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THE ALL ABOUT HOOPS ISSUE



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GETTING BY: **Santa Monica's Danilo Toskovic tries to elude the defense of Quartz Hill's Austin Culver at home on Wednesday. Samohi won the CIF-SS Division 1A playoff game, 64-39. The Vikings will face Dana Hills tonight in the second round at Samohi.**

HIGH SCHOOL PLAYOFFS ROUNDUP

Samohi boys cruise into second round

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

SAMOHI So far, so good for Santa Monica's boys basketball team.

The Vikings cruised to an easy 64-39 home win over Quartz Hill in the first round of the California Interschoalstic Federation Southern Section Divison 1A playoffs on Wednesday setting up a rare second home playoff game against Dana Hills tonight at 7 p.m.

Samohi Head Coach James Hecht was happy with the victory and the opportunity to empty his bench late in the game to rest the starters, but said his team didn't look as sharp as it had during the regular season when the Vikings went 21-6 overall and a perfect 10-0 en route to winning the Ocean League. He said that the team didn't execute as well as he expected, yet stopped short of saying his team played poorly in the rout.

"It wasn't the best game for us," he said. "But, we moved on."

The Vikings, the number eight seed in the division, built an early lead, but Quartz Hill was able to keep it close until the final two minutes of the first half when Samohi took control. He joked that he had a hard time deciding when to pull his starters because he didn't want to get too comfortable with the lead.

"It's a game of runs, you never know what could happen," he said before practice on Thursday. "You have to be a little lucky to do anything."

Samohi's Harry Horn led all Vikings with 14 points. Soloman Singer added 9 in the win. A total of 11 players scored, Hecht said.

As the team prepares for 10th seeded Dana Hills, Hecht intends to stick with his speedy style of play.

"We're going to try to force the tempo a little bit, be agressive," he said. "I think we go a little deeper than Dana Hills does."

While Hecht is confident his bench is stronger, it's Dana Hills' starting lineup that worries him. Senior point guard Brendan

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Eatery owners grill City Hall on market plans

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

MAIN ST Restaurant owners here want preferential treatment at their home-turf Farmers' Market and say City Hall is dragging its feet on giving them the competitive edge they deserve.

At issue is how City Hall selects vendors to sell prepared food at 13 booths available at the market each Sunday. With its mix of produce sellers, retailers, live music and food, the Main Street market attracts at least 5,000 customers each week, organizers said.

Through their association, the Main Street Business Improvement Association, the 45 or so restaurants with storefronts on the street have argued they should be heavily favored for the food vending slots over businesses from out of the area that don't contribute as much to the local tax base.

Only one of the food vendors who regularly participates in the market, Groundwork Coffee, has a brick-and mortar store on Main Street, and nine of the vendors don't have stores anywhere in Santa Monica, said Jodi Low, who manages the market.

The City Council discussed revamping City Hall's policy for selecting vendors in November but has yet to adopt a change. Thursday morning about 10 restaurant owners and managers met with City Hall staff members involved with the market, urging quick action to give locals preference over other competitors.

In an often heated discussion, the owners said they were frustrated that it's still unclear how City Hall wants to proceed and a solution appears to be a ways off.

Low said she expects the City Council to again consider updating its policy in April. If approved, a new selection process for vendors wouldn't take effect until October, she said.

On Thursday, Miriam Mack, economic development manager at City Hall, said a range of solutions remain on the table, from banning food vendors at the market outright, to allowing only Main Street merchants to sell food, to coming up with a new set of criteria to select eligible businesses to participate.

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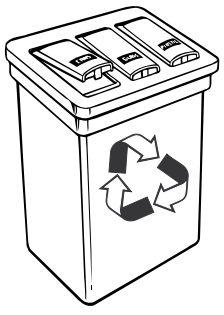


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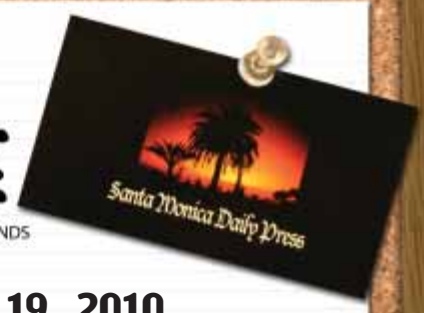


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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA AND SURROUNDS



Friday, Feb. 19, 2010

Jorma Kaukonen and G.E. Smith
McCabe's Guitar Shop
3101 Pico Blvd., 8 p.m. and 10 p.m.
Guitarists Jorma Kaukonen and G.E. Smith will play a concert featuring the two veteran rockers. Jorma was a founding member of Jefferson Airplane and tours with his band, Hot Tuna. G.E. was the director of the "Saturday Night Live" band for many years and he has toured with Bob Dylan, among others, throughout his career.

'The Collector'
Ruskin Group Theater
3000 Airport Ave., 8 p.m.
John Fowles' play runs Fridays and Saturdays through March 6. Admission is $10 for students, seniors and guild members and $15 for the general public. Free parking is available at the theater.

Saturday, Feb. 20, 2010

Fresh Start 2010
Arena 1 Gallery
3026 Airport Ave., 7 p.m. 9 p.m.
A one-night sale of paintings, works on paper, and photography to benefit therapeutic art programs for at-risk youth. Fifty percent of art sales go to charity. The night includes raffle prizes, DJ Anne Litt, tasty bites by Lemongrass Boutique, and a bar hosted by 901 Silver Tequila. Tickets are $40 online and $50 at the door.

Lee Ritenour and friends
The Santa Monica College Performing Arts Center
1310 11th St., 7:30 p.m.
Grammy award-winning jazz guitarist Lee Ritenour is back by popular demand after a sold-out performance at The Broad Stage last year. His performance will include surprise guests. Call (310) 434-3412 for more information.

Magical Mardi Gras mask workshop for kids
Paint Lab
2912 Main St., 11:30 a.m. — 1:00 p.m.
Artist Nina May will help kids design and decorate mask creations to wear in honor of Mardi Gras. Using acrylic paints and an assortment of trimmings, kids can create colorful masks. Kids can become someone or something else — a masked animal, a fancy princess, or an elegant masquerader. The event is open to kids ages 7 through 12 with reservations. Admission in $30, including art supplies.

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.

Music sites try to succeed where others haven't

RYAN NAKASHIMA
AP Business Writer

LOS ANGELES Two new companies are giving consumers a way to download songs for free by watching a few ads. The idea has been tried before but this time it appears it might work, because the startups have found advertisers that are willing to pay around $2 to have a moment of your time.

That means recording companies can get about as much compensation from the free services as they receive from a download on iTunes that costs the consumer $1.29.

"You pay for the song by paying attention to the advertiser," said Richard Nailling, CEO of FreeAllMusic.com, which launched an invitation-only test of its service in December. "It's a fair trade of attention for music."

Both Free All Music and another new free site, Guvera.com, have licensing deals with independent labels and two of the largest recording companies, Universal Music Group and EMI Group PLC. Fans of U2, Black Eyed Peas and Norah Jones should be happy. But admirers of Ke$ha or Sade, both with Sony Music labels, will be out of luck for now.

The new services come after years of falling CD sales. More people are consuming music online but spending far less for it.

In response, recording companies have been licensing songs to an array of Internet businesses that offer songs cheaply or for free — in the hope that these legitimate alternatives can keep people from turning to illegal downloads.

But some sites that allowed free listening on computers couldn't generate enough advertising revenue to cover their debts or pay royalties that were required every time someone played a song. One such site, imeem, was on the verge of collapse before it was bought last year by MySpace Music.

The new services have tried to come up with unique advertising packages so companies are willing to pay more. And they are putting the money toward offering downloads of songs that can be put on portable devices.

