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THE EXCITING TIMES FOR HOOPS ISSUE

After more than 20 years, SMC returns to Malibu

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

MALIBU For the first time in more than two decades, Santa Monica College will offer courses for credit here as part of a pilot program that will help develop a plan for a permanent campus in the Civic Center, something which the college is required to do as part of a 2004 bond measure, officials with SMC announced Friday.

The pilot program will be held at Webster Elementary School in the Civic Center area and will offer six general education classes in art, English, geography, photography and psychology. Classes will be offered Tuesdays through Thursdays, late afternoons and/or evenings starting in the spring semester, which begins Feb. 16.

"We're very pleased to be returning to Malibu with an offering of credit classes," said SMC President Dr. Chui L. Tsang. "This pilot program will help us determine the demand for courses and the best way to serve the Malibu community."

Though SMC has not offered regular credit classes in Malibu for many years, it has had a presence with noncredit courses through Emeritus College, a program for older adults, and with dual enrollment classes for students at Malibu High School.

SMC has been working to start an educational program in Malibu since 2004 when Santa Monica-Malibu voters approved a $135-million bond measure that included $25 million set aside for an instructional facility in Malibu.

SMC officials were involved in negotiations in 2006 to purchase a 7-acre site in the Civic Center at 23801 Stuart Ranch Rd., but the Board of Trustees pulled out of the deal with Yamaguchi Tokiye Trust saying that the site was determined to be "unsuitable."

At the time, former Malibu Mayor Ken Kearsley raised some concerns about geologic fault lines, however, no detailed statement was released on why the college cut off negotiations. A legal agreement prevented all parties from disclosing any details about the sale.

Greg Brown, who is in charge of facilities at SMC, said the college is looking for a

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SWEET SWING

Brandon Wise *brandonw@smdp.com*

Los Angeles Lakers great Jerry West chips golf balls into the Ferris wheel at Pacific Park on Friday. The NBA Hall of Famer was on hand to promote the PGA's Northern Trust Open, which will be played at Riviera Country Club in Pacific Palisades next week.

GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Samohi hosts a weakened Mater Dei

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

SAMOHI Facing one of the top-ranked team in the country is no lay-up drill, but the Vikings have a few things in their favor.

As Santa Monica High School's girls basketball team (15-5 overall, 5-0 in Ocean League play) prepares to host Mater Dei (20-1 overall, 6-0 in Trinity League play) on Saturday at 8 p.m. as part of the Westside Challenge, a few favorable personnel issues have come to light.

Samohi's Bianka Baltizar, a junior transfer from Arizona, was cleared to play by the California Interscholastic Federation Southern Section this week after initially being denied eligibility. She played on Wednesday in a win against Hawthorne, an outing that Head Coach Marty Verdugo said was productive, albeit brief. She isn't expected to start, but will be the top reserve off the bench. Baltizar is the second of two touted transfers from the same school, the other being Moriah Faulk, who was cleared to play earlier this season.

"It's a tale of two teams," Mater Dei Head Coach Kevin Kiernan said of Samohi. "You can't go by what they did earlier in the season.

"They are much, much stronger than they were a month ago, even a week ago. They were good before, now they have a chance to be a great team."

For Mater Dei, its roster is heading the opposite direction. The Monarchs have already lost three starters to injury or transfer, and may be forced to play without a fourth on Saturday — guard Jordan Adams. She injured an ankle this week, an injury Kiernan said may keep her off the court.

The absence of Jordan may bode well for Samohi's star Thea Lemberger. The UCLA-bound guard would be defended by Jordan

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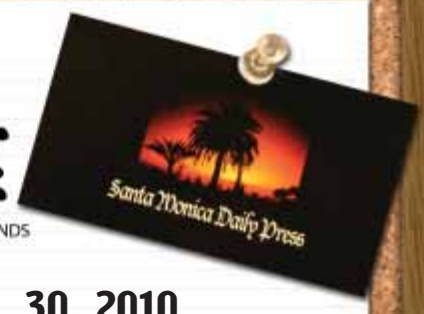


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Saturday, Jan. 30, 2010

Watching whales
Malibu Pier
23000 Pacific Coast Hwy., Malibu
10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.
Come aboard and join Malibu Outfiters and a park ranger for a whale watching and site-seeing tour. Learn about the amazing migration of the Gray Whale and its trip back to Mexico. See dolphins, seals and sea lions, explore the beautiful Malibu coast and learn about its unique history. For more information, call (310) 456-8031.

Art with cultural folk stories
Main Library, Martin Luther King, Jr. Auditorium
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 2 p.m. -- 3:15 p.m.
Discover intriguing folk stories embodied in artists' works. Artists will present their cultural stories through their creative art work, inspiring us to learn more about different history, tradition, humor and life styles of different cultural backgrounds.

'It's Criminal, the Comedy'
Santa Monica Playhouse
1211 Fourth St., 8 p.m.
"It's Criminal, The Comedy" recounts criminal defense attorney Murray Meyer's courtroom adventures with needy, sometimes dangerous clients, loony judges, sexy DA's, and even his own neuroses. Written and performed by Murray Meyer and Directed by Laurel Ollstein and produced by Pender Pine Productions. Admission is $16. The play runs weekly on Saturdays through Feb. 13.

Farm fresh
Downtown
Arizona Avenue and Third Street, 8:30 p.m. —1 p.m.
Get the freshest of the fresh at this weekly Farmers' Market. Everything from fresh goods to prepared foods are available.

Sunday, Jan. 31, 2010

Marriage as comedy
Morgan-Wixson Theatre
2627 Pico Blvd., 2 p.m.
"Run for Your Wife" is a quirky play about one husband, two wives and the craziness that ensues. For more information, call (310) 828-7519.

Last days of ICE
Arizona Avenue at Fifth Street
10 a.m. — 10 p.m.
Bring back childhood memories — and create new ones — as you slice through the ice in a festive atmosphere filled with holiday cheer and balmy ocean breezes. The ice rink will remain open through January. Admission is $10 and includes skate rental. The rink is periodically cleared for short periods to groom the ice. If raining, the rink will remain open in light rain or drizzle conditions, closing only for heavy downpours. For more information go to www.downtownsm.com.

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.



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GOOD DOG: **Dogs being trained to assist the blind sit patiently by their owners during the Guide Dogs of America training class at the Ken Edwards Center during a meeting earlier this month. Each dog undergoes months of strict training before becoming an official guide dog for the blind.**

Teaching young dogs new tricks

BY KATE MATHER
Special to the Daily Press

DOWNTOWN Glyn Judson is one proud parent — even though his kids are a little hairy and might drool sometimes.

Judson raises puppies for Guide Dogs of America, the national group that trains companion dogs for blind people. He takes in puppies from the GDA school in Silmar, Calif. when they are about seven weeks old, and is responsible for socializing the puppies until they are 18 months old and move onto the next stage of their training back at the school.

