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SMMUSD music teachers receive statewide recognition

BRENNON DIXSON
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Three music teachers in the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District recently received statewide recognition for their contributions to the district's various music programs.

The California Music Educators Association recognized Kirsten Bersch as its 2020 Elementary Music Specialist Award recipient and Joni Swenson as the 2020 CMEA Richard L. Levin Orchestra Educator Award recipient, while Angela Woo was honored with the SCSBOA Gold Award during the Southern California School Band and Orchestra Association's Winter Conference, district officials recently announced.

SMMUSD's Visual and Performing Arts Coordinator Tom Whaley said in an interview this week that the district is no stranger to receiving awards, "and a large part of this is because the district and its teachers have shown a commitment to going the extra mile."

"We are constantly being asked, 'How do you do what you do in your district?' And, really, the reason we can do it is because

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Samohi athletes celebrate signing day ceremony









Brennon Dixson

SIGNING DAY: Four Samohi student-athletes will continue their athletic careers in college.

BRENNON DIXSON
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With pens in hand and smiles on their faces, five Santa Monica High School student-athletes recently cemented their future as college athletes during a National Signing Day Ceremony that occurred on-campus earlier this month.

With their Letters of Intent signed, Quincy Hilaire-McGriff, Iternite Reed and Chantal Moawad will soon be heading the University of Texas El Paso, Saint Martin's University and Brown University, respectively, to showcase their skills on the hardwood, while Donovan Parks and Anthony Arnou intend to head south to Alabama A&M University and the University of San Diego.

Though some of the athletes are currently preparing for a potential CIF championship run, a few of the Samohi stars took a brief moment to reflect on their time in high school and look ahead to the future.

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Edison recognized by state officials

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Santa Monica's Edison Language Academy has been recognized by the California Department of Education as a 2020 California Distinguished School.

Edison, which also earned the award in 2018, was one of the 324 elementary schools that received the honor in the state this year, according to district officials, who said the Distinguished Schools program recognizes schools based on their performance and progress on a multitude of state indicators. Elementary schools and middle and high schools are recognized in alternate years; therefore, awardees hold the title for two years.

Of the many factors that the school was evaluated on, district staff cited the performance of Edison's third-, fourth- and fifth-graders on the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress exams as one of the key reasons why it was able to once again be named a California Distinguished School.

This year marks Edison's 34th year as a dual immersion school, meaning all attending students learn to speak, read and write in both English and Spanish, according to Edison Principal Lori Orum. "As you probably know, we have a really excellent school district so all the classrooms in our school district look pretty enriched, but the difference in a dual immersion classroom is the kids are getting immersed in Spanish very heavily

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Venice Family Clinic Celebrates 50 years

Venice Family Clinic launched its 50th Anniversary celebration today, kicking off a year of activities to recognize the nonprofit community health center's leadership in providing comprehensive and high-quality care to people in need, pioneering innovations that improve the lives of patients around the country and effectively advocating for equal access to care.

Venice Family Clinic opened its doors on Oct. 12, 1970 in borrowed offices with Drs. Philip Rossman, founder, and Mayer Davidson, co-founder, providing care to about a dozen patients that first day. The Clinic grew from this small Venice storefront operation into one of Los Angeles' leading community health centers with a network of 12 sites that annually serve nearly 28,000 low-income men, women and children.

"Venice Family Clinic is an extraordinary Los Angeles institution that has helped transform the lives of so many low-income people in our region," said Venice Family Clinic Board Chair John R. Geresi. "A health care innovator that provides access to comprehensive care to those who would otherwise go without, Venice Family Clinic also provides many other resources and services that are essential to its patients' well-being. Over the past five decades, it has become a powerful advocate and catalyst for creating healthier families and, by extension, healthier communities."

The Clinic has created a website at VeniceFamilyClinic.org/50years where it is sharing its history and will keep the public informed of news and events surrounding the 50th Anniversary celebration.

"For 50 years, our leaders, supporters, staff and volunteers have worked together to provide the best possible care to our patients. This is our year to celebrate all who have helped us reach this milestone," said Venice Family Clinic CEO Elizabeth Benson Forer. "Even as we reflect on the Clinic's remarkable history, we recognize that there is still much more to do and many more who need our services. The 50th Anniversary celebration is a time to remember and recommit to providing high-quality health care to families and individuals regardless of income, insurance or immigration status."

Venice Family Clinic continues to expand programs, advocacy and facilities to help the thousands of people in the areas it serves who are still in need of comprehensive health care. The Clinic also is broadening its innovative initiatives to address the many other factors that affect health and well-being, including food insecurity, homelessness and trauma. Among the initiatives planned for this year, Venice Family Clinic will be opening a food pharmacy to deliver healthy food and nutritional education to people in need and doubling the number of children and families served through its Children First Early Head Start program.

For more information, visit venicefamilyclinic.org.

SUBMITTED BY LAURA MECOY



What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Monday, February 17

Public Art Committee
The Public Art Committee advises the Arts Commission on what form public art projects should take, how specific public art competitions are to be conducted, suggest selection panel members and, on occasion, suggest artists to participate in invitational competitions. The Committee works with City staff to approve the annual Percent for Art Budget. Ken Edwards Center, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Guest House Open
Visit anytime between 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. for a self-guided or docent tour. No reservations needed. Schedule subject to change, call Guest Services to confirm dates and hours. Annenberg Community Beach House.