They also have made changes to deal with a problem that helped cause another free-download site, SpiralFrog, to croak last year. SpiralFrog irked users because its songs expired if people failed to log back on every few months to view more ads. Its songs also couldn't be played on iPods or iPhones.

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NICE DISTINCTION: **Will Rogers Learning Community has received a 2010 Title 1 Academic Achievement Award.**

Will Rogers wins achievement award

BY MIRIAM FINDER
Special to the Daily Press

WILL ROGERS After years of working by late principal Irma Lyons' motto of "blood, sweat and tears," Will Rogers Learning Community has received a 2010 Title 1 Academic Achievement Award. Will Rogers, a kindergarten through fifth grade elementary school, received the award after meeting and surpassing 2008 and 2009 national and state academic standards.

The school showed sufficient growth through a national test measuring Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) and tested above a state-wide Academic Performance Index (API) target of 800, said Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Assistant Superintendent Mike Matthews.

The school reached this level of academic performance through incremental growth, he said.

"They're not really pushing a number," Matthews said. "They're saying, when we look at our scores last year, we're looking at concerns in these areas and here's what we're doing to address that."

Between 2004 and 2009, the school's API grew from 754 to 814. Matthews said this growth is in part the result of the teachers at Will Rogers getting on the same page and moving together toward a common objective.

One goal the teachers worked toward was the successful implementation of the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) program three and a half years ago. The school started by focusing on mathematics, then opening a science lab, and now are busy building content and integrating these elements into all subject areas, said Mary Anna Noveck, assistant principal. Noveck said STEM adds a level of engagement for the students, along with an arts integration program.

"I think it gives kids other ways to learn," Noveck said.

Both Noveck and Matthews credit Lyons with making the biggest impact on the school's achievements.

> **"IT'S HAVING A VIEW OF LONG TERM OVER SHORT TERM LITTLE FIXES."**
>
> **Mary Anna Noveck,**
> Will Rogers Learning Center assistant principal

"[She] just had a spirit about her that helped the staff to gather around her," Matthews said.

Noveck said Lyons encouraged working by two words.

"They were joy and rigor," said Noveck. "I really do believe that is the formula and so I continue with that."

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Better parenting needed

Editor:

Re: "Kid busted by the food cops," Feb. 17, 2010, page 1.

Patty Simab comes across as an example of the self-centered, indulgent and obnoxious Westside parent that I suspect most of us have long grown tired of. I would agree that the Santa Monica Police Department would, in a better parented world, have more important things to do than expending its time due to the unlawful conduct of Ms. Simab's poorly-parented child. Of course, Ms. Simab seems to believe rules apply only to others, a trait she obviously has passed on to her child. That is the real root of the problem. It is both of them who should be offering an apology to the SMPD and the residents of Santa Monica. And as a resident of Santa Monica, I am more than happy to tell Ms. Simab where she can stick her demand for an apology.

Carmen Pollizi
Santa Monica

Slow development down

Editor:

Re: "Eastside development plans cause alarms," Feb. 4, 2010, page 1.

How can Hank Konig, Planning Commission chair, encourage "considering more development projects" (before the LUCE vote)? He even says: "It's great. It's giving us some test cases." My point: Why consider any non-essential projects at this time? Please, don't further mutilate what's left of this precious 8.3 square-mile lifesong called Santa Monica.

Someone, please pull the chair out from under him. And his cohorts.

Judy B. David
Santa Monica





Write Rachel

Rachel Iverson — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Don't call her a cougar

DEAR RACHEL,

I resent the term "cougar" for an older woman who dates a younger man. Yes, my boyfriend is younger, but call me crazy for not wanting to be nicknamed after a deadly predator. Men routinely date younger women — it's almost expected — and do they get a special, derogatory name? No. They're just called "men" and considered lucky by their friends. Some women think it's a compliment to be called a cougar, as if it implies that they're hot for their age or something. I'm sorry, but the title cougar makes me feel insulted, not hot. Do you agree or am I being overly sensitive?

Signed, Don't Call Me A Cougar

DEAR DON'T CALL ME A COUGAR,

I hear you, sister! Of course it's a double standard that women get a predatory nickname for behaving as men have for ages. Sexism is still alive and well in our society. How many Hollywood movies depict actors in their 50s romancing 20-something love interests? But since we're speaking of Hollywood, if you have to be called a cougar, at least you're in good company with hot actresses like Demi Moore, Eva Longoria Parker and Courteney Cox Arquette. Not too shabby at all. Add to that, you're on the forefront of dating history, in a time when a significant percentage of young men are evolved enough to value the intelligence and life-experience that come with dating a more mature woman. There may be hope for our society yet!

So, should you correct every person who utters the dreaded term? That's up to you. I personally wouldn't waste my time, but if the urge strikes you, politely inform them that you're not a fan of the word. Overstating your point, however, may send the wrong message — that you're insecure about your situation, in a "The lady doth protest too much" kind of way. So if being called a cougar bothers you because you fear there's some truth to it, give yourself a break. It's completely natural to internalize society's biases. But remember this — your boyfriend and I agree that you are not a predatory animal, so give yourself time to get used to the idea of dating a younger man. Once you do, you may feel less insulted by other people's ignorant comments. Unfortunately, there are a lot of insensitive people in the world. Pick your battles and tune out the rest.

DEAR RACHEL,

I recently found out that my fiancée has been (how can I say this delicately?) "fooling around" with her female friends behind my back. They call it "female love." I call it cheating. I know some guys would probably be stoked to know that their girl was into other women, but I'm not one of those guys. How would my fiancée feel if I were fooling around with my male buddies? She says she didn't think she was cheating because it was with women, but she kept it a secret from me because she knew I wouldn't approve. She says she'll never do it again. Should I trust her to be faithful in the future?

Signed, Deceived

DEAR DECEIVED,

Infidelity and untrustworthiness are two red flags that indicate incompatibility between you and your fiancée. I recommend putting your wedding plans on ice until you thoroughly investigate these worrisome issues. The two of you appear to have different values, which could be the ultimate deal-breaker for your relationship. If this is the case, thank your lucky stars that you're finding out now, rather than after you say, "I do."

You may not know your fiancée as well as you thought you did. So in the interest of getting to know her better, here are some examples of questions to ask her before you resume your relationship:

Since she has already snuck around behind your back once, is she capable of doing it again? Is she capable of a committed, monogamous relationship? What does monogamy mean to her? Is she generally interested in other women, or was this an isolated case of exploring her wild side? Who or what does she plan to explore next?

Basically, you need to determine whether this behavior was an isolated event or if it's indicative of her nature to do sneaky things behind your back. If it's the latter, I would definitely end the relationship. Otherwise, it may be "female love" this time and something else the next time. You don't want to live in a state of suspicion; you want a partner who operates from a moral compass that's compatible with your own.

One way or another, the bond of trust needs to be repaired between you and your fiancée if you plan to build a healthy relationship. If your fiancée is willing to work with you, could you forgive her without resentment? So far, your fiancée's behavior does not indicate that she's ready for a committed, lifelong relationship. Pre-marital counseling may help you decide whether this relationship is worth salvaging.

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Romper Room recruiting

A NEWS STORY BROKE TWO WEEKS AGO that went largely unnoticed. Perhaps Kim Kardashian was showing off her butt somewhere and that drew all the coverage. Frankly, the Kardashians' success is a complete mystery to me. So is reality TV, for that matter.

As opposed to, say, Tiger Woods, who's holding a press conference this a.m., what are the Kardashians famous for? Their late father was O.J.'s buddy and Kim has a protruding butt. Apparently that's enough for stardom. As for Tiger, as far as I'm concerned, it's between him and his wife.

