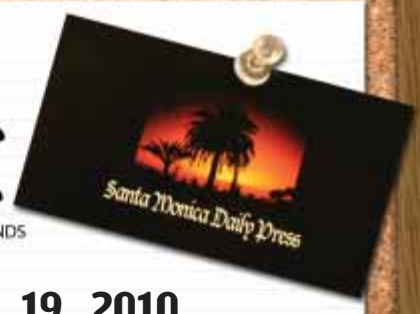
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Published and closet writers are welcome to seek inspiration, guidance and support at this weekly writer's group. Call (310) 899-0361 for more information.

Dog Town's evolution
California Heritage Museum
2612 Main St., 11 a.m. — 4 p.m.
The California Heritage Museum is proud to present "Skateboard: Evolution and Art in California. Guest curated by legendary Z-boy Nathan Pratt in conjunction with museum staff curator Michael Trotter and advisory committee members Jeff Ho, Skip Engblom (Zephyr co-founders), Cris Dawson (1966 Hobie Champ), Z-Boys Tony Alva and Stacy Peralta, and 1980's world champion Christian Hosoi, the exhibition traces the evolution of boards from pre-1950 to the present showcasing the riders, designers, artists, and manufacturers that created the California phenomenon known as the skateboard. This is the first exhibition of the California skate movement to be shown in "Dog Town," the Santa Monica/Ocean Park area where modern skateboarding was born and the skate became an art form. For more information call (310) 586-6488.

Wednesday, Jan. 20, 2010

On Broadway
Santa Monica College Performing Arts Center
1310 11th St., 7:30 p.m.
Tony Award winner Kelli O'Hara is the latest in a long line of heartbreakingly lovely, incredibly talented Broadway sweethearts. In this show, she will perform Broadway songs that have made her, and many of her predecessors, beloved by their fans. They're the kind of songs we all remember and can't stop singing. In fact, you may find yourself singing through the streets at the end of the evening. For more information call (310) 434-3412.

Ballroom by the bay
Santa Monica Bay Women's Club
1210 Fourth St., 7 p.m. — 11 p.m.
Join these lovely ladies every Wednesday night for ballroom dancing at its finest. There is a great crowd of dancers of all ages and levels of experience so don't be shy. Dance to today's hits and old standards. Learn to waltz, fox trot, cha cha, tango and salsa. Admission is $10, $8 for students and USA Dance with ID. For more information, call (310) 487-0911.

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.

Evacuations ordered in Calif. as storm moves in

JOHN ANTCZAK
Associated Press Writer

LA CANADA FLINTRIDGE, Calif. Authorities ordered the evacuation of 64 Southern California homes Monday as heavy rains pounded a neighborhood just below an area scarred by a massive wildfire.

Forty-two other homeowners were told to be ready to leave if necessary.

Officials feared mudslides could threaten a number of foothill areas along the San Gabriel Mountains north of Los Angeles.

Los Angeles County fire Inspector Matt Levesque said homeowners in the Paradise Valley area of La Canada Flintridge were notified of the possible danger after a catch basin filled with sliding mud and debris.

The area was near the scene of the Station

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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Calling all artists

Once again the Santa Monica Pier Restoration Corp. is inviting talented student, amateur and professional designers to submit their vision for the 26th annual Twilight Dance Series in the form of a poster.

The winning design becomes the primary communications piece for the concert series, used in display advertising, posters, flyers, banners and more.

The artist who creates the winning design will receive $750 and their design becomes a collector's item and keepsake from the 26-year-old series, officials with the pier said.

In addition, the winner will receive a VIP package for the summer, including a backstage pass to the series. All designs will be displayed on the pier inside the Carousel Building from March 26 through April 23 to recognize the hard work of all the artists participating.

All entries are due on March 12. This year's winner will be chosen via a secure Internet poll at www.santamonicapier.org. Visitors to the site will only be able to vote one time for one poster. Voting will take place throughout mid-March and early April.

Past winners include Ginna Hepp with "Summer Pier Nights," and Rachel Malvonay with "100 Years of Memories."

Contest rules, design specification and entry forms are available on the pier's Web site. For more information, call (310) 458-8786.

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photo courtesy Santa Monica Conservancy

BLAST FROM THE PAST: **The lobby of The Embassy Hotel Apartments offers visitors a glimpse into the past with its Spanish Colonial Revival architecture. Owner Michele Nasatir will receive the Stewardship Award from the Santa Monica Conservancy.**

Rewarding respect for history

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

DOWNTOWN The Santa Monica Conservancy, dedicated to protecting historic structures here, is giving out a record number of awards this year to those who have dedicated themselves to preserving architectural gems.

The awards will be presented at the conservancy's annual meeting at the historic Miles Playhouse in Reed Park on Jan. 25. Homeowners will be recognized along with local businesses and city staff for their efforts.

"We have some wonderful historic preservation efforts taking place in Santa Monica," said Carol Lemlein, president of the board of the conservancy. "By presenting these awards, the Santa Monica Conservancy applauds and encourages those who embrace historic preservation which, in turn, contributes to making Santa Monica a more attractive place to live, work and visit."

The conservancy's David Cameron Award will be given to Eileen Fogarty, the director of City Hall's Planning and Community Development Department. Fogarty led the way in formulating the November 2009 Draft Land Use and Circulation Element (LUCE) which recognizes historic preservation as a core community value, promotes historic preservation incentives, and integrates historic reservation into the planning process. LUCE is a comprehensive urban planning document that dictates development throughout the city.

The award is presented to individuals or organizations in recognition of their outstanding accomplishments in preserving Santa Monica's unique heritage, and for promoting the value of historic preservation in the city.

The President's Award will go to the Pier Restoration Corp. for the 2009 Pier Centennial celebration commemorating the history of the iconic landmark pier, with entertaining and educational children's programs that promoted understanding of the pier's history.

The Restoration Award will be presented to Scott Lander for his ambitious restoration of Richard Neutra's 1937 Barsha House at 302 Mesa Road. After years of neglect following its 1950s relocation from North Hollywood to Santa Monica Canyon, it is now a premier example of Neutra's innovative modernism.

The owner of a historic John Byers house at 2101 La Mesa, Cameron Strang, will receive the Rehabilitation Award for restoring the original adobe façade and for renovations that respect the original spirit of Byers' Spanish Colonial Revival architecture. Strang has retained the original scale and architectural features while updating the home for contemporary use.

The Renovation Award goes to Joy Jones, owner of 404 Georgina Ave., an important early (1920) John Byers adobe. Jones rescued the house from demolition and spearheaded a creative renovation that respects its original architectural character.

The Adaptive Reuse Award (Residential) recognizes the creative achievement of Stephen Chao, owner of 211 Alta Ave. (formerly the La Palama Bungalow Court), for

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Can't trust the feds to enact real reform

Editor:

This Santa Monica resident and independent insurance agent submits the following:

The current bills in Congress as written are not going to slow health care cost drivers. Given the price of the bills versus the results they create make no sense. How does one remove $464 billion from Medicare without cuts?

By removing "fraud, waste and abuse within the system?"

We are being asked to pull fraud, waste, and abuse from Medicare, hand it back to the government entity which allowed it to occur and add another $400 billion to it to create a new system? This gives new meaning to the systems approach.

The $800 billion of projected costs doesn't include costs to build the necessary infrastructure as required by the proposed bills.

Are there things we need to reform? Yes. Do insurers need to accept everyone regardless of pre-existing medical conditions? Yes.

This is a reasonable fix that most insurers eventually expect and will accept. If Americans think health insurance is expensive now, wait until government intervenes and makes a fix.

Let's improve upon what works in the health care system, not make it worse.

True reform must reduce healthcare costs, not drive them higher.

Robert Donin
Santa Monica

Leave the pigeons alone

Editor:

Re: City takes steps to curb pier pigeons, Jan. 15, 2010.

It's appalling. I would really like to know why, in their zeal to eradicate and control certain animals and birds indigenous to Santa Monica, the City Council insists on choosing the cruelest possible solution, when they have access to many other less violent and cruel solutions.

I am so furious that I would love for City Council members to be themselves trapped under the Santa Monica Pier for awhile so they can witness firsthand the panic and the cruel lingering deaths as the birds slowly and painfully starve to death. They can also witness the birds on the outside of the nets die trying desperately and tirelessly to get to their nests and eggs/young.

Would that the city pursued the smokers who violate the no smoking laws daily, and the leaf blower violators who both spew noxious fumes in our faces and the yuppie bike riders who speed through stop signs and stop lights and ride walkers down on sidewalks with same single mindedness they pursue the pigeons and squirrels.

How do you people in the city government sleep at night? Shame on you for being so cruel to animals when there were other options, and shame on you for passing laws to make yourselves look good, but having no intentions whatsoever of enforcing. Maybe you can all catch up on your sleep after the next election when you'll hopefully have a lot more time.