Tuesday, February 18

Ocean Park Mystery Book Group
Join organizers as they discuss the latest authors in the mystery genre. Meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month. Emphasis on international authors and locations. All are welcome. No registration required. 'Down the River Unto the Sea' by Walter Mosley, Ocean Park Branch Library, 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Architectural Review Board Meeting
Regular meeting of the Architectural Review Board. Civic Auditorium - East Wing. 7 p.m.

Walk-In Tutoring
Tutors provide help with basic reading and writing skills, using the Internet, filling out online forms, using email, resume writing, and job searches. Main Library, 5 - 7 p.m.

L.E.A.R.N.: Learn, Excel, Achieve and Read Now
One-on-one access to volunteers available to help students with homework assignments and reading comprehension. Bilingual volunteers available. Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30 - 6 p.m. Pico Branch Library.

Walk-In Tutoring
Tutors provide help with basic reading and writing skills, using the Internet, filling out online forms, using email, resume writing, and job searches. Main Library, 1 - 3 p.m.

Write Away
Gain feedback and encouragement in your writing efforts from fellow writers in this supportive writer's meet-up. Fairview Branch Library, 12 - 2:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 19

Planning Commission
The Commission acts through open and civil discourse that is informed by public input, impartial analysis, and best practices in land use and planning. Civic Auditorium - East Wing, 7 p.m.

Montana Book Discussion Group: Just Mercy
Bryan Stevenson was a young lawyer when he founded the Equal Justice Initiative, a legal practice dedicated to defending those most desperate and in need: the poor, the wrongly condemned, and women and children trapped in the farthest reaches of our criminal justice system. One of his first cases was that of Walter McMillian, a young man who was sentenced to die for a notorious murder he insisted he didn't commit. The case drew Bryan into a tangle of conspiracy, political machination, and legal brinksmanship—and transformed his understanding of mercy and justice forever. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 7 p.m.

Pajama Story Time: Friendship
Wear PJs and come with a friend (stuffed animal or human) to enjoy stories and songs about friendship. Ocean Park Branch Library, 6:30 - 7 p.m.

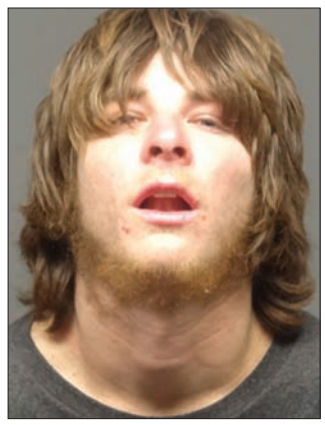
Senior Computer Club
Practice the skills learned in computer basics, keyboarding, and beyond in this informal session. Main Library, 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.

For help submitting an event, contact us at
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CRIME WATCH BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

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

ON FEB. 5 AT APPROXIMATELY 4:14 P.M.



File photo
JAMES CHANHING RUDE

Officers responded to the Santa Monica Place (395 Santa Monica Place) regarding a "Brandishing of a weapon" call. The comments of the call indicated that a male just pulled a box cutter knife out on mall security. Officers arrived and located the subject nearby. When the officers attempted to detain the subject for their investigation, he refused to stop and continued to walk away from the officers. The man was subsequently detained by officers and they continued to investigate the incident. The officers investigated the incident and found that the man, later identified as James Rude, made verbal threats towards a security guard and then brandished a box cutter to the security guard. This incident was witnessed by several bystanders who positively identified Rude as the suspect. James Chanhing Rude, 23, from Hemet was arrested for brandishing, criminal threats and resisting arrest. Bail was set at $50,000.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Citywide

Outdoor Spinning Classes At Mile 21 of L.A. Marathon To Benefit Pancreatic Cancer Research

In an unique fundraiser, The Tour De Pier Pop Up Presented by CycleBar Santa Monica will offers participants in three outdoor cycling classes a front row view of the L.A. Marathon and benefit the Hirshberg Foundation for Pancreatic Cancer Research, an official charity of the LA Marathon.

The Tour comprised of 26 stationary bikes is expected to bring a level of added excitement to the Hirshberg Foundation's official course cheer station, the "Purple People Party" located on the median strip on San Vicente Blvd along mile 21 of the Los Angeles Marathon. Aptly named for the color of pancreatic cancer awareness, the cheer station is one of the most popular and energetic spots on the course. Volunteers, families, cancer survivors and spectators come to the Purple People Party to cheer on runners, enjoy music, hand out healthy treats, and energize runners finishing their last five miles of the marathon.

Sunday, March 8: A one-hour classes taught by CycleBar's top instructors are set for 9 a.m., 10:15 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

The Tour will energize riders and marathon participants alike. Riders will work up a sweat, get their heart pumping while taking in a view of 25,000 marathoners at mile 21. For a $95 donation per session, riders can reserve a bike, take a class and high five runners as they pass. Participants may ride one to three sessions. The Pop-Up is inspired by the Tour De Pier, the award-winning outdoor stationary cycling cancer fundraiser that raised more than $1.5 million for cancer organizations last year. Bikes must be reserved in advance at support.pancreatic.org/TDP-PopUp2020.