"It's assumed that by that time they will have developed the experience in the world and the maturity to go to the next level," Judson said.

The way to do that, Judson said, is simple: take the dog everywhere.

"There isn't a checklist of places to go and sights to see, but in the course of one's daily activities, these dogs go with you," Judson said. "If I go to the dentist, my dog goes to the dentist. If I go out to dinner, my dog goes out to dinner. If you were to fly to New York, the dog would fly with you."

Judson has had some experience as a puppy trainer. His sixth dog, Jack, is almost ready to move on to the next level of command training, and he is about to open his home to another potential guide dog: Ned, a black lab who is only a few weeks old.

But Judson isn't the only Santa Monica resident who raises puppies for the program.

The Westside Puppy Raisers Group — composed of people who raise a total of 16 dogs of a variety of ages and breeds — meets once per month at the Ken Edwards Community Center to discuss the challenges of hosting the puppies. From bringing the dogs on bus rides to taking them to restaurants, the group goes on outings designed to help prepare their puppies to be guide dogs.

"It looks like fun — you get to have a puppy 24/7," said Miriam Howard, who is currently raising her third dog, a five-month-old black lab named Keith. "But it's a lot of work. We get puppies when they are seven weeks old and they are babies. We have to teach them everything."

Although the group members do their best to raise the puppies, not all dogs will complete the entire Guide Dogs of America training program.

"My first one was released from the program at his first evaluation, which is around nine months old. He had an enormous fear of loud traffic," Howard said. "We ended up keeping him as a pet and while he's a wonderful, wonderful dog, he would not have been a good guide. They don't get dropped because they are bad dogs, it's because they might not work for a guide."

When the dogs are paired with guides, however, their "parents" say the feeling is indescribable.

Sherri Annis works with Bruce, the only dog Judson has raised that has graduated from the program. She lives outside San Francisco, and must commute 45 minutes each way on the BART to attend classes at San Francisco State University, where she is pursuing her master's to teach the visually impaired. Without Bruce, she said, her life

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SM Place adds three more shops

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN Real estate developer Macerich this week announced three new tenants at Santa Monica Place, its revamped outdoor mall just south of the Third Street Promenade scheduled to reopen in August.

The retailers are: women's clothing store Tory Burch, women's shoe seller Charles David and Ben Bridge Jeweler.

Randy Brant, executive vice president for Santa Monica-based Macerich, said the lease signings are more proof retailers have high expectations for Santa Monica Place.

"It's clear we're succeeding in attracting interesting, high-quality brands to what is certainly going to be an important fashion destination on the Westside," he said.

The 550,000 square-foot mall will be anchored by Bloomingdale's and Nordstrom and is expected to feature more than 100 merchants.

Doug Roscoe, senior manager for Santa Monica Place, said he couldn't disclose how much space remains available but said interest from retailers has been strong and the company is pleased with the pace of leasing.

Bloomingdale's and some mall shops are set to open Aug. 6, he said, with Nordstrom scheduled to debut Aug. 27.

Roscoe said the mall's target audience is slightly older than the promenade's, but said Santa Monica Place will feature a mix of luxury brands and more affordable shops.

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Tracks closed after car, train collide in Pasadena

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PASADENA Authorities say a Los Angeles-area commuter train has struck a car in Pasadena, injuring the driver and blocking the tracks in both directions.

Rick Jager, a spokesman for the Metropolitan Transportation Authority, says a northbound Gold Line train struck the car at a crossing at 1 p.m. Friday. The car was on its side blocking the tracks.

Jager says the driver was hurt but he doesn't know the driver's condition.

Jager says nobody on the train was hurt but the Gold Line was closed around the crash scene and trains returned to two nearby stations.

Jager says buses were used to ferry passengers between those stations. The rest of the route between Downtown Los Angeles and cities to the northeast remained open.

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Anoint, not appoint

Editor:

The arrogance of Santa Monicans for Renters' Rights is just beyond belief! Worse still, it is entirely predictable.

To not even open the process and accept applications from the public [a motion supported by non-SMRR members, too] to place someone in the City Council seat now vacant due to the recent death of Mayor Ken Genser is another slap in the face to all Santa Monicans; just another injustice which they will use to tighten their grip to control our city and impose their rule on us.

How condescending of them to think we are all so stupid that we cannot see that by circumventing an open and public process they can control the outcome and select their anointed candidate to the council. I'm sure even Mayor Genser would be appalled at this underhanded political maneuver, as well as the politicking at his recent memorial service by this group.

Isn't this still America, land of the free, home of the brave, with a democratic and open and public government? Evidently not in Santa Monica.

The City Council should reverse course, open the process to accept applications for the vacant council seat from the public, interview all candidates and then pick the best qualified candidate for the council – not just install one of their political cronies.

But that won't happen because it would be too open and fair and they could not control the outcome.

Enough already. Stop pretending that you are for open government and public participation. Just go ahead and anoint the chosen one and shove them down our throats and be done with it.

Helen R. McRoskey
Santa Monica

Sign the pledge, Arnold

Editor:

In your Jan. 21 article "Candidate seeks 'no jet pledge' at SMO from area celebrities," Gov. Schwarzenegger's press secretary, in reference to concerns about pollution caused by jets at SMO, said, "It sounds like a local issue. I'm not sure that we have an opinion."

Since Santa Monica is part of California, and since Gov. Schwarzenegger is supposed to be representing all of California, then he should not avoid the issue. He should care about the Santa Monica (and the nearby Los Angeles) residents who are constantly suffering from the very toxic jet air pollution at SMO.

He should responsibly be the first to sign the pledge, and not land at, or depart from, this unique airport, an airport that was rightfully never designed for jet air traffic.

Jerry Rubin
Santa Monica

Blues over Big Blue fare increase

Editor:

Having taken the Big Blue Bus for years, I really don't have great things to say about it. The service is truly inferior and it doesn't surprise me that many of the buses (except for the 7 and 3) are not filled up. If I had back all the hours I've waited for the bus, I'm certain I could have graduated college within that time.

Who needs fancy buses and now covered benches? The forthcoming fare increase (an incredible jump) will do nothing to correct what is really needed – the service! Apparently, the BBB prefers to concentrate on looks. I'd be happy with a horse and buggy.

To triple your fares for seniors, handicapped, etc. is a slap in the face. My Social Security check is already at its limit. I cannot afford this increase. And, to know that I'll still be waiting in the future makes it more difficult.

An increase OK, but not to this extent.

Natalie Lewis
Santa Monica

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And you can forget about privacy

MOST OF US HAVE LEARNED TO BE VERY careful when we're online. We don't give out our Social Security number or any private information that we don't want others knowing. As a result, we're safe from strangers knowing all kinds of things about us that we want to keep private, right? Wrong.