Marilyn Brennan
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Back to Nature

Reese Halter — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Australia's living pinosaur

ON SEPT. 10, 1994 A NEW SOUTH Wales naturalist named David Noble abseiled into one of the more than 500 canyons in Wollemi National Park — some 60 miles east of the megalopolis of Sydney — and discovered a stand of prehistoric coniferous Wollemi pines, representing the 110 million-year-old supercontinent of Gondwanaland.

The discovery of Wollemia (named after the national park is from the Aboriginal Darkinjung dialect meaning "look around you") nobilis (after David Noble) was likened to finding a small dinosaur alive on Earth.

How had Wollemi pine, which was thought to have perished more than 35 million years ago, managed to survive?

One-hundred-and-ten million years ago lush ecosystems thrived near the South Pole. Australia, India and Madagascar were still attached to Antarctica.

For months on end the only light during winter darkness was the spectacular electromagnetics from the aurora australis (or the southern lights).

Conditions were humid but cool and billions of insects flourished including bees, fleas, spiders, cicadas, cockroaches and mosquitoes.

Dinosaurs of every variety existed: carnosaurus, kangaroo-sized Leaellynasaura with specially adapted eyes to cope with winter darkness, and pterosaurs flying above ginkgoes and new evolving Wollemi forests.

Evolving in the high latitudes with low light condition for many months, the trees of those times including the Wollemi had vertical canopies that ran parallel to the trunk which maximized the amount of low-light available. (More recently evolved trees have canopies that are parallel to the ground enabling them to catch sunlight higher in the sky.)

About 40 million years ago Earth was a hothouse. Carbon dioxide levels were about 1,500 parts per million (today they are 387 ppm) and the oceans were at least 450 feet higher.

The oceans were very warm and they held far less carbon dioxide thus increasing the fraction that stayed in the atmosphere. A warmer atmosphere held more water vapor. Furthermore increased volcanism ejected more carbon dioxide into the atmosphere and methane hydrates may have melted in the ocean due to higher water temperatures, increasing greenhouse gases and thus Earth's temperature.

During this time the Antarctic and Australia were still joined and annual rainfall was in excess of 8 feet.

Thirty-eight million years ago Australia broke off Antarctica and began to drift northwards. This facilitated a current of freezing water to circulate westward around the southern ocean, blocking the passage of warm equatorial waters to the Antarctic and sentencing the South Pole to an ice cap and Australia to desert.

The greenhouse of 35 million years ago became an icehouse.

The worst climate change gripped the world from 24 to five million years ago. And two million years ago, the last glacial period the Pleistocene tightened the noose on Earth and in particular Australia as levels of carbon dioxide plummeted to as low as 180 ppm.

The westerly winds scoured Australia and blew away close to an entire continent worth of vegetation. It favored fire and life forms that were generalists and promoted the ability to spread — perfect for both eucalypts and people.

The lush Wollemi pine forests of 100 million years ago were beleaguered. By two million years ago Wollemi probably only lived in about 10 gullies in the Blue Mountains of New South Wales and they were wiped out except along one creek-line.

Today, all that remains are two relic stands (about a mile and a half apart) of Wollemi pines that are sticking up amongst a flowering rainforest.

Even more bizarre — the trees are all genetically identical, although about 5,000 viable seeds are produced each year.

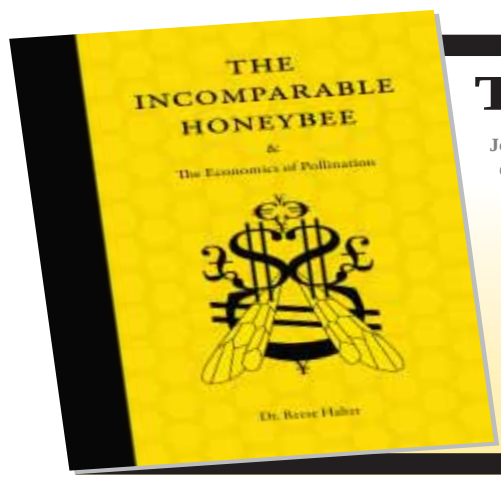
Forest biologists believe that the remaining Wollemi forests in New South Wales must have been extraordinary genetically similar before climate change forced them into a very low genetic variability, and over thousands of years they have further exaggerated by cloning into one big stand of pines that somehow split into two.

Of the 50 species of plants collected from the two Wollemi forests, one third are new to science including lichens and fungi. Four plants contain potent medicinal properties being explored by pharmaceuticals.

The fungus that is intimately associated with Wollemi pine roots in a life sustaining symbiotic process produces taxol (previously only known from the North American Pacific yew tree). Taxol is an efficacious cancer-fighting drug used to combat ovarian, breast and lung cancers, cardiovascular disease and AIDS.

Climate change may have painted this astonishing tree species into one remaining creek-line and although they have no remaining genetic variability, Wollemi pine has stayed the course for over 100 million years on our planet — miraculously obviating the end-game.

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What's the Point?

David Pisarra
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Finding a common enemy

WELL, THIS YEAR IS OFF TO A GREAT START for the environmental forces. Washington D.C. has imposed a 5 cent tax on those annoying plastic bags I keep going on about. Washington D.C. — land of bureaucracy, a crack loving mayor and no federal representation (well almost none) — is actually ahead of our fair burg in the environmental race.

When last I wrote about plastic bags, I sent an e-mail to Councilmember Kevin McKeown seeking an update. My deadline arrived too quickly, but he did respond and I want to print his response.

McKeown wrote me that "The Master Environmental Assessment (MEA) being done statewide by a consortium of jurisdictions (with Santa Monica in the lead) is due to be completed in February, definitely later than anticipated. We're not going to wait; we're hoping to have an EIR consultant start work in early January so the initial work on the EIR is done when the MEA figures are ready to plug in. That EIR has to be circulated, etc.; staff is hoping to have the ordinance (which is already written!) back before council by April or May at the latest."

I was provided with a link to the proposed ordinance, and have read it. The ban is on the plastic bags that we take home our groceries in. It will not effect the "product bags" like the ones we use to put vegetables in. As an alternative for the outright banning of plastic bags, there will be the use of paper bags. But that too has a rather high environmental cost and to curb the excessive use of the paper bags the ordinance suggests an initial tax of 25 cents per bag, with a minimum of 10 cents per bag to be retained by the retailers to offset their costs for enforcement of the ordinance.

It will be interesting to see over the long term how the D.C. tax compares with our proposed outright ban. If, as I believe, the imposition of a small tax drastically reduces consumption, then they've made great progress. If our actual ban does go into effect, as Councilmember McKeown is committed to, then I expect we shall see a profound difference, along the same lines as has happened in San Francisco where people just carry reusable bags.

McKeown continues with, "No, I'm not happy that the plastic bag industry has managed to stall us this long. I first put the matter before the council on Oct. 9, 2007. Samohi students have been great supporters, and I'm committed to getting this passed before another class graduates."

I'd like to see that happen also. I first wrote of this topic four years ago. That's a huge amount of tax revenue that has gone uncollected. It's a bigger amount of trash that has entered the stream of contamination and spoliation that is contributing to a toxic Pacific Ocean.

There's a video that's making the Facebook rounds about the buildup of plastics in the ocean. Now this not some loony tunes, Aluminum Hat Brigade conspiracy minded group of eco-warriors who are out to destroy the long suffering plastics manufacturers. This is a scientist being showcased on Good Morning America. The video is appalling and shocking. The way in which we humans are running our planet is appalling.

I WROTE A COLUMN A FEW YEARS BACK WHERE I SAID THAT THE ONLY WAY WE COULD GET WORLD PEACE WOULD BE FOR A COMMON ENEMY, PREFERABLY ALIENS, TO FORCE US TO PUT ASIDE OUR PETTY DIFFERENCES. I STILL BELIEVE THAT WE NEED A COMMON ENEMY, I'M JUST COMING TO THE CONCLUSION THAT THE COMMON ENEMY MAY BE THE EFFECTS OF OUR OWN BAD BEHAVIOR.

When I lived in Westwood, we had a neighbor who was a hoarder. She was clearly mentally unbalanced. She would gather all the recyclables in the neighborhood and pile them in her backyard. Once a year or so, the city would come out and cite her, then they would come with a dump truck and a warrant and clean out the public nuisance on private land.

As a race, we are doing something very similar with our planet. We are creating a public nuisance, and the problem is that no one is coming to clean up the mess.

I wrote a column a few years back where I said that the only way we could get world peace would be for a common enemy, preferably aliens, to force us to put aside our petty differences. I still believe that we need a common enemy, I'm just coming to the conclusion that the common enemy may be the effects of our own bad behavior.

It's a big planet, there are lots of chores to be done around here to keep it neat and tidy. The push for a ban on those plastic bags is but one step in a long battle to maintain a clean and healthy planet.

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The Q Line

Money for schools

The SMMUSD's Board of Education recently agreed to place an emergency parcel tax on the ballot. This issue is sure to divide the local electorate. Some are no doubt willing to pay more for education while others feel that taxpayers are overburdened as it is.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
What's your opinion of the proposed tax?