SUBMITTED BY LAURENCE COHEN

Countywide

County opens Wait List for Elderly Family Public Housing Sites

The Los Angeles County Development Authority (LACDA) is now accepting registrants for its public housing sites dedicated to elderly families. Applicants may add their name on up to seven site-based waiting lists (waiting lists) now through August 10, 2020, 4:00 p.m. by registering at lacda.org, or calling (626) 586-1845. The County's Section 8 waiting list remains closed.

An elderly family is a household whose head, co-head, spouse, or sole member is a person who is at least 62 years of age. It may include two or more persons who are at least 62 years of age living together, or one or more persons who are at least 62 years of age living with one or more live-in aides. Elderly families may choose, based on eligibility, to register for one, or all seven, waiting lists. Applicants will be selected from each waiting list in order of admission preferences, followed by date and time of registration. The seven site-based waiting lists include the following nine available properties: Carmelitos (Long Beach), Nueva Maravilla and Herbert Avenue (East Los Angeles), Francisquito Villa (La Puente), Whittier Manor (Whittier), West Knoll/Palm (West Hollywood), Marina Manor (Marina Del Rey), Orchard Arms (Valencia), Foothill Villa (La Crescenta), and South Bay Gardens (Los Angeles).

If an applicant is offered a unit from any of the waiting lists that they have registered for, and the unit is not accepted, the applicant's name will be removed from all selected waiting lists, and they must re-register. Therefore, it is important that applicants only register for locations in which they are willing to reside. Further, please note that the LACDA prohibits smoking on the grounds, and within housing units, at all public housing developments, except for at the South Bay Gardens senior public housing development, which has a designated smoking area within the complex.

The LACDA maintains and manages 3,229 public and affordable units located on 68 sites throughout Los Angeles County. For more information on the LACDA's programs, please call (626) 262-4510.

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Annual Water Main Replacement Project

For the week of February 17, the contractor will be connecting on the newly installed water main on Pier Avenue between Main Street and 2nd Street. The contractor will continue installing water services on Airport Avenue east of 23rd Street.; Traffic will be closed to through traffic on Pier Avenue and reduce traffic to one lane on Airport Ave. Please use alternate routes whenever possible. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Carlos Rosales at (310) 458-8721.

Advanced Traffic Management System, Phase 5 Project

For the week of February 17, this project will upgrade the traffic signal equipment at four locations and install fiber optic cables along Montana Ave and 26th St. The project will provide transit priority along the corridor, allow for real-time remote monitoring and management of the traffic signals, provide public Wi-Fi along the corridor, and connect the San Vicente Reservoir and the Montana Avenue Branch Library to the City's network. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Andrew Maximous at (310) 458-8291.

Fire Station #1 Construction Project

For the week of February 17, construction will continue throughout the project area located at 1377 7th Street which will affect the sidewalk and parking lane on the east side of 7th Street just north of Santa Monica Boulevard. Sidewalk and parking lane will continue to be closed all day/night through the month. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Senior Construction Manager Sebastian Felbeck at (310) 434-2675.

Annual Wastewater Main Project

For the week of February 17, sewer main repair work will be taking place in the Santa Monica Pl North Alley between Berkeley Ct and Franklin Ct. Please contact Saad Malim at (310) 458-8721 with any questions/concerns regarding this project.

City Yards Modernization Project

For the week of February 17, construction will impact the project area located at 2500 Michigan Avenue, which will affect the sidewalk and parking lane on the north side of Delaware Avenue just east of 24th Street. Please contact Project Manager Sebastian Felbeck at (310) 434-2675 with any questions or concerns regarding this project.

Storm Drain & Drainage Improvements Project

For the week of February 17, drainage improvements to install a bioswale and concrete culverts will take place on the north side of the intersection at 7th St and San Vicente Blvd. Please contact Saad Malim at (310) 458-8721 with any questions/concerns regarding this project.

Annual Paving, Snap Parking, & Beach Parking Project

For the week of February 17, work will take place in the beach parking lot 5S where we will be striping the parking lane lines in a portion of the parking lot and at 18th St bike connection to Expo bike path. Please contact Jason Hoang at (310) 458-8721 with any questions/concerns regarding this project.

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Earthtalk: Cleaning Up Contaminated Sites Naturally With....Fungi?



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FUNGI: Underground mycelium networks can absorb and break down a wide range of natural and man-made compounds, and that's why we're using them to clean up contaminated sites naturally.

DEAR EARTHTALK: HOW IS IT THAT FUNGI CAN HELP CLEAN UP CONTAMINATED SOILS? - M. SHARPE, CANTON, CT

Like animals, fungi derive energy by breaking down large molecules into smaller compounds. They do so by secreting enzymes and acids onto whatever it is they intend to consume, and then absorbing the byproducts of this digestion process. While fungi primarily consume biological matter (like dead wood), their enzymes can also break down a wide array of man-made compounds. In fact, fungi are so good at this, we're now employing them to clean up contaminated soils via a technique known as mycoremediation.

Of course, these fungi are just doing what they evolved to do eons ago. Underneath our feet, massive fungal networks run through the soil, with many fungal species developing a symbiotic relationship with plants whereby a part of the fungus (the mycelium) grows adjacent to—and sometimes inside of—the roots of the plant. The mycelium is capable of breaking down and transporting nutrients and minerals essential for the plant's survival. After detecting and digesting these compounds, the mycelium ferries them to the plant's roots, where they're absorbed. In exchange, the plant releases compounds that are vital for the fungi's survival.