I was Googling something the other day when an ad on the right side of the page caught my eye. It was a service that could search for people and find out all kinds of things like where they lived, their e-mails, their birthdays, the names of their spouses and children, and much more.

I wasn't tempted to check out someone else, but I was curious about how much this company knew about me. For free, they gave me the names of my wife and kids, and promised to give me more information if I used a paid service. Since my primary job is saving my readers from doing anything foolish, I checked the box and committed to a small fee. They listed my age and date of birth, and my address and phone number. They also told me I didn't have any liens on our property, they did a criminal check, and gave me the names of neighbors. It seems that it would be a lot more neighborly just to introduce myself to my neighbors in person, but I'm obviously not living in Cyber Space 2010.

They had my correct age and date of birth, and, If they want to send me a birthday present, they've got my address. They know how much we paid for our house, and the size of it. Actually, they were somewhat short on the house size. They didn't count our finished basement. Maybe their electronic spies missed it when they made their cyber visit. And they gave us an extra bedroom. I hope this doesn't mean that they think there's an extra room that they can use for one of their people to spend the night.

They said I had no criminal record, so I guess they don't count parking tickets. They claim there are no registered sex offenders in our neighborhood. In terms of other crimes, burglary and vehicle theft are listed as "average." I don't know if this means that the crooks do an average job when they steal something, or if we have the average number of thefts in our area. They had all kinds of statistics including the claim that a whopping 52 percent of my neighbors have masters' degrees. If they're so smart, why can't they remember to put on their turn signals?

I immediately realized that if I can find out so much about me, so can everyone else in the world. And no, I still wasn't tempted to check out anyone else. The whole thing made me feel like I'd be peeking in someone's window, going through their garbage, or tracking down their old math teacher. So I called the company to cancel everything. I asked the woman on the phone, "Don't you feel like this whole thing is a bit creepy?"

Not surprisingly, she did not, and said she's a customer as well as an employee. She touted the ability to check out a possible employee like a nanny. She also said you could find an old friend whom you had lost touch with. My feeling is, if I've gotten along this well without them, I can stay out of touch. I added, "Aren't you concerned about that annoying kid from elementary school tracking you down?"

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She answered, "If you're worried about somebody like that finding you, you can check the box that doesn't allow your records to be public."

I responded, "I'm not worried about the annoying kid from school finding me. I was the annoying kid." I was just using that as an example.

So, I resigned my membership a few minutes after I had joined. However, we all know that there are many companies like this that can tap into our computers and find out all kinds of things about us: what products we buy, whom we e-mail the most, and probably if we picked up after our dog this morning (I did). It doesn't seem to matter how careful we are, "they" will find out more about us than they should. In fact, it wouldn't surprise me if I get an e-mail in a few minutes from one of these companies saying something like, "Who are you kidding? Those socks you're wearing don't go with your pants."

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The Q Line

Adding to the City Council

This past week, Q-line asked:

The City Council has the somber task of having to replace a fallen member in Mayor Ken Genser. The task at hand is selecting the proper process and candidate to fill the open seat. How should the council fill the seat? Should there be a special election or should the council select its next member, and who should it be?

Here are your responses:

"REGARDING THE SELECTION OF A replacement for Mayor Ken Genser for City Council, I suggest it goes to a vote. We have had enough of nepotism, cronyism and the council choosing those that best fit in with their opinions. We need to have public input."

"DO WE REALLY NEED YET ANOTHER useless, expensive special election? Do we really need more inbreeding by allowing the stacked City Council members chose a replacement? No on both accounts. I guess I'm saying I don't have an answer, maybe forget the position altogether until the next regular election. We have enough useless administrators screwing things up already anyway."

"IF YOU ARE NOT A MEMBER OF THE CLUB, don't bother applying."

"I BELIEVE THE SEAT THAT OPENED from Ken Genser's death ought to be filled for now with the selection of Patricia Hoffman. I think that her record shows her to be an honest person, probably more honest than those on the council right now. She's proven herself already."

"THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA SHOULD ADD glamour to the City Council. My choice for mayor would be any of the following: Jane Fonda, Jackie Stallone, Barbra Streisand, Dick Van Dyke, Martin Sheen, Larry Hagman, George Clooney and Brad Pitt, to name a few. All have big hearts and are down to Earth."

"IT'S A NO BRAINER THAT THE SICKOS from Santa Monicans for Renters' Rights who run our town will pick one of their most despicable and corrupt monsters from their evil, cockroach nest. At least Ken Genser was a longtime local who cared a little about our city. Just wait and see, they will select someone who will make Genser look like a saint in comparison."

"SINCE THE CITY COUNCIL DOESN'T USE districts they should just leave the seat vacant. There are too many council members already. Why add another one."

"THERE SHOULD ALWAYS BE AN ELECTION for City Council members. The best proof for this is during the last vacancy when the council members appointed a person who did not even run for a seat during the previous election and was defeated when she did run. And while we're on the subject, the mayor should not be appointed. The mayor should be the one who got the most votes in the previous election, as it is done in other cities."

"UNFORTUNATELY, THE CITY COUNCIL would never appoint Jerry Rubin, but there are a lot of other good people out there as well."

"I THINK IT SHOULD GO TO THE RUNNER up from the previous election. It should be Ted Winterer. It should have happened previously when Herb Katz died, but it was Gleam Davis with the results of an election three or two years previously. They can save the money from not having a special election by choosing the runner-up in previous elections."

"I LIKE THE IDEA OF PATRICIA HOFFMAN channeling Ken Genser. Ms. Hoffman was lackluster when she was on the school board. With Mr. de la Torre and his diversity crack and forgetting about what competence means, you now have people who because of their affiliation with a political group that has 30 years of ruinous failure in vision, leadership, freedom and skill in Santa Monica. City Hall has a $500,000,000 budget and they are worried about $200,000 for a special election. The school district spends an extra $200,000 to con us with a mail-in vote for more funds. If this wasn't so serious, this could be a bad sitcom. … Win one for the Genser by having a special election where everyone has the opportunity to vote for a candidate based on their ability."

"I THINK THAT THE CITY COUNCIL should pick the next member and don't waste money on a special election. They should pick Patricia Hoffman. She was a school board member and has experience in meetings like that."