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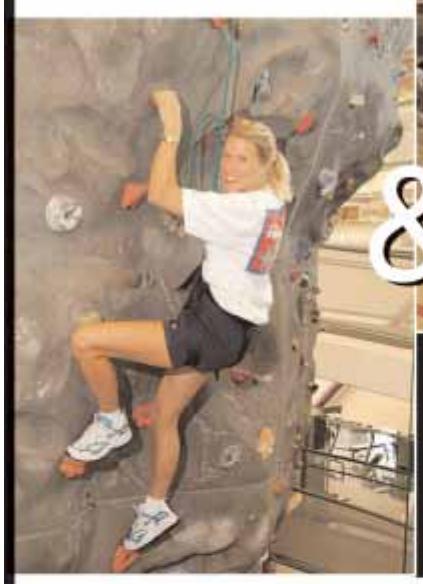


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Discovering a whole new world

THE RADER FAMILY HAS PASSED THE giant, gleaming cube of the Taco Bell Discovery Center in Santa Ana dozens of times on the way to Disneyland. So we finally decided to stop by and "discover" it. The two-story building was jammed full of hands-on exhibits — literally everything there could be touched, heard or smelt.

On the first floor, many stations explained earth science from earthquakes to clouds. Dash and Zora made a beeline for the erosion exhibit involving flowing water and lots of wet sand. (How is it the messiest activities always attract my children?) Dash loved the earthquake simulator. Sitting in the machine and feeling the sway of a 5-point on the Richter scale was so exciting that he keeps asking me, "Are we going to have an earthquake today?" Dash also loved a contraption that when pushed created clouds of billowing steam. A short rock-climbing wall allowed children to experience the fun of a climb without all the harnesses and heavy equipment usually required.

We watched a short 3D movie about sea turtles and the trouble humans dish out. The movie was the perfect length, as we have found the regular IMAX movies to be too long or too scary for preschool and toddler-aged children. A movie about dinosaurs is also playing, but I was wary of the fear factor.

Upstairs, a play area dedicated to the under-5 crowd contained a submarine, which my kids immediately filled with foam blocks to create a makeshift bouncy. Zora enjoyed dressing up as various animals, and insisted I take her picture. A green screen TV allowed older kids to perform in front of marine scenes. A few large computer screens also offered video games suitable for preschoolers.

Sports fans were in heaven — virtual heaven, that is. Kids enjoyed ice-skating races and green screen volleyball. You could shoot a hockey puck at a virtual goal, or get suited up and defend a goal against a virtual puck. Many dads flocked to the machine that measures the speed of your baseball pitch. Dash had to beg the very big boys for a turn.

Many of the sports activities were part of the exhibit the Science of Hockey. Did you know that the white paint of the hockey rink is actually painted on layers of ice and then covered with more ice layers? I now know more about hockey than I ever thought I would. Hockey fans can design their own team uniform, broadcast a game, touch ice (which was very cool for my SoCal kids who are deprived of rotten weather), and virtually drive a life-size replica of a zamboni.

The second floor also held music and space exhibits. Dash and Zora loved playing the laser harp so much I considered lessons. A new feature called the Planetary Research Station features a giant globe 6 feet in diameter. Information is projected onto the "planet," such as real-time infrared satellite images, sea ice concentrations, or the topography of Venus. Visitors can also walk out into the cube, which is covered in solar panels.

As we cruised around the center, it was fun to see everyone, moms and dads included, engaging with the exhibits. I loved making my own computer-animated movie with plastic dinosaurs. Dash and his dad, Rob, enjoyed rolling balls down a giant funnel. Families were dancing in front of the sand shadows screen and laughing in the storm simulator as hurricane strength winds whipped their hair around. As I watched a mom coach her son on the flight simulator, I could picture the driving lessons in their future.

Just when we thought the center had surpassed the coolness limit, we strolled outside to the DinoQuest area. An Argentinosaurus stood disemboweled and two stories tall. Dash immediately ran up to its stomach cavern where he could listen to its heartbeat, watch food balls spin around in its digestive system, and check out exposed muscles and bones. The dino-park also features caves and fossils, which are part of an electronic game for older children. Participants search the park for clues to a puzzle by waving electronic wands at fossils that roar and rocks that magically open. With all the wand waving, I expected the fossils to start levitating.

Even without playing the game, the park held interest for the kids. Zora loved exploring the cave, and was surprised by the video of a T-Rex who stomped around and snarled at her. Once again, the Discovery Center did not forget the preschooler and toddler set. A mini playground featured a dinosaur wall puzzle, a couple of dinos for climbing and a small slide.

After several hours, we felt that we had only scratched the surface of things to do. We didn't get a chance to lie on the bed of nails or make body impressions in the pin-wall. We will definitely return — we only wish it was closer! It was quite a hike to get to the center. Also, Taco Bell is the only food option with sodas as the only beverage. It is the "Taco Bell" Discovery Center after all. In addition, it is right next to the freeway, so the noise pollution was a bit distracting in the DinoQuest area. These are small quibbles, really, for a mostly fantastic place.

The Discovery Center's next temporary exhibit is Secrets of Circles, which runs from Jan. 16 through May 2. Bubblefest, featuring a Guinness Record winning "bubble artist," is in April, and a Rubik's Cube competition is scheduled in May. If you are like me and had to take apart your Rubik's Cube so you could bring it back to school the next day with its sides perfectly color-matched, you might enjoy seeing the experts at work.

Admission is $12.95 for adults, $9.95 for ages 3-17. The 3D movie is $3 extra, and DinoQuest is $5 extra. There is a discount for members of the California Science Center. www.discoverycube.org

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Inspired by a stranger's struggles

I AM SITTING BACKSTAGE WITH A ROOM full of women, all mothers, preparing to go on stage for the show Expressing Motherhood, a play about real moms sharing real stories, that I have been doing for the last two weekends. These are vibrant, smart, funny, revealing women. This is so lovely to be a part of.

But I wasn't supposed to be here.

I have been in this show before, twice actually. When I submitted for this show, the producers let me know they wanted to give other people a chance. Would I mind being a back up? No worries. I was very excited to sit in the audience and support them all.

But then in November, the producers got in touch asking if I could step in. One of the moms in the show had had a stroke and wouldn't be able to make it. Of course, I agreed, though I was hoping she'd recover and I could take my rightful place in the audience.

But she didn't.

I don't know much about strokes. I imagined an older woman with a loose white bun ready to tell her tale of motherhood with years of experience, more of a looking back on her adult children kind of thing. There was an older neighbor down the road from us when I was younger who'd had a stroke. I remember when I would head down to the lake for a swim and need to pass his house, I would hurry by and even take a few steps up on the curb across the street. I was keeping my distance. I didn't understand why he could no longer talk. I didn't understand why his face looked like that. I didn't understand a thing and was admittedly a little frightened.

Since then, my grandmother and stepfather have each had minor ones, so clearly if I have learned anything, it is that strokes happen to older people.

But then I learned she is in her 30s.

She has three children — Rachael, Nathaniel, Peyton. Peyton has cancer.

Her name is Anissa Mayhew. She writes a popular blog about her family and about Peyton's cancer. Her picture in the program for our show shows a woman with a lovely face, full of warmth, hugging her child, and while her story is full of struggle, in this picture I see something bright.

I hear she was just in a restaurant and then something happened, she called her husband to say she didn't feel right and then that was that.

I stand backstage each night listening to her letter to children, read by a producer since she could not perform. It is her letter of apology to Nathaniel and Rachael for not being there as much as possible because of Peyton's cancer. Her words are direct, clear, strong. She does not shelter her children from the truth of their sister's health issue. As someone whose own mother didn't shelter me from the truth of my father's death, a suicide, I appreciate the honesty. I applaud the difficult choices that treat each of her children with respect. Through the dark curtain that separates me in the back and her words on stage, I get to know her and yet at the same time, I have no idea of what she has been through.

And that is probably the core of this show and getting to know all of these women. We are all moms. We all have our unique stories we are sharing. Very few of us overlap. There's adoption, NICU scares, minivan woes, preschool panic, tales of miscarriage.

Performing with these women for the last two weeks has shown me that motherhood is a grand connector, as some say it is the great equalizer. We are all so different, but as mothers, through our children and the work and effort that we put into raising them, we see the future.

I hear Anissa is making great progress towards that future, but still has much ahead of her. This is the little I can do to help her and her family. I have this column, I can tell you her story. I can ask you to learn about their family and consider donating.

I do not know Anissa. I have never met her. We are strangers. But stepping in for her in this show, I feel this connection to her. As I stand backstage every night I hear her words and get to know her and her family just ever so slightly, for I can never truly know what they have been through. But I hear her words. I hear her beautiful writing and I am moved. And as a writer, that is something that excites and motivates me. Words can stir emotion and emotion can stir action. And while my words here pale in comparison to hers, I still hope that you will be moved by my telling this woman's story and also reach out to assist in some way.