The "overlooked" story was about USC's coach, Lane Kiffin, offering a college scholarship to a seventh grader! David Sills, 13, a quarterback hopeful from Delaware, was understandably thrilled, "It's been my lifelong dream to go to USC." At 13, however, the word "lifelong" is a bit dubious.

I didn't know a university could even offer an athletic scholarship to a 13-year-old. Is the competition so cutthroat that recruiters are reaching out to barely teens? If so, why stop at junior high?

I can see some gonzo recruiter excitedly calling campus from on the road. "Coach, I just saw a kid who's a surefire Heisman."

"Is he in high school?" the Coach asks nervously.

"Preschool, but very mature."

"How so?"

"Uh, he doesn't wet the bed."

(What's next, recruiting in vitro?)

Trolling junior high schools for athletes is perverse. David won't graduate high school for five years! The pressure of being under the media spotlight is bad enough for an 18-year-old, but at 13, what chance does he have at a normal childhood?

Coincidentally, tennis legend, Andre Agassi, was also 13 when his father shipped him off to a live-in tennis camp in Florida. In his best-selling book "Open," Agassi describes the stealing of his childhood as a personal tragedy. Agassi went on to megamillions but still doesn't think it was worth the price.

In America these days, the compulsion to win at any cost is everywhere. Enticing young kids for college or pro sports is but one example. In the NFL a player can't enter the league until three years after high school. Unfortunately the NFL has worse issues.

After years of concussions, a disturbing number of NFL players are incurring brain injuries. (As depicted in the documentary "Blood Equity.") The life expectancy of an NFL player is a shocking 55 years. While raking in billions, the league has, until very recently, had their head in the sand. This, while many former players suffer dementia so severe they can't even recall their children's' names.

The NBA has the "one and done" rule wherein a player is not eligible until one year after his class graduated high school. Probably well intentioned, the rule could be ruining college basketball.

To circumvent the rule, an athlete can play a year in Europe. But they will likely be boys among men in a foreign country where they don't even speak the language. A few have made it to the NBA via this route but far more burn out and are left without an education.

The second option is where the player goes to college for one year. But that's a sham, too, because most really don't want to be there. They often only go to class for the first semester because by the time the second semester grades arrive, they've skipped to the NBA. Essentially, most are students in name only.

Because of "one and done," college basketball squads are frequently in flux. Fans barely learn the players' names before the kids are packing for the pros. The rule also invites cheating by desperate coaches and places external pressures on 18-year-old kids who are tempted by cars and money. Ask USC.

The Trojans face the distinction of possible sanctions in basketball and football following NCAA hearings that started yesterday in Tempe, Arizona. Among other cases, the hearings will address allegations against Reggie Bush and O.J. Mayo, the latter being the one-and-done poster child.

As college basketball TV ratings plummet, I favor requiring players to spend two years in college. (Or forget the rule altogether.) As it is, each season many college coaches have to essentially start over, often with disastrous results. As UCLA alum, I sadly cite the Bruins as a prime example. You could say that I'm done with one and done.

The insatiable pursuit of money and fame consuming America has yielded us what? The Kardashians? I'm sure Kim's a fine person but I just wish that she'd do something more than shake her butt. Then again, ex-presidents, some of whom probably belong in jail, command $100,000 speaking fees. Go figure.

David Sills says playing quarterback for USC will fulfill his dream. (Assuming SC's not on probation.) Until then, I hope he's able to enjoy just being a kid.

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The Q Line

History or view?

The Santa Monica Pier Restoration Corp. is considering creating a museum at the west-end of the historic structure to tell the story of the pier's illustrious past. It would replace a viewing deck that currently is open to the public and offers the best views of the bay, which at least one Coastal Commission member (Richard Bloom) says may be problematic.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:

Should pier officials build the museum or leave the viewing deck as is?

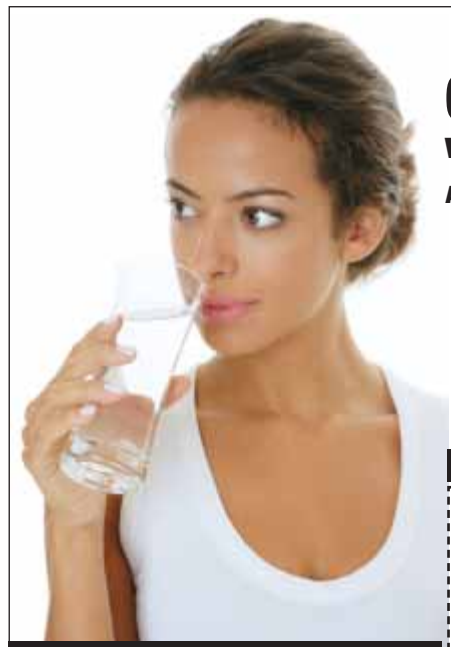
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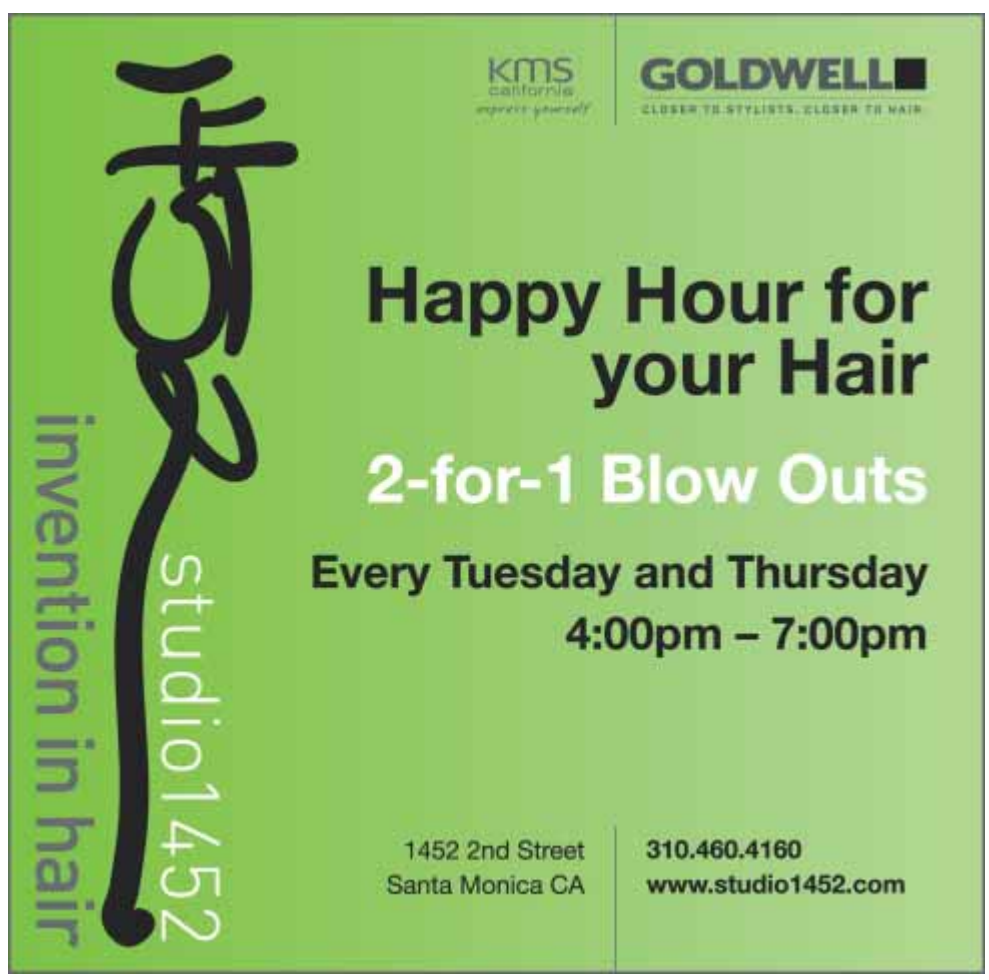

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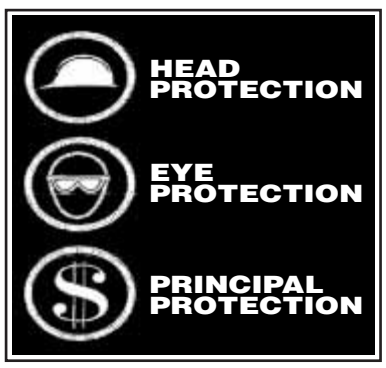
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Play Time
Cynthia Citron
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A fabulous production at the Ruskin Theatre

AFTER YOU'VE WATCHED THE SUBTLE, nuanced performance of Dane Zinter as Fredrick, a pathetically lonely, obsessed madman in "The Collector," you may be excused for concluding that the actor himself is more than a little deranged. His defensive smirk, his furrowed brow, his awkward gestures with his hands are so spot-on that you simply lose sight of the fact that he's acting. And his accent — working-class Brit — is impeccable, and he doesn't lose it for a single syllable.