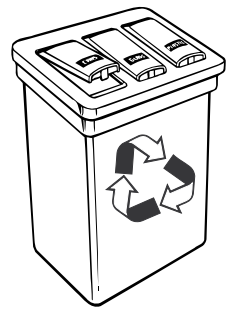
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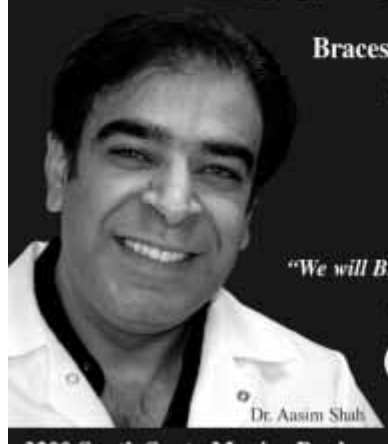
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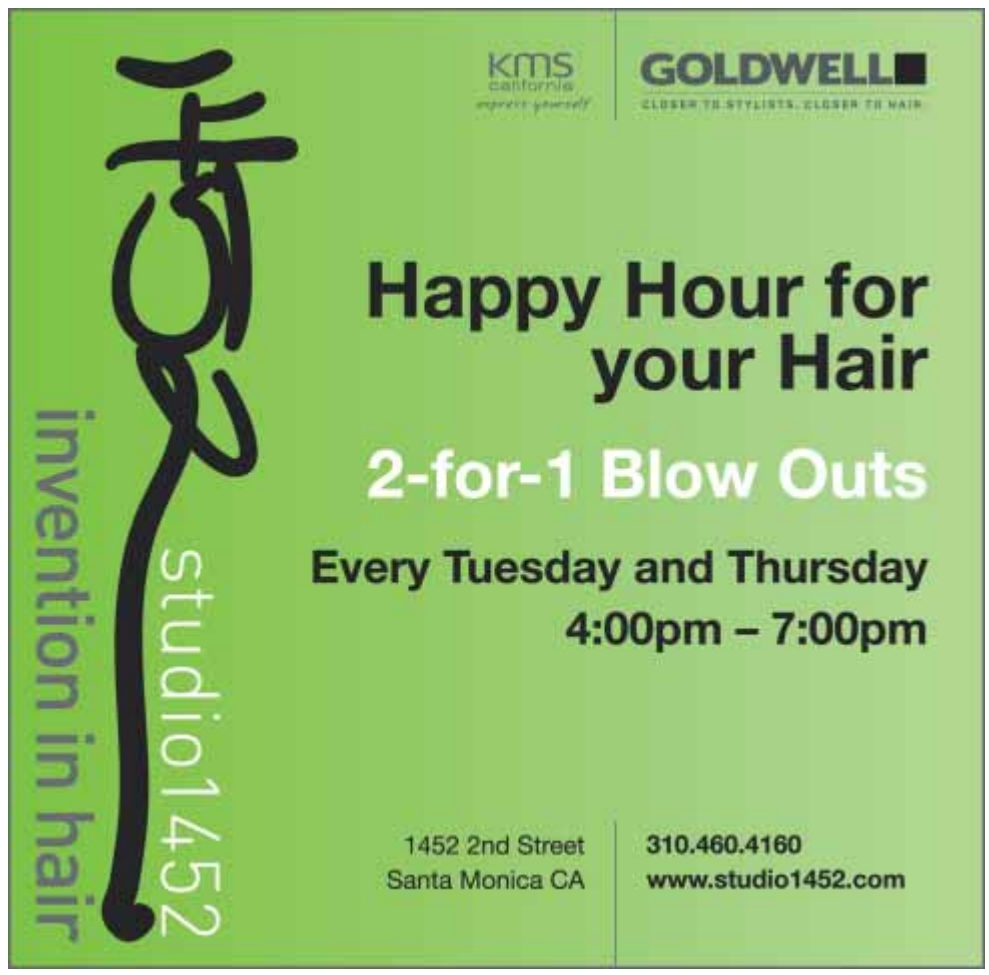
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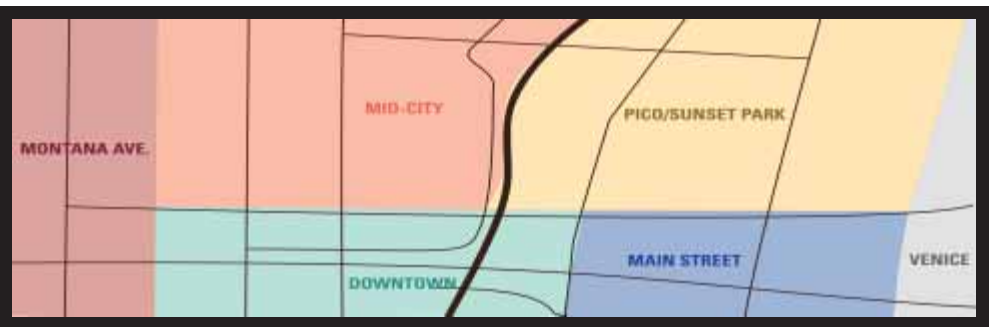
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MOVING: **Samohi's Thea Lemberger drives to the lane against Beverly Hills earlier this season.**

Mater Dei may be without four starters

FROM **SAMOHI** PAGE 1

if she can play. Even if she does play, Kiernan said he doesn't expect her to be at full strength. She's been on crutches since the injury and he isn't overly optimistic that she can overcome the injury. Because this is a non-league game, he doesn't want to chance losing Adams for an extended period of time if she aggravates it.

Mater Dei may be coming into the game shorthanded, but that doesn't overly concern Lemberger. She said she tries to approach each game and opponent the same, but did admit that she's excited to challenge a team of this caliber.

"I don't feel like the game is going to be that much more difficult," Lemberger said. "We've been playing good teams all year. This is just another good team."

Facing top competition is nothing new for Samohi. Verdugo stacks his non-league schedule with heavy hitters to prepare his team for what may come in the playoffs. Last week, Samohi stifled Troy, a team ranked in the top 10 in the state by Maxpreps.com. Mater Dei's Kiernan was impressed by Samohi's showing, fearing that his team could be in for a similar fate if they don't show up to play.

Despite the depleted roster, defending CIF-SS Division 2 champ Mater Dei still has junior guard Kaleena Lewis on its side. The talented Lewis is rumored to be heading to UCONN and is widely considered one of the top, if not the top, recruit in the state. With the status of Adams uncertain, Lewis may draw the assignment guarding the crafty Lemberger, although Kiernan said he wasn't sure how he would match up defensively against Samohi.

"I expect them to come at us hard," Verdugo said. "They are going to take this game seriously.

"It's a battle of powers in Southern California."

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Fiorina's loan gives her edge in Senate race

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WASHINGTON Carly Fiorina's $2.5 million loan to her campaign for a U.S. Senate from California has given the former Hewlett-Packard CEO a considerable financial edge over her Republican rivals, according to campaign finance reports made available Friday.

In all, Fiorina's campaign had $2.75 million in the bank to begin the year. She is one of three Republicans vying for the right to challenge Democratic Sen. Barbara Boxer, who is seeking a fourth term.

One of Fiorina's GOP primary challengers, state Assemblyman Chuck DeVore, had $226,364 cash on hand. The other, former congressman Tom Campbell, is just beginning to raise money after dropping his campaign for California governor Jan. 14.

All three Republicans have a lot of work ahead to catch up with Boxer, whose campaign estimates she has nearly $7.3 million in the bank.