Donations can be sent to The Mayhew Family, 860 Johnson Ferry Road, 140-184 Atlanta, Ga. 30342. To learn more go to www.hope4peyton.org or e-mail helpforanissa@gmail.com.

They are doing this show again next January in Los Angeles and while I do not know if I will be in it, I hope Anissa will be.

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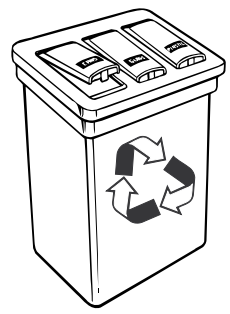
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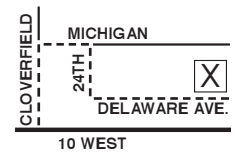


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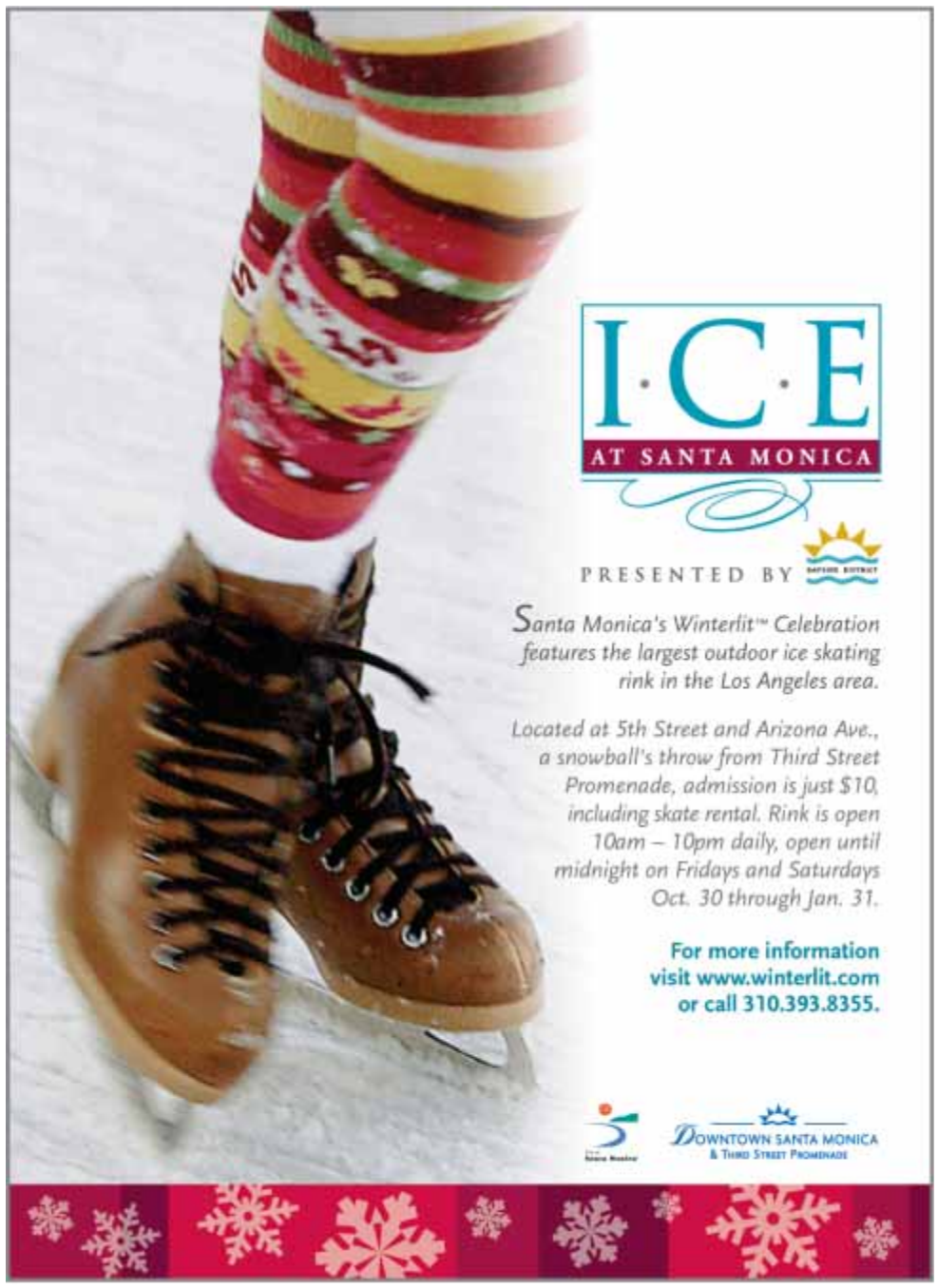
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Keynote speaker stresses need for 'a sense of destiny'

FROM **KING** PAGE 1

headed in the wrong direction.

"Are we so desperate for attention that it makes us crazy?" she said.

The speaker also directed some of her criticism at the government, knocking U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security Janet Napolitano for remarks she made defending the nation's air travel security in the wake of the failed bombing attempt on a passenger plane on Christmas Day. She compared Napolitano's statements to former President George W. Bush's praise for Michael Brown, the former director of FEMA, as Hurricane Katrina was unfolding.

She also compared Bernie Madoff, the convicted Wall Street scam artist, to Osama Bin Laden, saying Madoff was "just as destructive to the financial situations of many Americans."

But the events that reveal society's shortcomings, she said, are no reason to despair. The Obama presidency, she said, shows that hope for the future can result in great achievements.

> **ARE WE SO DESPERATE FOR ATTENTION THAT IT MAKES US CRAZY?**
>
> **Adena Williams Loston**
> president of St. Philip's College in San Antonio, Texas

She urged people to make Martin Luther King an example in their own lives.

"Like Martin, we must become anchored in a sense of destiny," she said.

Musical performances at the event were by the Crossroads Jazz Ensemble, members of the Santa Monica High School Chamber Orchestra and soprano Savitri Labensart.

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Flash flood watch issued in burn areas

FROM **STORM** PAGE 3

Fire last summer that scorched about 250 square miles of Angeles National Forest.

Olivia Brown stood outside her home in driving rain and exchanged information with her neighbors.

"We are already packed and ready to go," she said, adding that most people would probably heed the orders to leave.

Elsewhere, more than 12,000 residents lost power due the heavy winter storm that could bring up to 1 1/4 inches of rain an hour.

Earlier in the day, a plane flying from Dallas to San Francisco made an emergency landing at San Jose International Airport because of the storm.

American Airlines spokesman Tim Wagner said the captain reported encountering a powerful gust of wind as the plane began its descent to San Francisco International Airport.

Two more storms were expected to hit California later in the week.

The areas most affected by the power outages were Arrowhead, Hawthorne, Hesperia and unincorporated Los Angeles County, said Vanessa McGrady, a spokeswoman with Southern California Edison.

Problems were also reported in the Eagle Rock neighborhood of Los Angeles. A spokeswoman for the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power did not return repeated calls.

No major damage was reported despite rain that intensified through the day. The first storm was expected to drop 3 to 6 inches of rain in Southern California and 8 inches in the San Francisco area.

The National Weather Service issued a flash flood watch in burn areas in Los Angeles, Santa Barbara and Ventura counties. The agency also issued a wind advisory in areas northeast of Los Angeles, with gusts up to 70 mph. Winds up to 35 mph were forecast in parts of Northern California.

Authorities urged residents living below fire-damaged hillsides to obey any evacuation orders. They said they were ready for mudslides and debris flows six times as severe as the one in La Conchita in 2005 that killed 10 people along California's central coast.

City receives $9.7 million in grants from Metro

FROM CONSENT PAGE 1

equipped to deal with.

In order to comply with federal standards for housing programs such as Section 8, the council is being asked to approve $218,000 to screen applicants for eligibility. The three-year contract is with the firm Program Compliance Solutions.

Also included on the agenda is $238,000 for artwork in two city-owned parking structures. Parking Structure 7 on Fourth Street will be getting a sculpture that comprises 300 polished stainless steel spheres by artists Benjamin Ball and Gaston Nogues. Structure 8 on Second Street will be getting a photographic tile mural by Anne Marie Karlsen. The artists were selected last year by the Santa Monica Arts Commission.

The council is expected to award a $270,000 contract to Atkinson-Baker for court reporting, transcriptions and video conferencing services for the next four years.

The council is also expected to approve $117,500 for messenger and legal support services for five years in a proposed contract with Santa Monica Express.

Also on the agenda is a $76,000 contract extension with General Environmental Management for hazardous waste transportation and a $500,000 contract with Alltech Protective Services for security at the Annenberg Community Beach House during the next three and a half years.

CASH COMING IN

City Hall is slated to receive $9.7 million in grants from the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority for five projects the agency's board approved in September.

The grants require $6.26 million in matching funds from City Hall, which will come from non-general fund sources and will be allocated in future fiscal year budgets.

The projects that received the grants include a bike network link to the Exposition Light Rail and a pedestrian promenade on Colorado Avenue between Fourth Street and Ocean Avenue. There is also funding to help replace 10 40-foot diesel buses with alternative fuel vehicles.