It's the fungi's ability to break down and/or transport compounds that make them useful for restoring damaged soils. Often, these soils have been saturated with compounds made up of dangerous—and relatively large—molecules. By breaking these molecules into smaller pieces, fungi help to reduce their toxicity. In other instances, soils are contaminated with fundamental elements such as cadmium, arsenic, and mercury, which can't be broken down. However, fungi still have the ability to uptake and transport these substances, and to eventually concentrate them in their fruiting bodies (mushrooms). We can then remove the fruiting bodies, and the contaminated ecosystem will be one step closer to regaining health.

Fungi can break down and/or absorb a wide range of compounds, including oil and other petroleum products, PAHs, PCBs, PCPs, neurotoxins, airborne pollutants, synthetic dyes, cadmium, lead, arsenic, mercury, copper, dioxins and organophosphates.

If fungi are so effective at cleaning up our environment, why isn't this technique more widespread? For starters, it's a slow process. As with any biological strategy for environmental clean-up, mycoremediation is limited by the speed of metabolism. If a polluted area needs to be cleaned quickly, other options may be better. Another issue with mycoremediation is that it often fails to completely rid soil of a given toxic compound, instead simply reducing the concentration. It can also be hard to justify economically, as no one wants to eat a mushroom full of heavy metals.

However, the biggest reason for mycoremediation's relative lack of fame and use might simply be a lack of data from field tests. It's a relatively new technique, without many case studies to support its use (despite a good amount of lab testing). Thankfully, this situation is changing. In 2017, for example, a large batch of oyster mushrooms was used to remediate soil damaged by California wildfires. The same variety of fungus has also been used to clean up oil spills and other toxic messes.

CONTACTS: Fantastic Fungi Film, fantasticfungi.com; "Mushroom as a product and their role in mycoremediation," ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4052754/; "Untapped potential: exploiting fungi in bioremediation of hazardous chemicals," nature.com/articles/nrmicro2519.

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New Coffee Shop Opens

A new boutique coffee shop, Café de Mundo, has opened in Santa Monica, and it's introducing the community and its visitors to a unique international way to experience their daily cup of joe. Following their soft opening in December 2019, Café de Mundo will be celebrating their Grand Opening with an open house on February 22nd.

Featuring organic coffee drinks from around the world, customers can enjoy pastries from a local bakery, brought in daily. The shop carries something for everyone, not only sharing their unique coffee blends, but fun drinks like the traditional Mexican hot chocolate and Hong Kong

Style Yuangyang coffee-tea. The specialty menu along with their friendly and knowledgeable staff, makes for a fun diversion from the typical cup.

Coffee has been praised for hundreds of years around the world, and this coffee shop shares many other ways to enjoy it, using only premium ingredients such as Turkish coffee, Cortados, Cafe de Olla, Freddo Cappuccino, and Vietnamese Coffee. Whether for your morning coffee

stop, to a quick pick me up during the day, or for place to meet friend or if you're trying to impress your company and cater your next meeting with a Café de Mundo blend. In a town where people love to explore the newest and latest, support local business, and are looking for high quality coffee, Cafe de Mundo brings all of those elements to the table.

Moreover, as a proud Santa Monica business, this new coffee shop is already involved with the local community through organizations such as the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce and the Buy Local SM Campaign.

Cafe de Mundo is owned by two dynamic sisters who have combined their love coffee and tea, travel and learning about other cultures through food and drink. Monzerrat Brunkhorst and Lorena Prieto were born and raised in vibrant Mexico City, and moved to the United States 20 years ago with their parents. Monzerrat has been in the import/export business and food

industry for more than 12 years, leading her company in international sales and crating accounts around the world. Lorena is a Human Resource Specialist with almost 10 years of experience specializing in companies with international sales. As women and minority business owners, they hope to inspire the community around them that dreams can become a reality through hard work and discipline.

"Love and passion for coffee is one more thing the world has in common. We should celebrate that instead of focusing on our differences," Monzerrat said.

Cafe de Mundo is located on the corner of 15th and Broadway with plenty of metered parking and surrounded by residential & business buildings.

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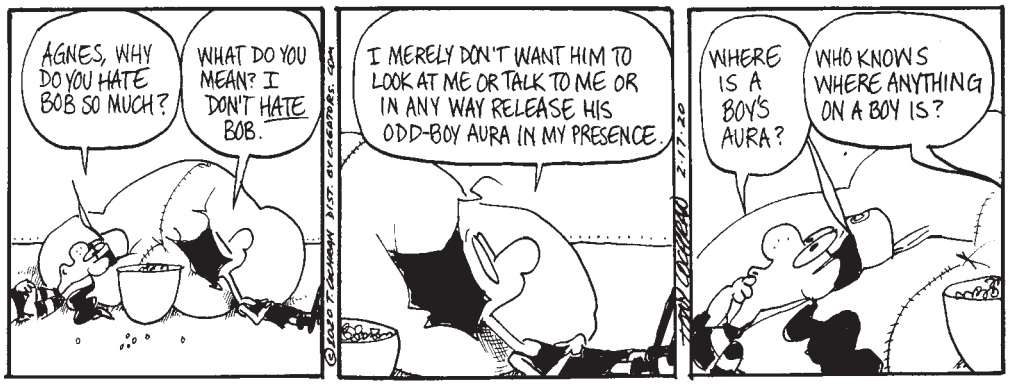