If I seem to be raving here, please forgive me. I was simply bowled over by this young man. In my view, he could become this generation's Meryl Streep.

The plot of "The Collector," the 1963 novel by John Fowles, has been repeated by so many other authors that it has almost become a cliché. A mild-mannered butterfly collector, unable to approach the object of his desires, due to his social ineptitude and her higher class status, kidnaps her instead. Taking her to his secluded bungalow, he houses her in a basement bunker with the hope that as she gets to know him she will eventually come to love him. (A plot which has a grim parallel in the recent cases of "disappeared" women who were found to have been hidden away for years to bear the children of their captors.)

The young woman, Miranda, is played brilliantly by Jaimi Paige, who matches Zinter nuance for nuance, veering from hysterical intensity to mumbling and incoherent despair. Initially afraid of him, she panders to his need to be her friend. When she discovers that he doesn't intend to assault her sexually — in fact, he can't even bring himself to kiss her because he believes it would be dangerous and disrespectful — she begins to mock him. At one point she even chases him from her room by swearing at him so furiously that he retreats in utter shock.

Eventually, when he allows her to come upstairs to his part of the house, he proudly shows her his butterfly collection, which she disdains. She is contemptuous that he kills these beautiful creatures for his own amusement, perhaps recognizing that she herself is his latest "specimen." When he shows her examples from his other hobby, photography, she disdains that as well. She is a gifted art student and she compares the value of her work with his. "When you draw something, it lives," she says, "but when you photograph something, it dies."

In 1965, "The Collector" was made into a film starring Terence Stamp and Samantha Eggar. A few years later, Fowles adapted his story as a play, which wasn't successful. It wasn't until 1998 that Mark Healy came up with an adaptation that made the play memorable. It is that adaptation that is being produced by the Ruskin Group Theatre now, under the competent direction of Edward Edwards. Edwards also serves as set designer, with a set on two levels, representing the "comfortable" cellar bunker, as prepared by Fredrick, and the upstairs dining room. Since no one is credited with costume design, we must assume that it was a collaborative effort between the director and the actors, but it must be noted that Miranda's clothing (procured for her by Fredrick) is both appropriate and effective. Fredrick, on the other hand, wears the same outfit for the entire play, which covers a month's time, but that also seems appropriate for his very rigid and restricted character.

How this story ends is a titillating shocker. Does Miranda escape? Does she come to love her captor? Do they live happily ever after? You've got to see it for yourself. And believe me, it's well worth your time and attention!

"The Collector" will continue at Ruskin Group Theatre, 3000 Airport Ave., Santa Monica, Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. through March 6. Call (310) 397-3244 for tickets.



Photo courtesy Ruskin Theatre
RIVETING: **Dane Zinter stars in 'The Collector.'**

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CRIME WATCH
BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

Smoking for the holidays

Crime Watch is a weekly series 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.

FRIDAY, FEB. 12, AT 8:10 P.M.

Officers were patrolling the 600 block of Ocean Park Boulevard when they observed a bicyclist riding without a headlamp, a vehicle code violation. During the stop, officers smelled the aroma of marijuana. The officers conducted a subsequent search finding concentrated cannabis. The suspect said that he was smoking the pot in observance of a holiday he called "Chiva." The suspect was identified as Joshua Davis, 29, of Santa Monica. He was charged with possession of marijuana and riding without a headlamp. His bail was set at $10,000.

SATURDAY, FEB. 13, AT 11:41 P.M.

Santa Monica police officers responded to the 1200 block of Lincoln Boulevard — American Motel — regarding a female yelling in the parking lot. Upon arrival, officers heard a male and female arguing. Officers recognized the male as an employee and the female from past encounters. Investigation revealed that the two were arguing over alleged property left at the motel. As officers talked to the victim, they observed that she had visible injuries. Further investigation revealed that the female went to the suspect's house the night before. The suspect and female started arguing, which resulted in the suspect grabbing the female's throat. The suspect and female fell to the ground, resulting in the suspect letting go of his grasp. The suspect then slammed the victim's head against an object. The female was eventually able to get away. Officers went to the suspect's location and arrested him for assault with a deadly weapon. The suspect was identified as Arthur Crout, 19, of Santa Monica. His bail was set at $30,000.

FRIDAY, FEB. 12, AT 10:40 P.M.

Officers were patrolling the 800 block of Broadway when they observed a vehicle speeding. Officers conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle. When the police pulled the car over they believed that the suspect was driving while impaired. Field sobriety tests revealed that the suspect appeared to be intoxicated. The suspect was identified as Ryan Slominsky, 28, of Santa Monica. His bail was set at $25,000.

THURSDAY, FEB. 11, AT 9:30 P.M.

Officers were patrolling the 2500 block of Lincoln Boulevard when they observed a bicyclist riding on the sidewalk without a headlamp, a vehicle code violation. During the stop, the bicyclist appeared to be nervous, giving officers the feeling that he was concealing something. Officers were granted the consent to search the suspect, during which they found a small amount of meth and a pipe to smoke it. The suspect was identified as Peter Palfreyman, 50, of Eagle Point, Ore. He was charged with possession of a controlled substance, possession of paraphernalia and riding without a headlamp. His bail was set at $10,000.

MONDAY, FEB. 8, AT 6:25 P.M.