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Wide range of projects recognized

FROM AWARDS PAGE 3

converting a multi-unit Craftsman bungalow courtyard complex into a single family home, preserving its exterior architecture and streetscape presence.

For adaptive reuse of a commercial property, Red Bull North America, Inc., at 1740 Stewart St., will receive an award for transforming a vintage industrial building, originally used for manufacturing, into a unique and imaginative corporate headquarters. This project demonstrates a dynamic collaboration between architect, structural engineer and client.

The Stewardship Award will be presented to Michele Nasatir, owner of the Embassy Hotel Apartments at 1001 Third St., for outstanding dedication to preserving the magnificent Spanish Colonial Revival architecture and decorative enrichment of this landmark building.

In addition to the preservation awards, the Santa Monica Conservancy will recognize two individuals for their exemplary volunteer efforts. For Outstanding Service, attorney Ken Kutcher of the Santa Monica law firm of Harding Larmore Kutcher & Kozal, LLP, will be recognized for his pro-bono work on the Shotgun House lease negotiations and also for initiating zoning changes providing incentives to facilitate new development on large lots with small landmark structures.

The Volunteer Service Award will go to Kay Pattison for her many contributions to the conservancy's popular Downtown Walking Tour and the Annenberg Community Beach House docent program. Pattison, who began as a Downtown tour docent, now manages the program. She volunteered for the Beach House program, independently undertook significant research into the histories of its original owners, publishing magnate William Randolph Hearst and his mistress, silent film star Marion Davies, and served as a speaker for the training program.

The annual meeting is open to members of the Santa Monica Conservancy and their guests. For more information, see www.smconservancy.org or call (310) 496-3146.

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Taco Bell founder dead at 86

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

RANCHO SANTA FE, Calif. Glen W. Bell Jr., an entrepreneur best known as the founder of the Taco Bell chain, has died. He was 86.

Bell died Sunday at his home in Rancho Santa Fe, according to a statement posted Monday on the Taco Bell Web site.

The Irvine-based company did not release a cause of death.

"Glen Bell was a visionary and innovator in the restaurant industry, as well as a dedicated family man," Greg Creed, president of Taco Bell, said in the statement.

Bell launched his first restaurant, called Bell's Drive-In, in 1948 in San Bernardino after seeing the success of McDonald's. His restaurant sought to take advantage of Southern California's car culture by serving hamburgers and hot dogs through drive-in windows.

The World War II veteran next helped establish Taco Tias in Los Angeles, El Tacos in the Long Beach area, and Der Wienerschnitzel, a national hot dog chain.

Bell launched Taco Bell in 1962 in Downey after cutting ties with his business partners and quickly expanding around Los Angeles.

He sold the first Taco Bell franchise in 1964. In 1978, Bell sold his 868 Taco Bell restaurants to PepsiCo for $125 million in stock.

Taco Bell is now owned by Yum! Brands and is the largest Mexican fast-food chain in the nation, serving more than 36.8 million consumers each week in more than 5,600 U.S. locations.

Bell is survived by his wife, Martha, three sisters, two sons, a daughter and four grandchildren.

A private funeral is planned.

Leno's staff says boss isn't the bad guy in late-night battle

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LOS ANGELES Jay Leno staffers say their boss isn't the bad guy in NBC's late-night upheaval.

Leno has faced online chatter and some reports suggesting he's wresting "Tonight" from Conan O'Brien.

"The network asked him to make a compromise. He's being a good soldier, and he's being trashed," said producer Jack Coen, who has worked with Leno for 14 years.

He added that there isn't any truth to the suggestion that the talk host forced the issue to get back on "The Tonight Show."

Tracie Fiss, a co-producer who has worked with Leno for 18 years, said her reaction to such characterizations is "frustration."

"Jay doesn't have the power to make these decisions. The decisions are made by NBC," she said.

Settlement talks continued Sunday on a deal that would let O'Brien leave NBC and "Tonight," and put Leno back into the 11:35 p.m. EST time slot he occupied for 17 years through last spring. NBC is dropping "The Jay Leno Show," his disappointing prime-time show that debuted last fall at 10 p.m.

A proposed deal would give O'Brien more than $30 million for leaving and allow him to go to another network as early as this fall, according to people familiar with the talks, who spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to publicly discuss the negotiations.

After O'Brien rejected NBC's initial plan to move him and "Tonight" to midnight EST and give Leno a half-hour show at 11:30 p.m. EST, the flap became monologue fodder for them and for other late-night hosts. The exchanges, which grew increasingly pointed and with Leno often the target, have been widely reported.

Appearing by satellite last week for Leno's "Ten at Ten" question-and-answer segment, ABC's Jimmy Kimmel was asked to relate his best prank ever. Kimmel replied that he told a guy five years ago that he'd give him his show, and "then I took it back."

It was a thinly veiled reference to Leno's agreement in 2004 to surrender "The Tonight Show" to O'Brien last year.

Coen, who worked on "Tonight" with Leno and is a producer on Leno's prime-time show in charge of writing, said such barbed humor isn't unusual among comedians but contends it's being misinterpreted in news reports.

"It's interesting to be on this side of the story and see how it's being reported. They act as if he's the corporate lapdog but also the master marionette forcing these issues," Coen said.

If Leno emerges with "Tonight" but with his image scarred, it could have ramifications for him and his show.

Soldier guilty of cruelty and maltreatment in Iraq

JOANNE VIVIANO
Associated Press Writer

COLUMBUS, Ohio A military panel in Kuwait convicted a U.S. soldier of being cruel and mistreating fellow soldiers, a case undertaken after an Army private from Ohio committed suicide in Iraq.

Staff Sgt. Enoch Chatman, of West Covina, Calif., was convicted Wednesday on two violations of the cruelty and maltreatment article of the Uniform Code of Military Justice, said Lt. Col. Kevin Olson, a military spokesman in Iraq.

Chatman was one of four soldiers accused of mistreating others in their platoon in Iraq through verbal abuse, physical punishment and ridicule of other soldiers.

The investigation was prompted by the August death of Pvt. Keiffer Wilhelm, who grew up in Willard in northwest Ohio.

Wilhelm, 19, was in Iraq with his new platoon for just 10 days before he killed himself. His family believes he was treated so badly that he took his own life, but the military has determined there was no direct evidence the four soldiers' misconduct caused the death.

His father, Shane Wilhelm, attended the trial and said he was glad Chatman "got something" but is not completely satisfied with the outcome.

"We're glad that he was found guilty because he was there for most of the occurrences that took place to our son," he said. "He was in a position to prevent this from happening, and he didn't."

Wilhelm's mother has said he called her twice from Iraq and told her he was being targeted in his new unit and forced to run for miles with rocks in his pockets that smashed against his knees. He also told his mother that he was being forced to exercise for hours and that his personal items were disappearing, she said.

Chatman was sentenced Thursday to three months' confinement, a reduction in rank and a reprimand, Olson said. He had faced up to 10 years in prison.

Sgt. Jarrett Taylor of Edmond, Okla., was found guilty in November and was sentenced to confinement for six months, reduction in rank and forfeiture of two-thirds pay for six months, Olson said.

Staff Sgt. Bob Clements of Eastland, Texas, is scheduled to face trial Feb. 14. He faces charges of cruelty and maltreatment, making a false statement, impeding an investigation and reckless endangerment. If convicted of all counts, he faces up to 25 years in prison.

Charges were dropped against Spc. Daniel Weber of Frankenmuth, Mich., who resigned from the Army.

Shane Wilhelm said Army officials told him that other platoons have taken notice of the case and are taking steps to improve the way officers treat subordinates.

"Hopefully, all four branches of the service make some changes so this doesn't happen again," he said.

Calif. man shoots his way out of sinking vehicle

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ROSEVILLE, Calif. A driver whose SUV plunged into a Northern California creek after he was startled when the hands-free device of his cell phone activated, escaped the sinking vehicle by blasting out the window with a handgun.

The 28-year-old man whose name wasn't immediately available is an armed security guard at Thunder Valley Casino, north of Sacramento. He sustained minor injuries in Sunday's accident.

A spokesman for the Roseville Fire Department said the man was traveling northbound on Industrial Avenue in Roseville when the cell phone device activated. The driver was startled and veered off the road through the guardrail. The SUV landed in Pleasant Grove Creek.

He used his gun to shoot himself out, then flagged down a passerby.

Calif. lawmaker pushes for kids to use ski helmets

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SACRAMENTO, Calif. Children taking to the slopes would have to take a helmet along under a new law proposed in Sacramento.

California Sen. Leland Yee introduced the bill last week. It would require children under 18 to don a helmet. If they don't, their parents would face a $25 fine.

The San Mateo Democrat says he drafted the bill after seeing a study that showed helmets can cut in half the risk of serious head injuries in children 15 and younger.

The California Ski Industry Association has pledged its support.