The reports released Friday covered campaign fundraising over the final three months of 2009, as well as cumulative totals for the year.

Fiorina's fundraising started in August when she formed an exploratory committee. Between early August and Dec. 31, her campaign brought in $1.1 million in donations. Most of the donations arrived after her official entry into the race in early November.

"Carly has invested in her campaign because she's in this race to win it. She is 100 percent invested in all ways, including financially," said Fiorina's campaign spokeswoman, Julie Soderlund.

The rest of Fiorina's money was from her loan. Her personal fortune comes in part from the $21 million severance package she received after being dismissed from HP in 2005.

By comparison, DeVore took in about $442,000 from donors over the final quarter. The DeVore campaign stressed that at the end of the year, it had about as much money as Fiorina if her loan were excluded.

"The big difference between her and us is that she's got millions in old parachute money she can put into her campaign," said Joshua Trevino, a spokesman for the DeVore campaign. "We held our own against Fiorina in the fourth quarter."

Even though Campbell is just starting his fundraising, he faced far greater financial obstacles in the governor's race as Meg Whitman and Steve Poizner each tapped their personal fortunes.



MAKING GOOD

Brandon Wise *brandonw@smdp.com*

County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky speaks during the opening of a new shelter operated by Santa Monica-based Upward Bound House on Friday in Culver City. The $4 million facility provides 18 units of emergency housing for homeless families with children. Santa Monica's city government contributed $400,000 to the transitional housing project.

Group meets monthly at the Ken Edwards Center

FROM **DOGS** PAGE 3

would be much more difficult.

"I can walk much more confidently and quickly," Annis said. "He just gets me right through those places on campus and it's just as smooth as glass."

Annis said she has a special relationship with her 97-pound golden retriever.

"Next to my very first dog, he is right up there — I could not tell you which one is the better dog. I don't like to think of the day I won't have Brucie," she said. "When we met, it was love at first sight."

Ultimately, the raisers say, the reward of helping train a guide dog is what keeps them coming back for more puppies.

"If I can be a part of helping one dog make it through the program and that dog goes on to bless somebody's life with their big brown eyes, then it's worth every poop I have to pick up and all the driving and training," Howard said. "I have 20/20 vision and I love dogs. It's the least I can do."

"IT LOOKS LIKE FUN – YOU GET TO HAVE A PUPPY 24/7. BUT IT'S A LOT OF WORK. WE GET PUPPIES WHEN THEY ARE SEVEN WEEKS OLD AND THEY ARE BABIES. WE HAVE TO TEACH THEM EVERYTHING."

Miriam Howard,
Puppy raiser

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Deal to purchase Malibu land pending

FROM **SMC** PAGE 1

property closer to Pacific Coast Highway. He also said that any new school facility has to meet strict seismic code standards.

"It's more difficult to build in hilly territory," he said. "It's very difficult to find suitable property in Malibu," because of cost and size of parcels needed for a satellite campus.

Brown said the college is working with the city of Malibu and Los Angeles County to acquire land for the planned campus. One site that has been publicly identified is a parcel owned by the county that was once an old sheriff's station. Sheriff Lee Baca has objected to the sale, saying it would inhibit his ability to properly patrol Malibu and adjacent unincorporated coastal areas. The Sheriff's Department has a station in Calabasas that serves Malibu.

Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, who represents the area, has been a strong supporter of the sale and a member of his staff said an agreement is nearing completion. Details of the deal, including the size of the parcel and the price to be paid, were not released.

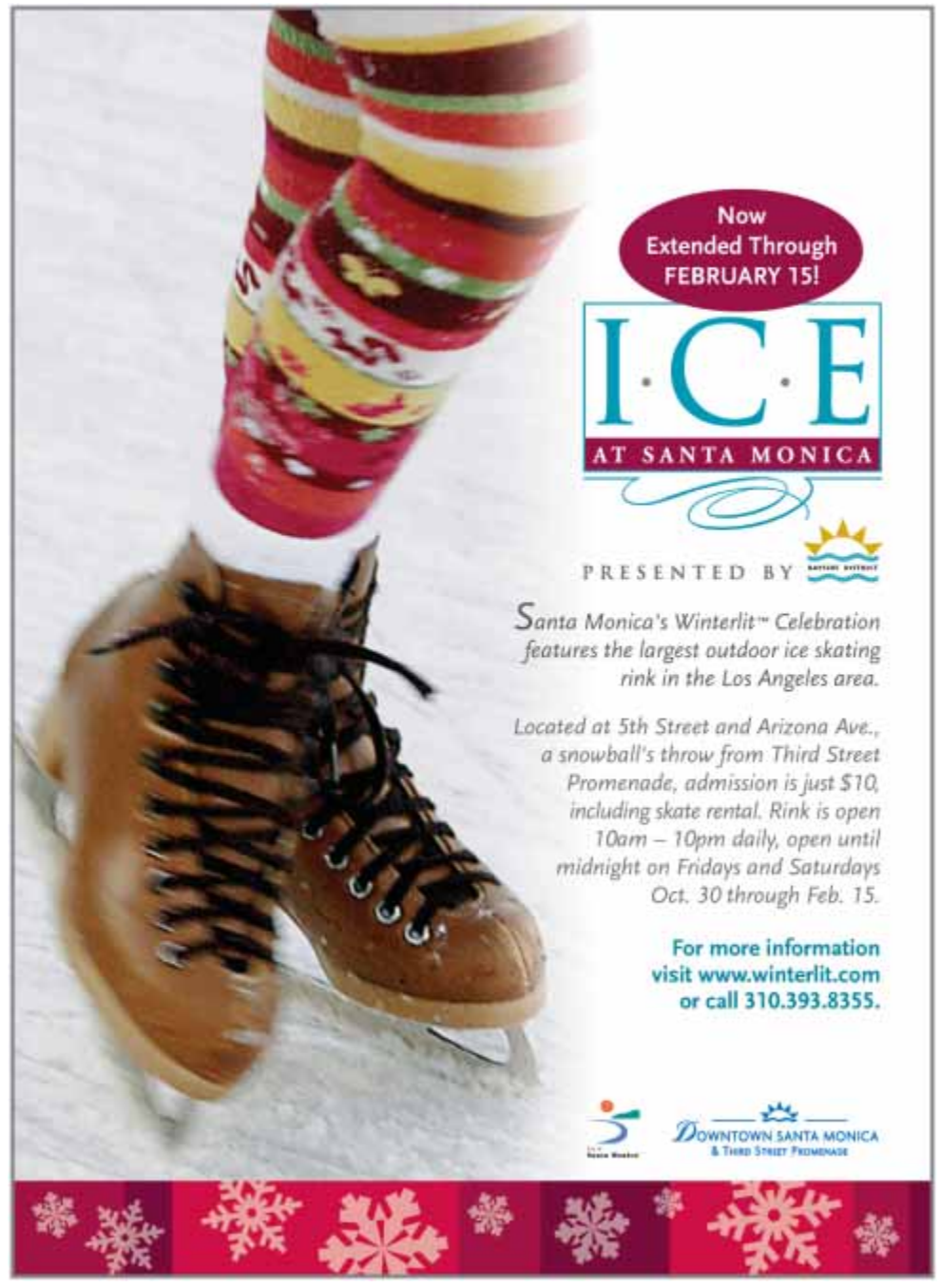
Katharine Muller, dean of external programs for SMC, said the spring classes are filling up, which shows there is interest in the offerings.