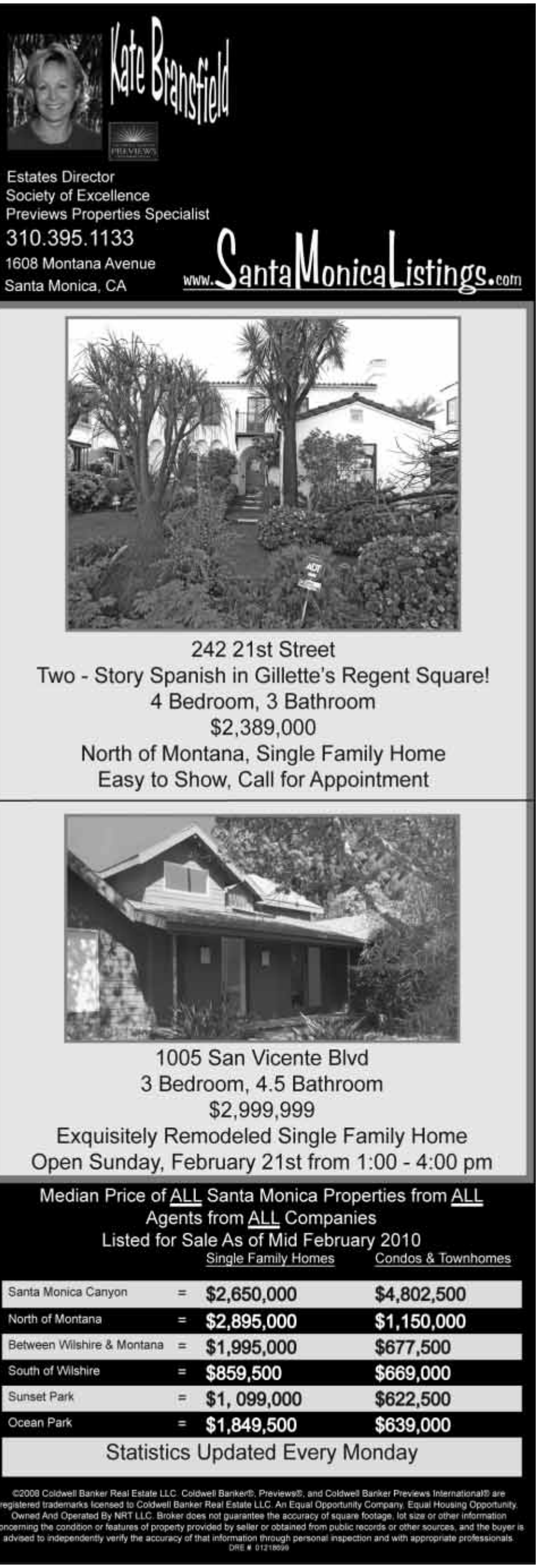
Officers were patrolling the area of Third Street and Wilshire Boulevard when they heard an individual yelling at passersby. As officers approached the suspect, he appeared very intoxicated. The suspect was arrested for public intoxication. During the pre-booking search, officers located an Apple iPhone and ear phones. The suspect stated he found the phone earlier. The suspect was identified as David Walters, 44, a transient. He was booked for possession of stolen property. His bail was set at $20,000.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 10, AT 1:38 P.M.

Officers responded to the 2500 block of Santa Monica Boulevard — CVS — regarding a suspect brandishing a knife. Upon arrival, officers were advised by a male victim and witness that the suspect had yelled at the victim to get his attention. The victim, and his small son, ran toward the store fearing that the suspect wanted to potentially rob him. The suspect then followed the victim as he attempted to call the police. Once officers arrived, they located the suspect a short distance away where they arrested him. He was charged with attempted robbery and a probation violation. He was identified as Derrick Barney, 22, of Los Angeles. His bail was set at $50,000.

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State Senate starts whittling $20B budget deficit down

JUDY LIN
Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO California lawmakers began chiseling away Thursday at a $20 billion deficit as part of a special legislative session ordered by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger.

The Senate approved cutting the state government payroll by 5 percent, a move that could force agencies to trim costs through attrition and possible layoffs.

Members also voted to trim spending on inmate health by $811 million and continue a 3 percent cut for regional developmental centers that care for people with disabilities such as cerebral palsy.

The votes came as lawmakers hoped for an economic rebound that might let them avoid more drastic cuts later this year.

Democrats, who hold a majority in both houses, also pushed through tougher tax collection policies. One bill would require out-of-state retailers to collect sales and use tax on items sold to California residents.

In all, Senate Democrats have proposed measures designed to reduce the deficit by more than $5 billion. After approving half the measures Thursday, the Senate put off the tougher votes until Monday.

The Assembly was expected to act on similar measures next week.

Republicans said two-thirds of the Democrats' package involved fund shifts and cash deferrals that don't address the structural budget gap. GOP lawmakers said they calculate the plan would only achieve $1.6 billion in program reductions.

"We are not hitting the mark when it comes to what we need to be doing," Senate Minority Leader Dennis Hollingsworth, R-Murrieta, said before voting began. "You will find our opposition to many of these measures because they are headed the wrong way."

Sen. Denise Ducheny, D-San Diego, chair of the Senate Budget Committee, said Democrats weren't willing to make more cuts to schools and social services when those programs have already been cut.

Democrats plan to put up for a vote a Schwarzenegger proposal to impose a 4.8 percent surcharge on residential and commercial property insurance to raise about $200 million for emergency fire protection.

Ducheny said the Legislature needs time to study the impact of more cuts that could be done later in the year.

An economic recovery and increased federal aid could help narrow the size of California's budget gap but exactly how much won't be known until the governor updates his budget in May, Senate President Pro Tem Darrell Steinberg has said.

The state Finance Department reported January revenues came in $1.4 billion above the governor's budget forecast. Added to December's figures, the state is nearly $1.8 billion above the forecast for the fiscal year.

If increases continue, Steinberg said the state could see a $2 billion to $3 billion bump come May.

In other developments Thursday, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services announced it would allow states to claim more for Medicare prescription drug payments. The policy change means $675 million more for California health care funding.



Local teams sweep first round games

FROM **HOOPS** PAGE 1

Hill is the player the veteran coach is keeping his eyes on. He called him the best point guard the team has faced all season and considers slowing him down a key to victory.

"He's a very savvy player," Hecht said of Hill. "He's as good as we've played."

ST. MONICA'S BOYS ADVANCE

St. Monica's boys basketball team defeated Nipomo 55-51 in the first round of the CIF-SS Division 4A playoffs Wednesday at home.

St. Monica advances to play Paraclete at home tonight at 7 p.m.

CROSSROADS TO HOST SECOND ROUND

Crossroads' boys basketball team toppled Animo Leadership 73-31 during the first round of the CIF-SS Division 5AA playoffs Wednesday.

Crossroads advances to host Pasadena Poly in the second round tonight at 7 p.m.

SEAWOLVES ROUT MARYWOOD

Pacifica Christian made it a clean sweep for Santa Monica's boys basketball teams in the first round of the CIF-SS playoffs.

The Seawolves defeated Marywood Palm Valley 75-49 in a Division 6AA game. Pacifica advances to host Hope Centre tonight at 7 p.m.

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Sites let users use any device

FROM MUSIC PAGE 3

Free All Music and Guvera let users play songs on any device. The users also don't have to deal with copy protection software that requires checking back in with the service. So-called digital rights management software is on the way out after Apple Inc. ditched the copy-protection technology in iTunes last April.

Free All Music and Guvera are privately funded and in a beta testing phase with just a few thousand users. Wannabe joiners must register and then clear a waiting list before getting invited. That lets the sites make sure there are enough advertisers to pay for the songs that will be downloaded.

The 46 advertisers that have signed up for Guvera's test in Australia are paying on average $4 per visitor, contributing $250,000 so far. As the service expands to the U.S. at the end of March, Guvera plans to add users in tandem with more advertisers.

"Everything's about a controlled, sort of old-school business model of: Build one product, find one customer, sell it. Then build two products, find two customers, and sell it," said Guvera's founder and CEO, Claes Loberg.

"If we have enough to support a million people, that's all we'll open the door to, even if we have 5 million sitting in the background waiting to get in."

Song royalties are paid per download, in the range of 70 percent of the retail price of a song. So advertising revenue should be able to cover what the track would have made if it were sold for $1.29 on iTunes.

"We are very satisfied with the business terms we've come to with both those companies," said David Ring, executive vice president of business development and business affairs for Universal Music Group's eLabs unit. "As long as there's fair compensation ... we ought to empower anybody with a good idea and a dynamic new service."

Free All Music is the easier to navigate of the two.

Users can type in search terms to find a song, or can pick one from a list of top hits by genre.

They then pick from a range of advertisers, including Coca-Cola Co. and Zappos.com, the shoe and apparel retailer now owned by Amazon.com Inc. Users watch one video ad featuring that brand. One click later, and the song downloads to the user's computer and can be transferred to a portable device. Users can download a maximum of five songs a week; the cap is reset every Tuesday.