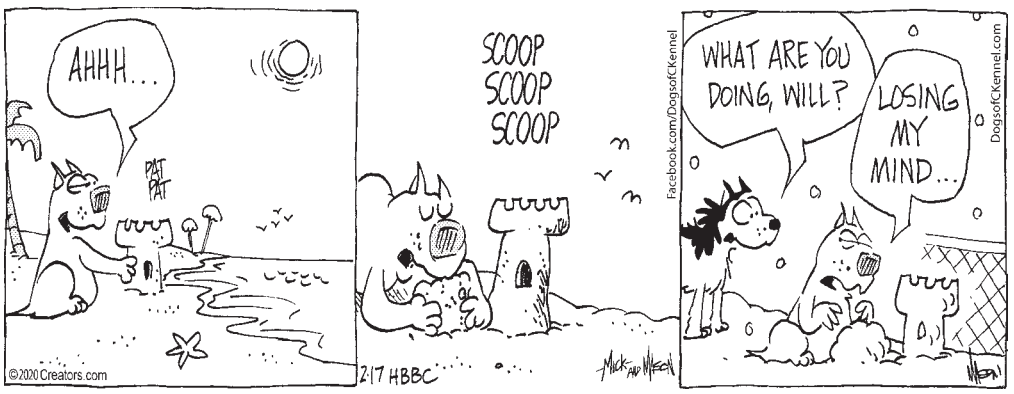
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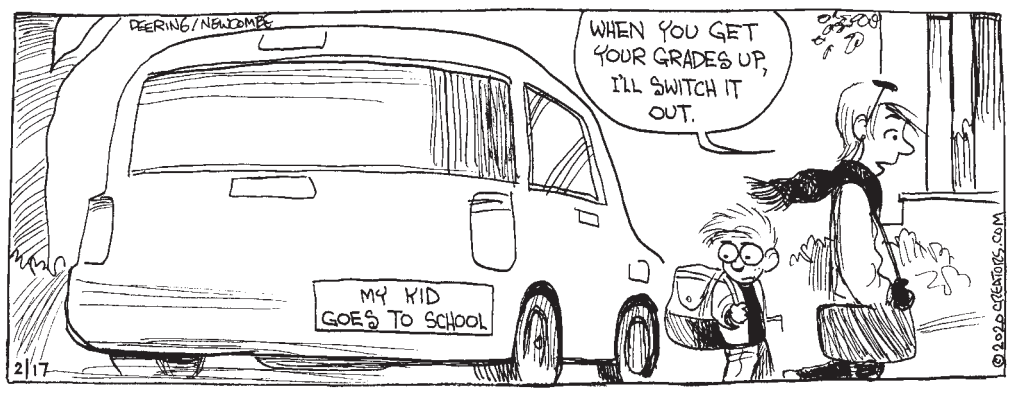
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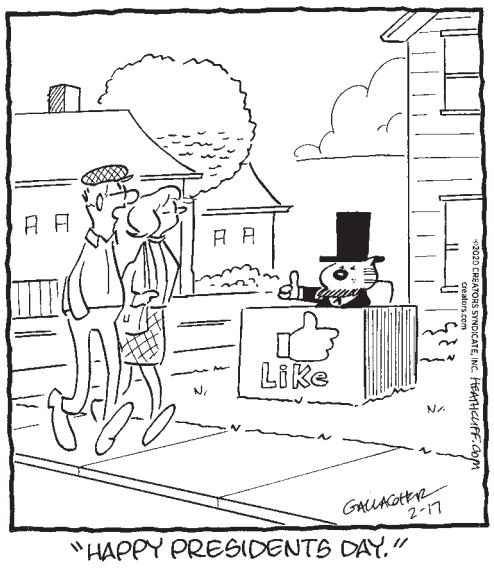
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"HAPPY PRESIDENTS DAY."

Strange Brew

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SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 60.1°

MONDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft knee to waist high
New round of NW swell-mix to build in. SW swell creeps up.

TUESDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft+ waist to stomach
Modest NW swell-mix. New SW swell up a notch further.

WEATHER

Saturday: Patchy fog before 10am. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 66. Light and variable wind becoming west southwest 10 to 15 mph in the afternoon.

Saturday Night: Patchy fog after 10pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 48. North wind around 5 mph becoming calm.

Sunday: Patchy fog before 10am. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 67. Light and variable wind becoming southwest 5 to 10 mph in the morning.

Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 46.

Monday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 52.

Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 70.

Tuesday Night: Clear, with a low around 53.

Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 70.