"These are generally some very popular classes and we picked them because we thought that they had some appeal to people in Malibu," Muller said. "We're just hoping that is true and that we can keep doing this. The classes are taught by the same faculty. Everything is the same as it would be taught at the main campus or another satellite campus."

If demand continues, so will the class offerings, said Muller, who recommends prospective students go online to register and learn more about SMC. For further information about the Malibu courses, go to www.smc.edu.

Brown believes the pilot program will give SMC officials a good ideas as to what Malibu residents want and in turn guide the planning process for a new facility.

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If you can't take the heat, get a good fire extinguisher

AS OF JAN. 16, I AM OFFICIALLY 41 BUT I almost did not make it. I owe a debt of gratitude to Keith, a firefighter from northern California who happened to be in the right place at the right time.

While attending a soirée hosted by a neighbor, my favorite Elie Tahari sweater began smoking. (I've been trying to get him to kick that nasty habit.) Although in retrospect I remember smelling something odd, it was only due to Keith's keen sense of smell that I was not completely engulfed in flames. I am also grateful for the fact that my sweater was made of 100 percent merino wool with no synthetic fibers which are more flammable than natural fibers.

The fire, ironically, started in the kitchen which is where most home fires and related injuries occur. Our host had placed some single votive candles at random areas on the kitchen counter. One candle happened to be right next to my sleeve but I didn't notice it as I leaned against the counter while talking to the other guests. Keith had been asking me about my day and as I was answering, he suddenly darted across the room, grabbed my arm, pushed the votive out of my way and doused the flames. Aside from the large burn marks on my beautiful cream colored sweater, no other harm was done and on the plus side, it spawned a good story.

I have always wanted to explore and explain the rules of fire safety in the kitchen so perhaps this incident was the universe's way of saying, "No time like the present."

Having worked in various areas of health care as I dietitian, I can tell you that the area I feared most was the burn unit. Seeing the aftermath of a burn victim brings an intense twinge to my entire body as if I feel the victim's pain. I can only imagine and it breaks my heart.

While working in an acute care hospital in Las Vegas, I dreaded the days when I had to fill in for the dietitian who specialized in burn victims. Although I might only be in the burn unit for one day, I was always afraid I would miscalculate their energy, fluid or protein needs and they would not get enough nutrition to heal properly. I knew that with these patients, time was truly of the essence. The body is an amazing machine that is always on the mend and optimal nutrition is the key to continued growth and repair.

I've always been more of a prevention guru than someone who puts out fires along the way. So instead of fearing that your needs may or may not be met should you suffer a severe burn, I'm going to do my part to educate and hopefully prevent any potential accidents.

First of all, do not wear loose fitting clothing while cooking, especially hanging sleeves like my sweater. This is great news for men who are trying to get their women to dress sexy in the kitchen. However, this is no place to bear midriffs or show a little leg. We need to protect our precious skin from potential burns such as splattering oil or boiling water. Anything hot, aside from your love for each other, has the potential to cause burns.

Never leave anything on the stove unattended, so if things really do start to heat up in the kitchen, please turn off all ovens and burners and remove items from the heat before getting hot and heavy yourself.

Do not leave towels or potholders or any flammable material on or near the stove. So if clothes come off, please make sure they hit the floor.

Plug all electronic devices directly into the socket and never into an extension cord.

If you ever do find yourself on fire, I hope it's your relationship. Otherwise, remember to stop, drop and roll to put out any literal fires.

Always keep an oven mitt and a lid nearby, especially if you cook with oil. If a small grease fire erupts, smother the flames by carefully sliding the lid over the pan. Turn off the burner but do not remove the pan. Leave the lid on and the pan in place until it is completely cool.

In case of an oven fire, turn off the heat and keep the door closed to prevent flames from burning your clothing. If you have a microwave fire, turn it off immediately and the keep the door closed. Do not open the door until the fire is completely out. Unplug the appliance if you can reach the outlet safely. As a preventative and basic sanitation measure, keep all appliances clean and in good working order.

For small grease or electrical fires, you can use baking soda or a fire extinguisher. Each type of fire requires a different class of extinguisher so the best advice is to keep one in your kitchen that is labeled Class A, B and C. But just for your information, Class A is for wood and paper fires, B is for grease fires and C is for electrical fires.

If at any time the fire gets out of control, evacuate your residency, close the door and call 911, and maybe you will be lucky enough to be rescued by one of those hot firemen we've seen in those calendars.

At the very least, please wear natural fiber clothing while in the kitchen or near an open flame, keep candles in protective containers and away from areas where guests congregate, and practice the rules of kitchen fire safety at all times. And most importantly, be grateful each day for your health and safety.

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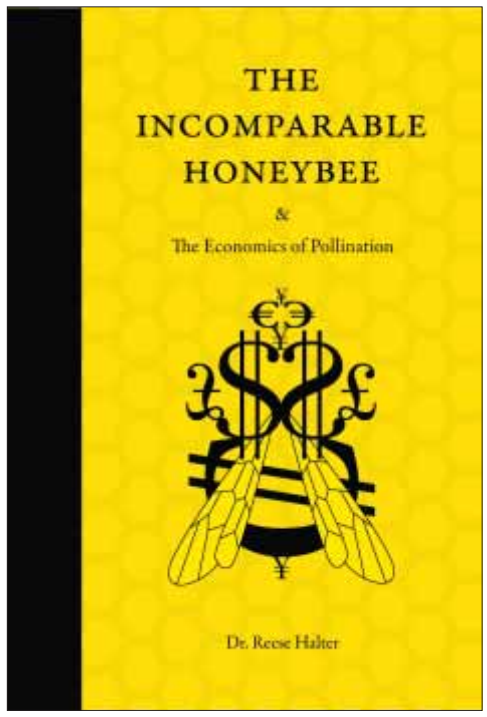
BOOKREVIEW

BY DANE ROBERT SWANSON



'The Incomparable Honeybee & the Economics of Pollination'

Dr. Reese Halter • Rocky Mountains Book



You read his column "Back to Nature" each week in the Santa Monica Daily Press. He is the voice for ecology. You see the book advertised in our paper and you may be asking what it is about. It is about a very interesting and important inhabitant of planet Earth – our honey bee.