At least one lawmaker, however, is opposed. Republican Tom Harman told the Los Angeles Times the bill brings up the question of how far government should go in protecting people from themselves.

The bill is still weeks away from any discussion.

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Worshippers urged not to 'sanitize' King's legacy

ERRIN HAINES
Associated Press Writer

ATLANTA A scholar and activist invoked the fiery side of Martin Luther King Jr.'s rhetoric Monday at the civil rights icon's church, urging the audience not to "sanitize" King's legacy or let the president off the hook on issues like poverty.

Across the country, Americans marked what would have been King's 81st birthday with rallies and parades. And days ahead of the anniversary of his historic inauguration, President Barack Obama honored King by serving meals to the needy.

But in the city where the 1964 Nobel Peace Prize winner was born, it was Princeton University professor Cornel West who reminded listeners that King's message of nonviolence came with a fiery urgency. West delivered a passionate keynote address to hundreds at Ebenezer Baptist Church on the 25th federal observance of King's birthday.

West told the crowd to remember King's call to help others and not enshrine his legacy in "some distant museum." Instead, West offered, King should be remembered as a vital person whose powerful message was once even considered dangerous by the FBI.

"I don't want to sanitize Martin Luther King Jr.," said West, who teaches in Princeton's Center for African American Studies and is the author of "Race Matters" and 19 other books. "I don't know about you, but I don't even mention his name without shivering and shuddering."

West also told the mostly black audience to hold Obama's administration accountable even as they celebrate his historic presidency. The anniversary of Obama's inauguration as the country's first black president — seen by many blacks as part of the fulfillment of King's dream — is Jan. 20.

"Even with your foot on the brake, there are too many precious brothers and sisters under the bus," West said of Obama. "Where is the talk about poverty? We've got to protect him and respect him, but we've also got to correct him if the legacy of Martin Luther King Jr. is going to stay alive."

King's youngest daughter, Bernice King, presided over the ceremony with her aunt, Christine King Farris, the civil rights leader's only living sibling. His other children, Martin Luther King III and Dexter King, did not attend the service at the church where King preached, which was packed to its 2,200-person capacity.

In Washington, D.C., Obama honored King's legacy of helping others serving lunch at a social services organization. Later Monday, Obama discussed the civil rights movement with a group of black elders and their grandchildren. He was later scheduled to speak at a King Day concert at the Kennedy Center.

"How are you sir? God bless you," the president said, greeting one man among the dozens of people who filed into the dining room at SOME, or So Others Might Eat. His daughters and first lady Michelle Obama joined him.

Marches and parades took place around the country, including one in Montgomery, Ala., where King gained renown leading a bus boycott in protest of segregation during the 1950s.

Tens of thousands marched in San Antonio, with some singing "We shall overcome," an anthem of 1960s civil rights workers, and others chanting "Yes, we can," the slogan used by Obama's campaign.

Mark Melchor, a 22-year-old university student, wore a jacket from his Latino fraternity, a group that participates in the event every year.

King represents "civil rights for everybody," he said. "There's always going to be more work to be done. Minorities still have a disadvantage in the world. It's getting better but still."

In South Carolina, the president of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People vowed to step up efforts to remove the Confederate flag from Statehouse grounds. The flag flies on a 30-foot pole on the front lawn of the Capitol, after it was moved in 2000 from a perch atop the Capitol Dome.

Thousands turned out for the rally and a march through downtown Columbia. Theron Foster showed his 8-year-old daughter the African-American History monument less than 100 yards from the flag.

"I want her to know both sides of the story of South Carolina," Foster said. "I want her to see what an insult this state puts right next to the story of her people."

Haitians seeking refuge in U.S. will be returned

CURT ANDERSON
AP Legal Affairs Writer

MIAMI U.S. authorities are readying for a potential influx of Haitians seeking to escape their earthquake-wracked nation, even though the policy for migrants remains the same: with few exceptions, they will go back.

So far, fears of a mass migration have yet to materialize. However, conditions in Haiti become more dire each day and U.S. officials don't want to be caught off guard.

Between 250 and 400 immigration detainees are being moved from South Florida's main detention center to clear space for any Haitians who manage to reach U.S. shores, according to the Homeland Security Department. The Navy base at Guantanamo Bay could house migrants temporarily — far from suspected terrorists also being held there — and the Catholic church is working on a plan to accept Haitian orphans.

Homeland Security spokesman Sean Smith said Monday that orphans who have ties to the U.S. — such as a family member already living here — and Haitians evacuated for medical reasons are among those who can gain special permission to remain in the U.S.

The mass migration plan, known as "Operation Vigilant Sentry," was put in place in 2003 because of previous experiences with Caribbean migrations, said Coast Guard Lt. Cmdr. Chris O'Neil, spokesman for the Homeland Security Task Force Southeast that would manage any Haitian influx.

"There is no new incentive for anyone to try to enter the United States illegally by sea," O'Neil said. "The goal is to interdict them at sea and repatriate them."

The message was underscored by Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano during a weekend appearance at Homestead Air Reserve Base south of Miami, a key staging area for Haiti relief flights.

"This is a very dangerous crossing. Lives are lost every time people try to make this crossing," Napolitano said, addressing Haitians directly. "Please do not have us divert our necessary rescue and relief efforts that are going into Haiti by trying to leave at this point."

Some immigration advocates say the U.S. should shift away from stopping migrants and ease safe passage. They say those on approved waiting lists should be able to join spouses or relatives in the U.S.

"We should be figuring out an orderly transition for people to come here, instead of being panicked about it," said Ira Kurzban, a leading Miami immigration attorney.

The Obama administration's decision last week to grant temporary protected status to Haitians in the U.S. illegally as of Jan. 12 does not extend to those attempting to enter the U.S. after that date.

So far this year, the Coast Guard has intercepted 17 Haitians at sea, all before the earthquake struck. The 2009 total of 1,782 was higher than any year since 2004, when more than 3,200 Haitians were stopped attempting to reach U.S. shores. That was a year of political upheaval in Haiti following the collapse of the government of former President Jean-Bertrand Aristide.

Cuba is responsible for the biggest mass migration from any Caribbean nation: more than 125,000 Cubans streamed to the U.S. in 1980 after former President Fidel Castro opened the port of Mariel to anyone who wanted to leave.

Mass. Senate candidates battle to the end

BETH FOUHY
Associated Press Writer

BOSTON Nearly one year to the day after President Barack Obama was sworn into office as an agent of change, Massachusetts Senate candidates battled to the wire Monday in an election that threatened his agenda and reflected voters' frustration with the status quo.

Democrat Martha Coakley and Republican Scott Brown scoured the state for votes on the eve of the special election to succeed the late Edward M. Kennedy, with the Democrats' 60-vote supermajority at stake.

From a distance, the president made one last appeal in a TV ad for Coakley, his words reflecting how much was on the line for Democrats in the face of a surprisingly strong challenge by Republican Scott Brown in a state that hasn't elected a Republican senator since 1972.

"Every vote matters, every voice matters," Obama said in the ad that showed him campaigning with Coakley a day earlier. "We need you on Tuesday."

Obama needs Coakley, the state's attorney general, to win to deny Republicans the ability to block his initiatives — specifically the near-complete health care plan — with a filibuster-sustaining 41st Republican vote. A Coakley loss also would be an embarrassment, particularly because Obama has put so much political capital on the line.

A Suffolk University survey taken Saturday and Sunday shows Brown with double-digit leads in three counties the poll identified as bellwethers: Gardner, Fitchburg and Peabody. But internal statewide polls for both sides show a dead-heat.

Backers of Coakley and Brown worked feverishly to identify their supporters and persuade undecided voters to move their way. Each side deployed armies of volunteers to man phone banks and trudge door to door through ice and snow to encourage people to vote.

A third candidate in the race, Joseph L. Kennedy, a Libertarian running as an independent, said Monday he's been bombarded with e-mails from Brown supporters urging him to drop out and endorse the Republican. But Kennedy, who is polling in the single digits and is no relation to the late senator, said he's staying in.

Special elections tend to draw relatively few voters, but Republicans and Democrats predicted a high turnout Tuesday. The Massachusetts electorate, like the country at large, is dissatisfied with the country's direction, and those disgruntled voters are expected to vote their passions in droves.

Democrats, who until just a week ago considered the race a lock for Coakley, have been forced to scramble for votes in a state where Democrats outnumber Republicans 3-1. Brown has thrown Democrats for a loop, riding a wave of voter anger with Obama's health care plan and what critics call big government spending to pull the race even.

Trying desperately to slow Brown's momentum, Coakley and fellow Democrats rolled out a fresh round of automated calls to voters from Vice President Joe Biden and from Vicki Kennedy, the late senator's widow. They were targeting voters who propelled Obama to victory in 2008. Get-out-the-vote programs were in full swing on campuses across the state, and ads courted the state's large Portuguese and Haitian communities.

Obama's TV appeal mostly was intended to encourage the Democratic base to vote. Democrats need their base to turn out big, given that surveys showed Brown leading among independents and Republicans incredibly energized about his candidacy.