Advertisers on Free All Music pay about $2 per song for the right to present users with one video ad. That's much higher than general ad rates online because the users have indicated they are inclined to hear from the company. Users must click again to start the download, and they're reminded who is providing the song.

Boston-based advertising agency Mullen, which is testing the Zappos ads on Free All Music, hopes the goodwill generated by paying for the music will carry over to the brand.

"We're giving them something they want," said a media planner at Mullen, Brenna Hanly. "Us giving that song can spark them to talk about it on Facebook and Twitter."

Change won't come until October at earliest

FROM MARKET PAGE 1

For their part, the restaurant owners have put forward a proposal that gives preference to Main Street businesses but takes other factors like sustainability and use of local produce into account.

Gary Gordon, head of the MSBA, said the restaurants think they've put together a reasonable solution that would win City Council support. Several council members, he said, expressed support in November for a plan that would favor Main Street restaurants.

He said City Hall staff has "taken just a ridiculously long amount of time to get this done and I think it's been to the detriment to businesses on the street."

He said he's been expecting City Hall to update its policy to favor locals for the past two and a half years.

"Yes, it has been a long process," Low said. But she defended City Hall's methods, saying a policy change has the potential to disrupt a market that most people view as a success.

"We really, really want to do it right and there are so many factors to take into account," she said.

She said it's unclear how altering the food vendor status quo would affect the market. A new survey to gauge customers' opinions of the market's different sections is being planned, she said.

Meanwhile, several restaurant operators said there's an urgent need for a policy change.

"These restaurants are under siege right now by other vendors that are coming into the market," said Joe Pipersky, who owns Joe's Diner and Holy Guacamole, both located on Main Street. He said businesses are at risk of going under.

"This city is in grave danger. Most of these businesses are being shocked by the economy," he said.

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It's unclear how many Main Street restaurant owners want to participate in the market. Several restaurant operators at the meeting Thursday said they weren't interested in having a booth but believed City Hall's policy should nevertheless favor their colleagues on Main Street.

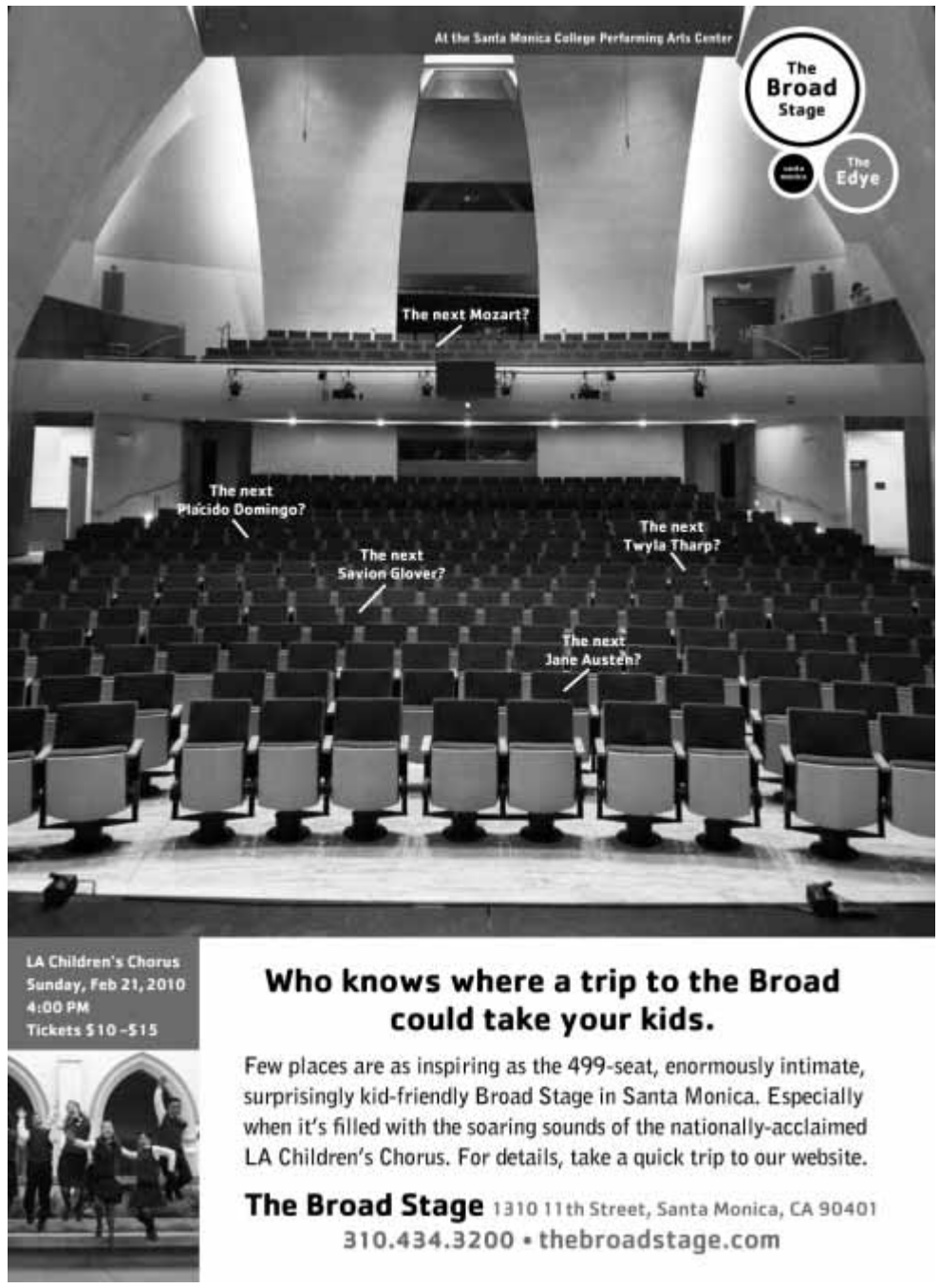
Another issue that arose in November was how tightly food vendors' offerings should be controlled. The current selection process favors selecting vendors that provide a mix of food types in the market. For Janabai Amsden, who owns Euphoria Loves Rawvolution on Main Street, that criterion posed a problem. She said when she briefly participated in the market she was told she couldn't sell some of her raw items because other booths were offering similar products.

She and other Main Street owners said they think City Hall should stop micro-managing vendors and should give preference to local owners, regardless of their offerings.

Amsden said it's disappointing Main Street owners will have to wait at least until October for a new selection process.

"I've seen restaurants come and go out of business in less time than that," she said.

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Hawaii may bet on gambling

MARK NIESSE
Associated Press Writer

HONOLULU Hawaii has always been known for its sun, sand and surf. It may soon add another attraction: slots.

Hawaii is one of the last two states with no legalized gambling, but lawmakers facing billion-dollar budget deficits and hunting for ways increase revenue are thinking about allowing casinos in tourist-filled Waikiki or on Native Hawaiian lands.

Proponents say casinos would draw much-needed new money and jobs into the long-troubled, tourism-dependent economy.

Tourists from the mainland would skip Las Vegas to sun on pristine beaches and take a turn at the roulette tables. Coveted high-rollers from Asia could avoid the long trans-Pacific flight, shortening their trip to the slots while also checking out the hula dancing.

And the hundreds of thousands of Hawaii residents who fly about six hours to Vegas would only have to jump in the car or hop a short flight to place a wager. Las Vegas is known around here as Hawaii's ninth island, and hotels in Nevada cater to the state's needs by serving island dishes and dealers wear flora aloha shirts.

"The populace here loves to gamble. Hawaii by nature is a gambling community," said Honolulu resident Ricky Graves, who travels to Las Vegas two or three times a year, but fears that casinos in Hawaii could ruin families by making it too easy for them to gamble away their money.

Gambling opponents are urging state legislators to block casinos so that the islands can maintain their status as a family-friendly destination lacking the serious crime and social problems they say accompanies legalized gambling elsewhere.