Bees are basic to our ecology. Dr. Reese Halter presents to us an essay detailing the history and the benefits of bees. He narrows it down to one group within the bee family, that of the honeybee. He does mention the other bees in the family yet centers on the common honeybee for his thesis. They have been with us for over 110 million years and as the chief pollinators they must remain.

Ecology is a big thing in these times. Our stewardship of the environment is one of the most basic responsibilities we have. Unless we get active in doing something about it our whole lifestyle will be compromised. Even in the small area of insect husbandry it is important.

Halter brings our attention to the bee. For most of us a bee means danger of being stung. Yet our bee, Halter points out, gives so much stability to the environment that we need to take another look. With our rush to spray chemicals on crops to protect them from pests, we are decreasing the areas the bee can get pollen from. This decreases the bee population and decreases our population as an end result.

Halter has a whole chapter on the bee dance and how it uses it to communicate. This is interesting; to think that someone would spend time observing bees to record this.

Bees also have a large part to play in our food production. All our fruits are dependent on proper cross pollination and bees are a step in that circle.

"There are over 330 million mouths to feed in Canada and the United States alone. The honeybees are directly responsible for pollinating over $4.4-billion worth of food and commodities each year in both countries, including melons, gourds, pears, peaches, kiwis, macadamias, sunflowers, canola, avocados, lettuce, broccoli and cotton," Halter records.

Even ice cream lovers and coffee lovers are included as bees are needed to pollinate the ingredients used in those specialties.

All is not gloomy, though, as Dr. Halter suggests some things we should be able to do to reverse the problems surrounding bees. Some suggestions in this booklet are that we can change some of our agriculture systems to cooperate with our ecosystems. More compost piles can be developed. These are just a few ways we can maintain the web of life.

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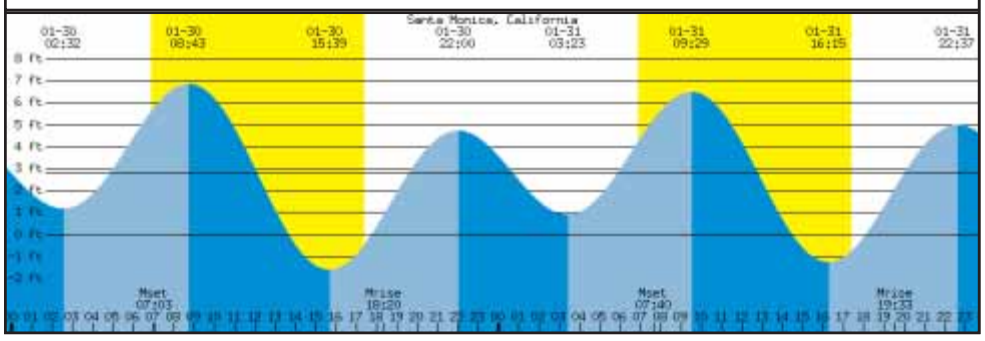
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Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A	F
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Solstice Canyon at Don Blacker County Beach.	A	B
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A	D
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	A+	F
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	F
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	F
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	A+	F
Tuna Canyon.	A+	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	B	F
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	F
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	F
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	F
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A+	F
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A+	F
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A+	F
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	A+	F
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	F
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A+	F
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	C	F
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	A	F
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A+	F
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A+	C
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A+	F
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	F
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	A+	F
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A+	F
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St..	A+	F
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower.	F	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	A	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	F	F
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	A+	F
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty).	A+	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	A+	B
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant.	A	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	A+	A+

LEGEND

DRY -- each location is graded on an A – F scale based on bacterial pollution levels present in the surf zone
WET -- grades for days of recorded rainfall and the following 3 days
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NBA

Kobe-LeBron ad features gun reference

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK An advertisement featuring the NBA's two biggest superstars includes a gun reference, the same week two players were suspended for carrying firearms to the locker room.

The Nike ad, just inside the cover of this week's Sports Illustrated, has LeBron James on one page and Kobe Bryant on the other. Along with the slogan, "Prepare For Combat," is a quote from each player showing how tough he is.

Bryant's blurb says: "I'll do whatever it takes to win games. I don't leave anything in the chamber."

The chamber in a gun is the compartment that holds the bullet before it is fired.

Gilbert Arenas and Javaris Crittenton were suspended for the season Wednesday for having guns in the Washington Wizards' locker room.

Bryant's agent, Rob Pelinka, did not immediately respond to a request for comment.





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Creation (PG-13) 1hr 48min
11:30 a.m., 2:25, 5:05, 7:45, 10:25

Imaginarium of Doctor Parnassus (PG-13) 2hrs 02min
4:30, 7:30, 10:20

Its Complicated (R) 1hr 54min
1:15, 4:05, 7:00, 9:50

To Save a Life (PG-13) 2hrs
11:05 a.m., 1:50

Up in the Air (R) 1 hr 49 min
11:00 a.m., 1:40, 4:30, 7:15, 9:55

AMC 7 Santa Monica
1310 Third St.
(310) 289-4262

Avatar 3D (PG-13) 2hr 40 min
10:30am, 11:30am, 2:15, 3:15, 6:00, 7:00, 9:50, 10:40

The Tooth Fairy (PG) 1hr 42min
11:20 a.m., 2:10, 4:50, 7:20, 10:00

Edge of Darkness (R) 1 hr 48 min
11:00 a.m., 1:50, 5:00, 8:00, 11:00

When in Rome (PG-13) 1 hr 31 min
11:40 a.m., 2:00, 4:30, 7:10, 9:40

Sherlock Holmes (PG-13) 2hrs 14min
10:40am, 1:30, 4:40, 7:40, 10:50

Legion (R) 1hr 40min
11:50 a.m., 2:30, 5:10, 7:50, 10:20

Laemmle's Monica Fourplex
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An Education (PG13) 1hr 55min
1:55, 4:40, 7:30, 10:00

The Young Victoria (PG) 1hr 59min
1:20, 4:10, 7:00, 9:40

Crazy Heart (R) 2hr 07min
1:30, 4:20, 7:10, 9:55

A Single Man (R) 1hr 55min
1:40, 4:30, 7:20, 9:50

Bicycle Thief (Ladri di biciclette) (NR) 1hr 30min
11:00am

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11:00am

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

Youth in Revolt (R) 1hr 30min
12:50, 3:00, 5:20, 7:40, 9:50

The Book of Eli (R) 1hr 58min
1:00, 3:50, 7:00, 9:10, 10:10

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

Extraordinary Measures (PG) 1hr 46min
Noon, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00

The Spy Next Door (PG) 1hr 32min
11:50 a.m., 2:00, 4:30, 6:50

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Let the good times roll, Aries