"Martha knows the struggles Massachusetts working families face because she's lived those struggles. She's fought for the people of Massachusetts every single day," Obama says in the spot, filmed during Sunday's rally with Coakley at Northeastern University.

In the final hours, Democrats were making a play for independent women who have not yet rallied around Coakley even as she is running to be the state's first elected woman senator. Her campaign organized a conference call Monday with female Massachusetts mayors who said they support her because she backs Obama's agenda and has been responsive to their concerns.

Brown was trying to capitalize on his advantage among men. He appeared before a heavily male crowd at a Boston Bruins hockey game. A day earlier, he surrounded himself with several well-known male sports celebrities, including former Red Sox pitcher Curt Schilling.



SURF REPORT

Surf Conditions **Water Temp:** 58°

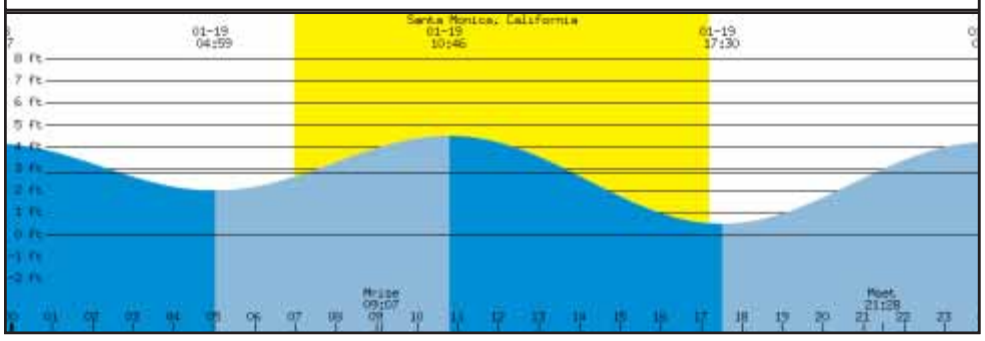
Swell Forecast

Should be the building day for the next major swell event. As of this morning's models, it looks like swell will arrive in the early AM around SB/VC.

Long Range Synopsis

Should be the full impact day for this particular swell. Energy should come in from 270° with 16- to 18-second periods.

Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica



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QUICK STATS (in last 28 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 0
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 8
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 42 / 22
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 3 / 21

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

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

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

LEGEND

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

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PGA

Farmers Insurance to sponsor Torrey Pines

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Fla. The San Diego Open found a title sponsor one week before its tournament, the fourth new sponsor the PGA Tour has attracted in the last nine months.

The tour said Monday that Farmers Insurance Group has agreed to be title sponsor for at least the 2010 event, which starts Jan. 28 at Torrey Pines, with a long-term option. Terms were not released, although there has been severe discounts in similar situations.

It will be called the Farmers Insurance Open. The tournament, which dates to 1952, had been known as the Buick Invitational since 1992 until the automaker filed for bankruptcy and ended its sponsorship last year.

"Although this has been finalized on such short notice, it represents a substantial investment on Farmers' part to help in the tournament's success," PGA Tour commissioner Tim Finchem said. "We look forward to continuing our discussions with Farmers officials ... in regard to the possibility of a longer-term partnership."

Finding a title sponsor for San Diego was regarded as pivotal during economic uncertainty because it offered so much appeal — the first PGA Tour event on network TV, and where Tiger Woods and Phil Mickelson typically begin their seasons.

Farmers Insurance, with headquarters in southern California, is a subsidiary of Swiss-based Zurich Financial Services, which is the title sponsor of the PGA Tour stop in New Orleans.

The tour, along with renewing a half-dozen title sponsor contracts, has found four new companies to sponsors its events. The other three are Seoul Broadcasting System (Kapalua), Waste Management (Phoenix) and The Greenbrier (West Virginia).

MLB

Jerry Hairston joins Pads; will play with brother

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN DIEGO The San Diego Padres have agreed to a $2,125,000, one-year deal with Jerry Hairston Jr.

The deal with the infielder-outfielder comes two days after the Padres completed a trade with Oakland to reacquire Hairston's younger brother, Scott.

Jerry Hairston Jr. split the 2009 season between Cincinnati and the New York Yankees. He was with the Yankees when they won the World Series. He combined to hit .251 with 10 home runs and 39 RBIs.

The Hairstons would become the seventh set of brothers to play for the Padres and the fifth to play as teammates.

MLS

Donovan may extend Everton loan beyond March

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LIVERPOOL, England Landon Donovan could extend his stay in the Premier League after his 10-week loan from the Los Angeles Galaxy expires.

Donovan has made a strong impression during his first two matches on the right wing for Everton, but he's scheduled to head back to Major League Soccer for the season-opener March 27.

Donovan said Monday that "if I look back after 10 weeks and say I really want to stay then maybe I can make that happen."

The American star signed a new contract with the Galaxy through 2013, and says he is "taking it week by week" while in Europe. Donovan wanted to play in the Premier League to help him prepare for the World Cup in South Africa.



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4:00, 6:45, 9:30

Daybreakers (R) 1hr 38min
2:30, 5:00, 7:20, 9:40

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Up in the Air (R) 1hr 49min
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It's Complicated (R) 1hr 54min
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Single Man (R) 1hr 39min
1:40, 4:30, 7:20, 9:50

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The Blind Side (PG-13) 2hrs 6min
1:00, 6:50

Youth in Revolt (R) 1hr 30min
12:30, 3:00, 5:20, 7:40, 10:00,

Book of Eli (R) 1hr 58min
11:00am, 12:50, 1:50, 3:40, 4:40, 6:30, 7:30, 9:20, 10:20,

Lovely Bones (PG-13) 2hrs 15min
1:10, 4:20, 7:20, 10:30

Invictus (PG-13) 2hr 12min
3:50, 9:40

For more information, e-mail news@smdp.com

Make it an early night, Pisces

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ Understand what is going on behind the scenes. The most effective way is to melt into the woodwork and listen. Through this process, you'll come out on top. Tonight: Make it an early night.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Zero in on your priorities. Snooze and then make your point. The more people who can see your vision, the higher the odds of hitting a home run. Tonight: Lie back and enjoy yourself. Give up work mentality.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ As you open up to more changes and deal directly with those who have an impact in your life, you might grasp their perspective. With everything that is going on, let a partner or family member assume greater responsibility. Tonight: A must appearance.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ Visualize more of what you want, and go for the goal. Give less thought to every detail that could trip you up on your way. Find an expert, and open up to a brainstorming situation. You quickly make headway. Tonight: Imagine what it would be like to be a key difficult friend in your life.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ A partner could push and push, and your boundaries could become stronger and stronger. End the game by not playing. You don't need to have this discussion right now. You could opt to take another path or to let go of a plan for now. Tonight: Network.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ Your ability to defer needs to emerge. You might be vested in having a situation fall one way. All the pushing in the world won't help. Relax and watch what occurs. You will have reason to smile. Tonight: Know that you don't need to do anything.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ You might feel that someone is pushing very hard. You know how to state your boundaries in a way that causes others to back off. Investigate other ideas as well if you don't feel comfortable. Tonight: Where the action is.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ Your imagination knows no limits and is a wonderful instrument for finding solutions, enhancing projects and adding more dimension to whatever you want. Know that not everyone has a wild imagination like you. Tonight: Onward. Now, to add more fun to your life.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ Your efforts do make a difference, even if a family member or roommate opts to be contentious and difficult. You might wonder if there is a better way, or perhaps a way to avoid this uproar. Tonight: Stay close to home.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ You know what you want. Even if an associate, friend or partner has a very different idea, it could be a moot issue. A surprise down the road only adds to the excitement of the moment. Tonight: Hang with a friend or two.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ You know when you are out of kilter. And to no one's surprise, it is today. Someone has been coming down on you, or so it feels. No wonder you are up for being a recluse. Promise -- this mood will pass. Tonight: Nap and then decide.

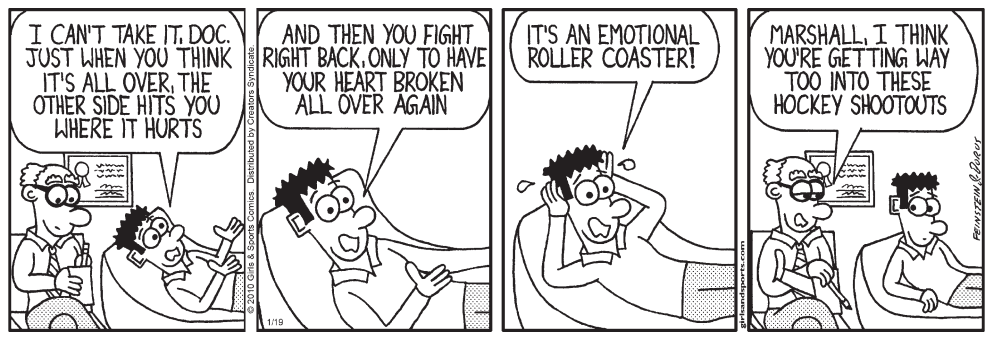
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ A meeting points to the fact that you really cannot wait much longer. You cannot stop, and you need to zero in on a goal, completion of a project or perhaps something as simple as networking. Your appeal speaks for itself. Tonight: Try to make it early.