"People don't come here to be shut up in a casino to gamble," said Dianne Kay, president of the Hawaii Coalition Against Legalized Gambling. "It would be sad if we destroyed the beautiful ambiance we have here."

Islanders have a long history with gambling, dating back to the days of the Hawaiian kingdom when there was betting on horse racing, said Kale Gumapac, spokesman for the Native Hawaiian group Kanaka Council Moka o Keawe.

And illegal gambling is thriving today, with sports books, cock fighting and card houses the more popular forms. The Internet has also made gaming more accessible.

But the state's natural attractions and its religious missionary history have instilled a sense among many that gambling shouldn't intrude on one of the nation's last holdouts against it. Utah is the only other state where gambling is illegal, though Nevada is just next door.

"People in Hawaii like gambling, but they realize it's not a very good idea to legalize it," said Dennis Arakaki, head of the Hawaii Family Forum and Hawaii Catholic Conference. "Gambling isn't a good way to deal with your financial problems, either personally or as a state."

Police say legal gambling would increase crimes such as prostitution and drug dealing.

It's difficult to quantify the extent of the underground gambling operations, said Maj. Susan Dowsett of the Honolulu Police Department. The department made 40 gambling-related arrests and initiated 65 felony gambling cases in 2009, a fraction of overall arrests.

Gambling supporters dispute claims that legalized gambling would spread crime. They're more focused on the potential for gambling to jump-start the economy, especially if a casino could get running within a year as they claim.

Legislators view gambling as a rare opportunity to raise money without having to hike taxes, although they may not have the votes to override a potential veto. Republican Gov. Linda Lingle has said she opposes the introduction of gambling.

Lawmakers pitch gambling bills nearly ever year, but the measures rarely advance through several committees as they have this year.

One plan would set up a gaming commission to issue one five-year license to a casino on Oahu, which advocates say would create some 4,000 jobs and bring $100 million a year into state coffers through taxes on the casino.

Another would allow casinos on Hawaiian lands, with 80 percent of tax revenues going toward Native Hawaiians.



Fed probe urged on chemical in water

KEVIN MAURER
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WILMINGTON, N.C. A North Carolina congressman said Thursday that he wants an investigation into reports that levels of a cancer-causing chemical in tap water at a Marine Corps base were downplayed and then omitted from official documents.

Democratic Rep. Brad Miller called for the probe by his House science subcommittee Thursday — a day after The Associated Press reported on new documents that indicate massive fuel leaks at Camp Lejeune and high concentrations of benzene found in a water well there in 1984.

"I am just disbelieving of their failure to act. It may have been worse than a failure to act. They may have acted to minimize or prevent the risk from being disclosed," Miller told the Associated Press on Thursday.

Benzene, a carcinogen, is a natural part of crude oil and gasoline. Drinking water containing high levels of it can cause vomiting, dizziness, sleepiness, convulsions and death. Long-term exposure damages bone marrow, lowers the number of red blood cells, and can cause anemia and leukemia, according to the EPA.

In 1984, an environmental contractor found benzene at 380 parts per billion at a well near a fuel farm. When a draft report was turned in, the level was changed to 38 parts per billion. The company's final report on the well, issued in 1994, did not mention the benzene.

The Marine Corps had been warned nearly a decade earlier about the dangerously high levels of benzene, which was traced to massive leaks from fuel tanks at the base on the North Carolina coast. The benzene was discovered as part of a broader, ongoing probe into that contamination.

Rep. John D. Dingell, D-Mich., the Chair Emeritus of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, said the Marines and their families "deserve to know exactly what was in the water."

"I want to know whether there are still toxic chemicals contaminating the water at Camp Lejeune. If there are, what is the Navy's plan for dealing with them?" Dingell said.

Health officials believe as many as 1 million people may have been exposed to tainted water at the base before the wells closed two decades ago. Critics say little information on benzene contamination had been publicly known until recently.

"It is hard to believe that they let Marines and their families drink this water for 30 years and didn't say a word about it when they knew they had a fuel tank farm right by the water supply that was hemorrhaging fuel," Miller said.

North Carolina's congressional delegation has been active on behalf of the health claims of former Camp Lejeune residents.

A bill introduced by Miller would require the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs to provide health care to veterans and their family members who have fallen ill from the water. Miller's bill is identical to the now-rejected Senate bill introduced by Sens. Richard Burr, R-N.C., and Kay Hagan, D-N.C.

Burr called the revelations disturbing.

"It's very likely that this information will significantly change the direction and broaden the scope of the government's scientific inquiry into the water contamination at Camp Lejeune," Burr said.

The Senate passed legislation in September, written by Hagan and co-sponsored by Burr, preventing the military from dismissing claims related to water contamination pending completion of several studies.

Among those is a mortality study that would determine if there are higher mortality rates for those who served at the base during the years water was contaminated.

A Hagan spokesman said that the senator would welcome a hearing, but that her top priority is completion of the studies.

"Right now there are Marines and their families who are sick and seeking answers. It is clear that benzene, a known carcinogen, was in the water supply in dangerous amounts," Hagan said in a statement to AP. "We cannot leave these families with mounting medical problems and half answers."

NBA

McGrady trade the big deal on deadline day

BRIAN MAHONEY
AP Basketball Writer

Tracy McGrady is headed to New York, and the Knicks hope even bigger names are coming in July.

They aren't the only team lining up for a chance to become a summer spender.

The Knicks acquired the former scoring champion Thursday in a three-team swap with the Houston Rockets and the Sacramento Kings, a person with knowledge of the negotiations told The Associated Press. The deal left them on the verge of being able to offer two maximum salary contracts to the 2010 free agent class that could be headlined by LeBron James.

Chicago, Washington and Sacramento all cleared enough salary in moves before the 3 p.m. EST deadline to be able to afford a max player, and the Los Angeles Clippers got close.

The Cleveland Cavaliers gave James more reason to stay. They acquired forward Antawn Jamison on Wednesday, a deal that could make the Eastern Conference leaders even stronger.

The Knicks can afford a run at James, and perhaps someone else in the class that could include Dwyane Wade and Chris Bosh.

By including Jared Jeffries in the deal for McGrady, whose $22.5 million contract expires after this season, the Knicks removed $6.9 million from next season's payroll and left them without about $32 million in salary cap space. Those top free agents would earn a little more than $16.5 million in the first season of a max deal.

In the meantime, they hope McGrady can lead them into the playoff race. He's only played six games this season after returning from knee surgery, but is convinced he has plenty left.

"I can't wait to get back on the court to continue doing what I love to do," McGrady said in a statement on his Web site. "I am excited to be headed to New York and look forward to wearing a Knick uniform. I know that I can and will contribute to this organization. It's a dream to play in New York and there is nothing that compares to playing in the Garden."

To get him, they sent Jeffries and rookie Jordan Hill to Houston along with 2011 and 2012 draft considerations. The Rockets will get high-scoring guard Kevin Martin and forward Hilton Armstrong from Sacramento, while the Kings received Larry Hughes from the Knicks, Carl Landry and Joey Dorsey from Houston and sent guard Sergio Rodriguez to New York.

The Bulls were busy, trading power forward Tyrus Thomas to Charlotte for a future, protected first-round pick and the expiring contracts of guards Flip Murray and Acie Law.

Chicago also dealt guard John Salmons to Milwaukee for Hakim Warrick and Joe Alexander, whose contracts also are expiring.

The Wizards and Clippers also shed salary in the three-team deal that sent Jamison to the Cavaliers. They joined the Knicks, New Jersey Nets, Miami Heat and Bulls as the teams with the most money available.

NCAA BASKETBALL

UCLA's Keefe needs season-ending surgery

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES UCLA forward James Keefe will have surgery on his left shoulder next week, marking the end of the senior's college career.