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ The high energy of the Full Moon could prove to be somewhat wayward if you're not careful. Pressure builds in a new direction. Instead of being reactive, try being direct. Make plans with a child or childlike person. Be a kid again. Tonight: Let the good times rock and roll.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Know that you cannot control situations, even some of the time. Events today will point to the truth of this statement. Kick back and go along for the ride. You could be stunned by another person's attitude. Tonight: Make it easy -- order in.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Listen to all the possibilities. Inevitably, you will feel like you need to squeeze them all in. Choose the most appealing; after all, this is your Saturday too. Others might be slightly flaky. Let go and rethink a decision. Tonight: Talking up a storm.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ Curb your need to "have," as you become extraordinarily demanding. Trust that you don't always have to ask. A request actually could have the reverse impact. Know that what needs to happen absolutely will occur. Tonight: Give up your controlling ways.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ You certainly feel empowered and capable of handling someone's seeming contrariness. Perhaps this person might not be getting the gist of what you are saying. Stay easy, and let this person see the genuineness of your feelings. Trust in yourself. Tonight: All smiles.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ If you simply feel as if you would like to do something different or more creative, then do. Make it OK not to join in with the crowd. Tonight: Rejuvenate by being your own person.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ How you handled a changing matter might have worked in the past, but not any longer. The time has come to recognize that the impossible can and will happen if you give others half a chance. A misunderstanding could be at the base of a relationship. Tonight: Where the gang is.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Others want what they need and desire. You have little to no problem with that. Open up to possibilities that someone you respect suggests. Investigate what is happening within a key interaction. Tonight: In the thick of the moment.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ Ask a friend or loved one to hop in the car and join you for a day exploring a new area of your state, town or nearby countryside. You could be amazed by the ease with which you refresh. Realize that everyone needs to recycle. Tonight: A change of pace is just what the doctor ordered!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ A partner challenges you, but how you accept and deal with this behavior determines the net results. Perhaps taking the attitude that some people just have passionate opinions and nothing more will work best. Avoid personalizing what this person says. Tonight: Enjoying the moment.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ Your ability to be clear and direct takes you down a different path from many. Don't make any snap judgments, especially as it appears you see a matter very differently from someone else. Allow time to be a reality check. Tonight: Just don't be alone.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ Hardship is defined in many different ways, depending on the person. Don't let this work become part of your thinking, or else you could make it so. Be aware that many people have varied needs. Allow for differences rather than judge. Tonight: Play it mellow.

Happy birthday

This year, your actions could be, at best, provocative to some and distorted to others. Make sure you have all the facts and are not coming from a place of judgment. Often you only see situations as you would like them to be. You can be enormously resourceful; use those abilities. Realize when enough is enough. Honor what is happening within. Often you simply don't hear the same thing that others hear. Ask yourself if you are reading too much into others' words. If you are single, you meet people with ease, yet maintaining a long-term tie is challenging at best. If you are attached, the two of you need to work on mutuality and better understanding. Sign up for a seminar of interest together. LEO has a strong ego and is challenging.

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



Garfield

By Jim Davis



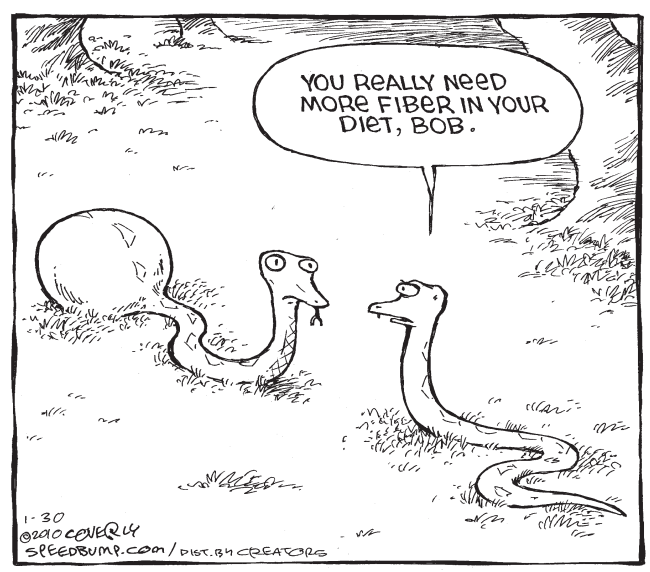
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Difficulty Level ★★★★

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GETTING STARTED

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SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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

ACROSS

1 Planted agent
5 LaToya's sister
10 Removed
12 Tickle
13 Friend of George and Elaine
14 Fun
15 Early hour
16 "Lenore" writer
18 Tipsy
19 Blush
21 GOP rivals
22 1947 Hope/Crosby film
24 Heat setting
25 Henry Mancini song
29 Shortly
30 Indignant cry
32 Linking word
33 Pigeon sound
34 Pindar poem
35 Elusive fellow in kids' books
37 Not rented out
39 Freeze
40 Thrifty one
41 Plane parts
42 Animated fish

DOWN

1 Significant
2 First game
3 Border city
4 Blunder
5 Fine, in slang
6 Cherbourg chum
7 Cell parts
8 — dog (sled puller)
9 Lab work
11 Entered
17 New York neighbor
20 Bourne's portrayer
21 Impel
23 Foreboding
25 Riviera nation
26 A lot
27 Change gradually
28 Trade in
29 Ushered to the room
31 Fashionably dated
33 Perp pursuers
36 Owed
38 Photographer Goldin

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Yesterday's answer

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13					■	14				
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19			20			■	21			
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EVENING: 9 4 5

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ (1) In December, University of London math professor Simon Blackburn published a complicated, square-root-deriving formula to determine whether a driver has enough room to parallel-park within a given space. By inputting such measurements as a car's wheel base and the radius of its turning circle, a driver can calculate an exact, when-to-turn steering instruction. (2) A December National Public Radio report noted that fake houseflies have begun appearing in urinals around the world based apparently on research showing that men are more likely to aim at the flies, thus leaving the area surrounding the urinal cleaner. Another commentator wondered how such "research" was conducted (other than by the obvious method of paper-wiping floors around urinals and then comparing the wipes).

■ (1) Clovis, N.M., Nov. 21: "The (grandmother), who said she relied on a walker for mobility, said the (son-in-law) had come into the bathroom while she was using it and had grabbed and twisted her nose until she could hear the bones and cartilage cracking. The man was arrested." (2) Apple Valley, Minn., Oct. 13: "Officers responded to a report that a man was sitting on the curb in front of his house talking to himself. When officers arrived they found a very intoxicated man who wanted officers to drive him to Washington, D.C., so that he could discuss the country's military involvement in the Middle East with President Obama."

TODAY IN HISTORY

1960 The African National Party is founded in Chad, through the merger of traditionalist parties.

1964 Ranger program: Ranger 6 is launched.

1968 Vietnam War: The Tet Offensive begins when Viet Cong forces launch a series of surprise attacks in South Vietnam.

1969 The Beatles' last public performance, on the roof of Apple Records in London. The impromptu concert is broken up by the police.

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