Happy birthday

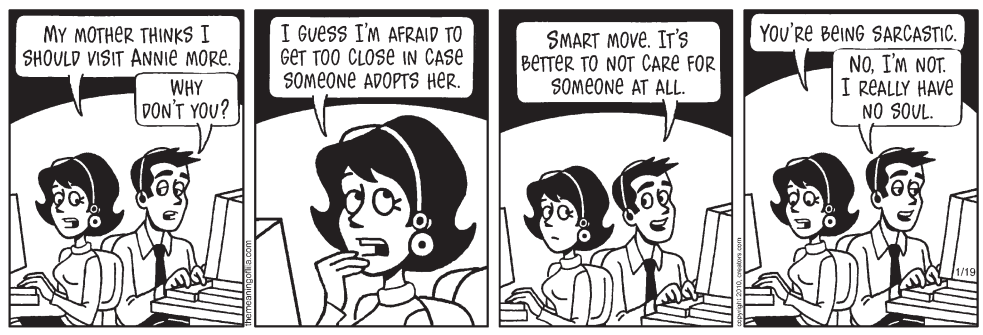
Much changes this year, especially if you're willing to put your thoughts and ideas on the line. For the most part, others respond to this openness. You have the ability to create results (and a lot of conversation on the way). Get plenty of exercise, as you will need to reduce stress. If you are single, get into the dating game and enjoy it. Don't try to speed up events. Go with a natural, easy pace. If you are attached, the two of you love to share and chat the days away. Make plenty of time for each other. PISCES can be an expensive pal to have.

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS
The stars show the kind of day you'll have:
★★★★★Dynamic ★★ So-So
★★★★ Positive ★ Difficult
★★★ Average

Girls and Sports
By Justin Borus and Andrew Feinstein



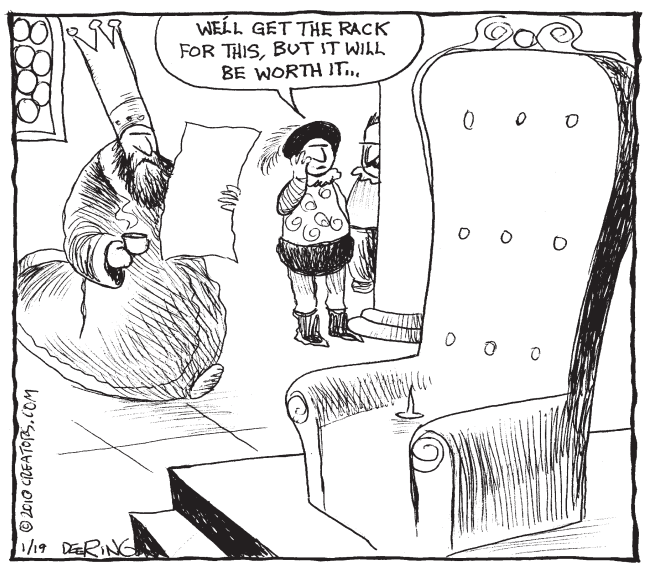
The Meaning of Lila
By John Forgetta & L.A. Rose



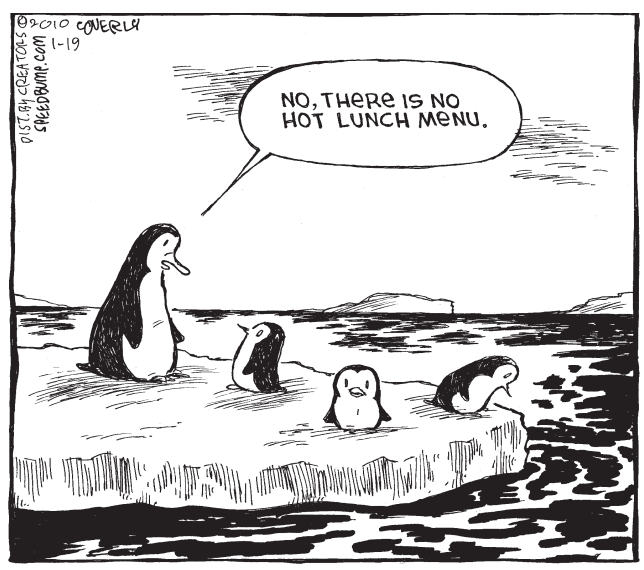
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Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column, and 3x3 block. Use logic and process of elimination to solve the puzzle. The difficulty level ranges from ★ (easiest) to ★★★★★ (hardest).

Difficulty Level ★★

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7								1
2	6			3		8		
3			4	1		2		7
		7			5			
8							3	9

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GETTING STARTED

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

6	2	1	3	9	8	5	7	4
4	3	8	7	1	5	6	9	2
5	7	9	6	4	2	3	1	8
7	5	2	4	6	1	9	8	3
1	6	3	8	5	9	2	4	7
8	9	4	2	3	7	1	5	6
9	8	7	5	2	6	4	3	1
2	4	5	1	7	3	8	6	9
3	1	6	9	8	4	7	2	5

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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Baldwin of "30 Rock"
5 Simple home
10 Stately home
12 Like lambs
13 Plump people, rudely
15 Screw up
16 Soaking spot
17 Set fire to
18 "The Matrix" star
20 Sharpen
21 Dog-walking need
22 Had debts
23 Tempest
25 Gushing review
28 Butler of film
31 Pupil surrounder
32 Home of Duke
34 Neither follower
35 Tiara feature
36 Quarterback Manning
37 Bowling goofs
40 Ordinary
41 Ready for battle
42 Tiny sounds
43 Poi source

DOWN

1 Traffic light color
2 Mountain shrub
3 Main dish
4 Guest's bed
5 Baseball's Ty
6 Gardner of movies
7 Swell with air
8 Queued up
9 Like Russian dolls
11 Makeup exam
14 It may be shipped overnight
19 Bud holders
20 Marge's hubby
24 Cuban dance
25 Total at the register
26 Kindle
27 Rectitude
29 Louise's pal
30 More statuesque
33 Botch
35 Salon offerings
38 Keg need
39 Museum stuff

C	A	S	T	■	A	W	F	U	L	■
A	F	A	R	■	C	H	A	N	E	L
R	I	T	A	■	C	I	N	E	M	A
B	R	I	S	T	O	L	■	A	M	T
S	E	E	H	E	R	E	■	T	I	E
■	■	■	C	A	D	■	P	E	N	N
P	U	M	A	S	■	H	A	N	G	S
A	N	O	N	■	M	O	I	■	■	■
I	N	N	■	P	E	N	N	A	N	T
R	A	T	■	O	A	K	T	R	E	E
E	M	A	I	L	S	■	C	O	V	E
D	E	N	I	A	L	■	A	M	E	N
■	D	A	I	R	Y	■	N	A	R	Y

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1	2	3	4	■	■	5	6	7	8	9
10				11	■	12				
13					14					
15			■	16			■	17		
18			19			■	20			
■	21					■	22			
■	■	■	23			24		■	■	■
25	26	27		■	28			29	30	■
31				■	32					33
34			■	35			■	36		
37			38				39			
40					■	41				
42					■	■	43			

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ (1) Shawnee Mission Northwest outscored the competition at the Kansas Girls State Gymnastics Championship in November, but finished in third place because of a one-point penalty for a rule violation. The school's coach had inquired about a balance-beam score outside the five-minute "window" for inquiries. The two schools that were tied for second place were declared co-champions. (2) Environmentally conscious David and Katie France live 400 yards from their recycling center in Blandford, England, and decided in October to hand-carry their garbage instead of driving their car the short distance. However, they were refused entry, based on a "safety" rule requiring that trash be brought in vehicles.

■ In May 1991, Maxcy Dean Filer of Compton, Calif., finally passed the California Bar exam. He had graduated from law school in 1966 but had failed the exam 47 straight tries. (After opening a practice in Compton, he was suspended in 2007 for failing to pass the California Bar's Professional Responsibility exam. He remains suspended.)

■ Big-time traffickers who smuggle illegal immigrants into the U.S. from Mexico rely on GPS devices to evade the Border Patrol, but starting in June, border-jumpers who travel on their own can have protection, too. Three University of California, San Diego faculty members have designed inexpensive cell phones with special software to locate water, churches and medical facilities in the treacherous Southwest desert (while avoiding law enforcement) and will give the devices to Mexican charities. The phones, which will also feature "welcome to the U.S." poetry, are expected to save the lives of many of the hundreds who die each year on their dangerous journeys, but illegal-immigration protesters are demanding that the academics be arrested for assisting in crimes.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1893 Henrik Ibsen's play The Master Builder premieres in Berlin.

1899 Anglo-Egyptian Sudan is formed.

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