Date	Day of the Week	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
2020/02/17	Mon	04:19 AM	5.09	H
2020/02/17	Mon	12:01 PM	-0.13	L
2020/02/17	Mon	6:52 PM	3.21	H
2020/02/17	Mon	11:04 PM	2.41	L
2020/02/18	Tue	05:24 AM	5.28	H
2020/02/18	Tue	12:55 PM	-0.55	L
2020/02/18	Tue	7:40 PM	3.54	H
2020/02/19	Wed	12:11 AM	2.29	L
2020/02/19	Wed	06:19 AM	5.48	H
2020/02/19	Wed	1:37 PM	-0.82	L
2020/02/19	Wed	8:13 PM	3.77	H
2020/02/20	Thu	01:00 AM	2.07	L
2020/02/20	Thu	07:05 AM	5.64	H
2020/02/20	Thu	2:13 PM	-0.93	L

DAILY LOTTERY

POWERBALL calottery
Draw Date:02/12
14 47 54 55 68
Power#: 25
Jackpot: 40 M

MEGA MILLIONS calottery
Draw Date: 02/11
4 6 32 52 64
Mega#: 6
Jackpot: 40 M

SuperLotto PLUS calottery
Draw Date: 02/12
11 13 20 24 35
Mega#: 6
Jackpot: 8 M

Fantasy 5 calottery
Draw Date: 02/13
6 7 17 32 34

Daily 3 calottery
Draw Date: 02/14
Midday: 0 9 7
Draw Date: 02/13
Evening: 0 6 2

Daily Derby calottery
Draw Date: 02/13
1st: 02 - LUCKY STAR
2nd: 09 - WINNING SPIRIT
3rd: 01 - GOLD RUSH
RACE TIME: 1:44.35

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (FEBRUARY 17)

Your word will be the first and last, defining business and setting rules for your crew to live by in the months to come. Your professional world gets sorted. You make excellent calls that pay off, namely in who to hire and trust. A decision you make about family turns out to be so good that destiny will be favorably altered. Libra and Leo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 4, 44, 20 and 18.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). This day, this opportunity, is one to be played with. The experimental approach will open up your world for a different kind of tomorrow than you'd have if you never took a chance.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). There are no dead ends on this journey, though there are some roads that don't continue on pavement. You have to get out and be on foot, which will be both more work and more fun.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Self-improvement step? Try this easy one: Stop saying you "have to" do things. When you say you "get to" or "want to" or "choose to" you'll feel more empowered and excited.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You'll be thinking about temperature today -- not just the one outside but the one in you and the one in the heart of everyone you meet. The essence of humanity is warmth.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Children take for granted everything up to the point of their existence, and this is how it should be. An appreciation would be nice, but it's not what's necessary to forward the movement.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). This is a time to limit your exposure. Think of yourself as a brilliant torch. While you give your light, you also burn it away. Show yourself less and be more esteemed.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Of course, it's an entitled and inherently privileged point of view, but it does seem like, at times, there is nothing good out there to enjoy. Pleasure will be had by going through the old stuff again.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You don't have to be in a hurry to see the benefit of cutting to the quick. Honesty is the direct route to what's next. Speak your mind and set the stage for future communication.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). It takes courage to deal head-on with the problem that's been plaguing you, and, good news, you have plenty of courage today to donate to the cause.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). What can you take away that leaves you still appreciating the essence of what was? Brevity won't be the first choice. It's an efficiency and an elegance that's found after the realization of what's essential.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). We live in an age when it's unlikely you'll be looted by actual pirates. The real pirates will be subtle distractions that steal your hours and give precious little back. On guard!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). When you are in wonderment over an experience, it's usually because you've not done a thing like it. But today, you'll wonder about a thing you've done hundreds of times. You've changed, and so has your perspective.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

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.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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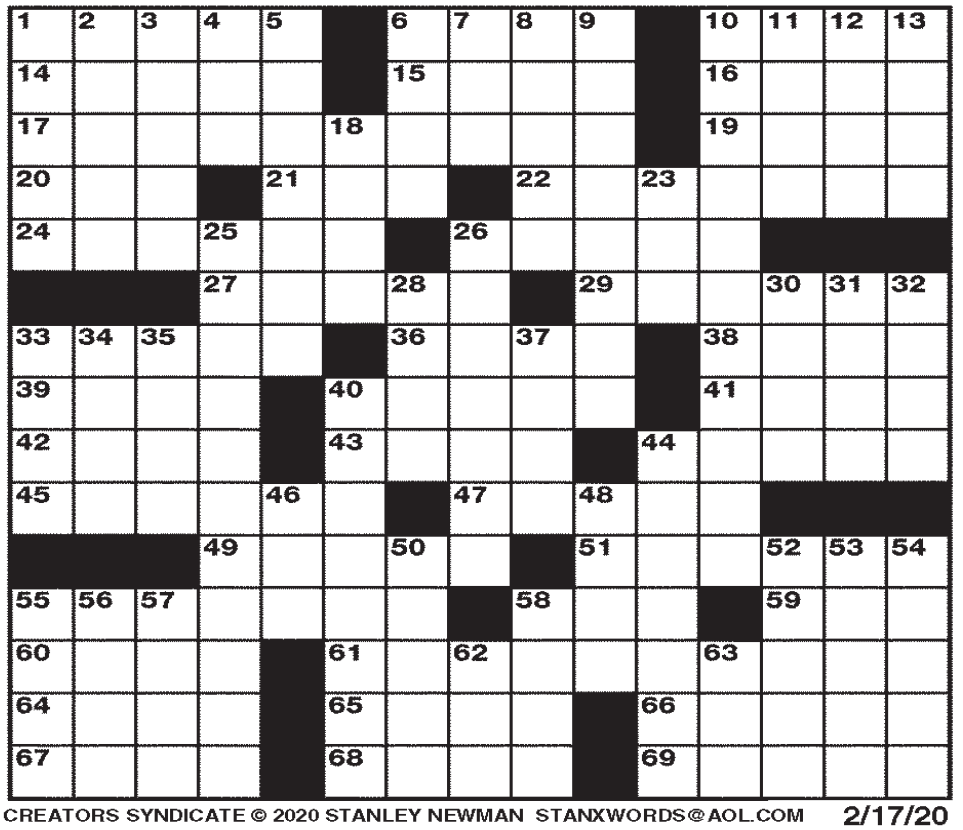
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Newsday Crossword

I'M NUMBER ONE by Billie Truitt
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ACROSS
1 Company's personnel
6 "In that case . . ."
10 Huge in area
14 Spooky
15 "Chicken noodle" course
16 Regarding, in a memo
17 What 61 Across didn't really chop down
19 Actor Neeson
20 Number of years in a decade
21 Spouses of pas
22 Crime evidence analysis rooms
24 Navy enlistees
26 "__ porridge hot . . ."
27 Tonally accurate
29 Musical beat
33 Run the __ (cover the full range)
36 Study hard
38 At no cost
39 "Sign me up!"
40 Starts to melt
41 Yours and mine
42 Typeface selection
43 Italy's capital
44 Flatten with a steam iron
45 Fun facts
47 Luggage attachment with your name
49 Concluded
51 Army "Relax!" command
55 One avoiding one's duty
58 Lumberjack's chopper
59 "He said, __ said"
60 Zoo beast that roars
61 Our first President
64 Female singing voice
65 "It will come __ surprise . . ."
66 Matadors' bulls
67 Prepare carefully
68 Depend (on)
69 Black, as a chimney flue

DOWN
1 Splinter groups
2 Sound of a giggle
3 Sports venue
4 Tree with cones
5 Begin to turn into wine
6 Suffix meaning "adherents"
7 "__ what it's worth . . ."
8 Soft shoe leather
9 Symbolic welcoming gesture
10 Pennsylvania encampment for 61 Across and his troops
11 Largest continent
12 Wild guess
13 Male turkeys
18 Tug sharply
23 Bonfire remnant
25 61 Across' Virginia home
26 Ancient Egyptian monument
28 Sound in a cavern
30 Factual
31 His-and-__ bracelets
32 Untidy place
33 Birthday present, for example
34 Love, in Spanish
35 Short skirt
37 Extremely amazed
40 Economic conflict
44 Inventors' protections
46 Ballpoint filler
48 Car with a meter
50 Clear a blackboard
52 Houston ballplayer
53 Take a photo of
54 __-weensy (tiny)
55 Strike with an open palm
56 Sledding spot
57 Smidgen
58 Sailor's greeting
62 NBC weekend comedy series
63 Sticky substance



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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2020025529 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 01/31/2020 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as JL3 Associates . 100 Wilshire Blvd Suite 700 , Santa Monica, CA 90401. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: John Luque 100 Wilshire Blvd Suite 700 Santa Monica, CA 90401. This Business is being conducted by: an Individual. The registrant has not yet commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above. /s/:John Luque . John Luque . This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 01/31/2020. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 02/10/2020, 02/17/2020, 02/24/2020, 03/02/2020.

Name Change

Case No. 20SMCP00039
Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles
Petition of Richard Ruffin for Change of Name
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner or Attorney: Richard Ruffin filed a petition with this court for a decree of changing names as follows:Richard Ruffin to Richard Williams. The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted.
Notice of Hearing:
Date: 03/20/2020, Time: 8:30 a.m
Dept: K, Room: A-203
The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA - COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, 1725 MAIN STREET, SANTA MONICA, CA 90401
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Santa Monica Daily Press.
Date: January 17, 2020

Name Change

Un-named
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case No. 20SMCP00034
Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles
Petition of Debra Jane Wanner for Change of Name
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner or Attorney: Debra Jane Wanner filed a petition with this court for a decree of changing names as follows: Debra Jane Wanner to Debra Isabella Fiorentina The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted.
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Date: January 16, 2020

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case No. 20SMCP00019
Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles
Petition of Kolina Danette Phlaum for Change of Name
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner or Attorney: Kolina Danette Phlaum filed a petition with this court for a decree of changing names as follows: Kolina Danette Phlaum to Kolina Danette Ennis. The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted.
Notice of Hearing:
Date: 03/12/2020, Time: 8:30a.m,
Dept: K, Room: A-203
The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA - COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, 1725 MAIN STREET, SANTA MONICA, CA 90401
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Santa Monica Daily Press.
Date: January 13, 2020

Name Change

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case No. 20SMCP00014
Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles
Petition of Haley Fugett for Change of Name
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner or Attorney: Haley Fugett filed a petition with this court for a decree of changing names as follows: Haley Lee Fugett to Haley Lee Rhodes. The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted.
Notice of Hearing:
Date: 03/13/2020, Time: 8:30a.m, Dept: K, Room: A-203
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Date: January 09, 2020

Probate

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:
Leatha Pauline Rains
CASE NUMBER: 19STPB09535
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both of Leatha Pauline Rains, aka Polly Rains
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A Petition for Probate has been filed by Toni Delene Rains in the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles.
The Petition for Probate requests Toni Delene Rains be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any admitted to probate. The will and codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.
The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: Date: 04/24/2020 Time: 8:30 a.m Dept. Room 217 - Address of Court: 111 N. Hill St Los Angeles, CA 90012
If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.
You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.
Petitioner: Toni Delene Rains 2400 Beverly Ave #14. Santa Monica, CA 90405 (310) 433-3375
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EDISON

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for the first few years."

Using a 90-10 model, students at the local Title 1 school study the same curriculum and content as their peers do at other public elementary schools across California, but 90% of Edison's instruction from transitional kindergarten through first grade is in Spanish, Orum said. "But we are also developing English at each step so these kids end up having like a double block of literacy since they're getting sort of twice as much literacy, reading and writing instruction."

And while the testing results are something to be proud of, Orum is quick to tout the long-term effects of the program like the increased rates of high school and college graduates.

"And then there's a lot of socio-cultural competence that you're also building," Orum said as she detailed how research has shown that kids tend to perform better in a diverse group.

"If you look at the trajectory over many years, you can see the direction that we're going in has been trending up for quite a while," Orum said, expressing how proud she is of every Edison staff member — each of whom have continuously proven to be dedicated and determined to provide every student with a pathway to success.

"We really had to work hard to prove that you could make great things happen for kids in this model, and we figured out how to do it and it's lovely to get the recognition instead of having to defend your test scores or your program," Orum said.

"We're lucky to be in a district that's made this kind of investment over the years and has provided us with the infrastructure to succeed," she added. "You know, I always say, 'If we can't make use of the model, nobody can,' because we have all the advantages going for us."

RECOGNITION

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of the support of this community and the educators who take the time to really help our students find success," Whaley said as he detailed the different accolades that have been won by Santa Monica music students and educators. "The arts are so important to kids. It truly helps them in ways that can't truly be quantified."

Woo agreed Wednesday, when she said: "Music and the arts is a critical component in our schools, more so now than ever before."

Humans are inherently compelled to make connections with other humans, and music is a natural conduit for building those connections and relationships, Woo said. "Participating in music helps give our students an actual voice for their emotions and feelings," because involvement in the arts teaches students skills that are necessary to succeed in life, including problem-solving and decision-making, she said.

Woo added the arts also build self-confidence and self-discipline, "and, music is the only academic subject that provides a collaborative artistic experience by welcoming and celebrating our vast diversity of individual students."

Needless to say, it is a very special privilege to be a music educator, Woo said, adding, "I am inspired every day by my students to be the best for them."

ABOUT THE AWARDEES

Bersch has been teaching elementary music in SMMUSD for 20 years, according to district officials, who said the CMEA Elementary Specialist Award winner has been honored for her excellence in elementary instrumental music instruction and is well-known for being knowledgeable, well organized, passionate, dedicated and talented. Bersch has also been an advocate and leader in bringing the new SMMUSD mariachi music program to Santa Monica students.

Swenson has been the director of orchestras at Santa Monica High School for the last 19 years and was recently chosen to receive the prestigious CMEA Richard L. Levin Orchestra Educator Award, Honoring Excellence in Orchestra Education and Performance. Under her direction, the Samohi orchestra has won numerous awards and students have gone on to perform internationally in Vienna, Austria, Argentina, China and Prague. Swenson has also guest conducted honor orchestras throughout California and has presented sessions at CMEA and SCSBOA conferences on numerous occasions.

Woo currently serves as the instrumental music director at John Adams Middle School and has worked for SMMUSD since 1995. She enjoys an active schedule as a guest conductor, clinician and adjudicator with numerous honor groups and has been invited by universities to lead professional development workshops for music educators at both the middle school and high school levels. In 2005, Woo was recognized by the Santa Monica Rotary Club as the Santa Monica-Malibu District Teacher of the Year.

"We congratulate these three extraordinary music teachers on their recent recognition," School Board President Jon Kean said. "We are fortunate to have the Santa Monica Education Foundation's financial support for all our Santa Monica students, starting in elementary school, to receive an exemplary arts education. Our music teachers deliver high quality programs and opportunities to students at all levels."

SIGNING

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"To be able to say that I am attending an Ivy League school is completely surreal and I'm grateful for this opportunity," Moawad said, mentioning she looks forward to having an opportunity to develop her game as well as her academics at the next level. "I fell in love with the school, and the team and coaching staff at Brown is great. I can already tell that Brown has an environment in which I can thrive in. Plus who can say no to an Ivy League?"

Like Moawad, Arnou said the recruiting process was stressful, but he felt San Diego was the right place for him after he took an official visit to the campus.

"I realized what a special place it is," Arnou said. "The campus, the culture, the players and the coaches are like no other (and) knowing that this school believes in me as a player inclined me to pursue this route."

Arnou added the recruiting process is like a business.

"There are a multitude of factors that go into it that are completely out of your control, which makes it far from fair," he said. "The best advice I can give anyone is to not get discouraged and to keep working hard. One school is all it takes to make it to the next level."

Reed thanked those who have helped her mature over the course of her four years on campus, but specifically mentioned her Head Coach Doug Kim.

"Not only has coach taught me a game,he's taught me how to be a young successful woman," Reed said. "So now I'm prepared to go to college and I know how to act and can be independent."





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