The school said Thursday it's the same shoulder that Keefe had surgery on in August 2007 to repair a torn labrum. He missed the first 12 games of the 2007-08 season while recovering.

Keefe averaged 2.2 points and 2.8 rebounds while starting 13 of the 20 games he played this season.

He first injured his left shoulder during the opening week of practice this season.

After playing the first nine games, he dislocated his shoulder against New Mexico State on Dec. 15. Keefe missed the next three games, but returned to play against Arizona State on Dec. 31. He reinjured his shoulder in practice last week.

Coach Ben Howland says he's disappointed Keefe has had so many issues with his shoulder this year, but that he's handled it well.



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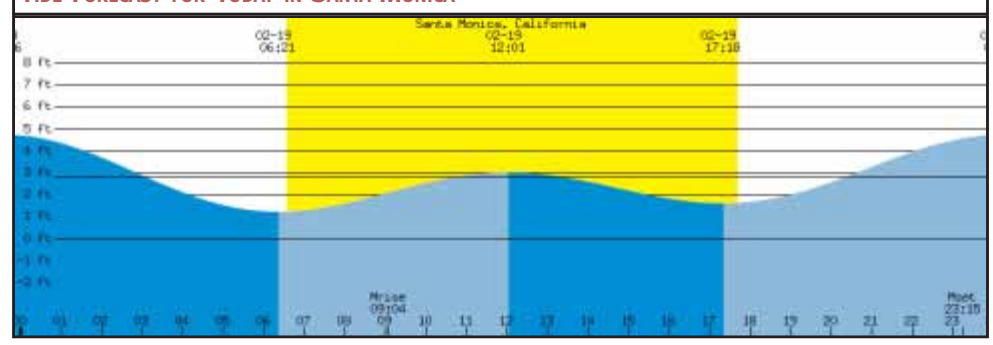
Swell Forecast

Looks even smaller, perhaps just waist to maybe chest high at west facing breaks. Conditions may deteriorate quickly as a storm approaches the area.

Long Range Synopsis

This swell would likely back off to surf running 1-3 feet overhead around west facing breaks.

Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica



BEACH REPORT CARD

NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous 30 days up to the ending date of **February 9, 2010**

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QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 0
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 22
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 40 / 15
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 6 / 28

The Beach Report Card is made possible by: The Diller – von Furstenberg Family Foundation; simplehuman; SIMA

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

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

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A+	F
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A+	A
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+	C
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+	F
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+	A
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A+	D
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St..	A+	C
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower.	F	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	C	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	A+	A
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	A+	A
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty).	A+	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	A+	A
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant.	A+	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	A+	A+

LEGEND

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

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MOVIE TIMES

Aero Theatre
1328 Montana Ave.
(323) 466-FILM

Double Feature/Bob Newhart in Person
Cold Turkey (NR) 1hr 39min
Hot Millions (NR) 1hr 46min
7:30

AMC Loews Broadway 4
1441 Third Street Promenade

When in Rome (PG-13) 1hr 31min
12:05, 2:30, 4:55, 7:20, 9:45

Imaginarium of Doctor Parnassus (PG-13) 2hrs 02min
11:00 a.m., 1:55, 4:45, 7:35, 10:25

Sherlock Holmes (PG-13) 2hrs 14min
9:35

Tooth Fairy (PG) 1hr 42min
11:15 a.m., 1:45, 4:20, 7:00

Up in the Air (R) 1hr 49min
11:30 a.m., 2:20, 5:05, 7:50, 10:30

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

Avatar 3D (PG-13) 2hr 40 min
11:15 a.m., 2:50, 6:30, 10:10

The Wolfman (R) 1hr 42min
10:45 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1:35, 2:30, 4:10, 5:15, 7:00, 8:00, 9:50, 11:00

Shutter Island (R) 1hr 35min
11:40 a.m., 1:00, 3:15, 4:15, 6:40, 7:40, 9:55, 10:55

Dear John - Digital Presentation (PG-13) 1hr 48min
11:20 a.m., 2:00, 4:45, 7:30, 10:30

From Paris With Love (R) 1hr 35min
12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:15, 10:50

Laemmle's Monica Fourplex
1332 Second St.
(310) 394-9741

An Education (PG13) 1hr 55min
1:50, 4:30, 7:20

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

Last Station (Ein Russischer Sommer) (R) 1hr 52min
1:10, 4:00, 7:00

Single Man (R) 1hr 39min
9:45

Ajami (NR) 2hr 15min
1:20, 4:10, 7:00, 9:50

Fish Tank (NR) 2hr 17min
9:45

Mann's Criterion Theatre
1313 Third St.
(310) 395-1599

The Blind Side (PG-13) 2hrs 6min
12:40, 3:50, 6:40, 9:40

The Good Guy (R) 1hr 30min
12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:10

Percy Jackson & The Olympians: The Lightning Thief (PG) 2 hrs
11:10 a.m., 12:50, 1:50, 3:40, 4:30, 6:20, 7:20, 9:00

Valentine's Day (PG-13) 1hr 57min
11:00 a.m., 12:30, 2:00, 3:30, 5:00, 6:30, 8:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:45

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As you like, Taurus

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ It seems fairly clear that recognition that comes easy does not equate to success. The issue for you is when enough is enough. Be aware that the nature of your work could be changing before your very eyes. Tonight: Easy works.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Despite a morning conflagration, you could be on cruise control. Letting go of what doesn't work remains key. Try to understand where someone is coming from. Fatigue could be an issue before you really get going. Adrenaline feeds you right now. Tonight: As you like.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ A misunderstanding easily could color your morning. You have your unique style and way. Sometimes you feel judged or criticized. In any case, be careful, as your mind might not be present with the moment, making you somewhat accident-prone. Tonight: Get some extra R and R.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ Aim for exactly what you want. A meeting could prove to be more instrumental than you originally thought possible. Recognize just how many people respect your judgment and will happily pitch in. Tonight: Say "yes" to living.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ A must appearance seems inevitable, but at the same time, your fiery side emerges no matter what. Fatigue surrounds a work-related project. Understand what is happening on a daily level. Try a walk or taking a break at the gym. Tonight: Out late.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ Keep reaching out for others. Be careful about sitting on your temper. Your fiery side emerges. Your creativity might need to be tweaked, and you might need to be open to looking in a new direction. Feedback from others points to new directions. Tonight: Let your imagination rock and roll.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Work on an individual, one-on-one level. You could open up to new possibilities and change. You have a lot of energy, but knowing where to direct it might be another story. Consider working at home, if you could accomplish more there. Tonight: Chat over dinner.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Defer to others, knowing what needs to be done. Investigate different ideas. Trust the person involved to know what is best for him or her. Understand what is occurring within a key relationship. Tonight: Say "yes" to living.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You might want to mellow out and approach a situation differently. Challenges appear where your thinking or actions are staid. You will get signals about where to open up. Someone really pushes for accomplishment. Tonight: Put your feet up.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ Your creativity bubbles forth at an unprecedented level. Others could be amazed by your ability to see what they don't. Accept your role as leader. Schedule time for a child or loved one. Tonight: Fun and games.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ Stay centered, and remain on top of situations. Others come forward but can be quite critical or argumentative. If you can base yourself from home, you could avoid some of the issues others might toss on your plate. Tonight: Order in.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ Keep talks open, and touch base with others. Realize what is happening and what might not be said. Someone might want to please you, but at what cost? Would you not prefer to hear this person's thoughts and the truth as he or she sees it? Tonight: Favorite person, favorite spot.

Happy birthday

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

This year, you could feel thwarted if you continue on the same path. The universe is letting you know that a new path or style could be desirable. Take the hint. When frustrated, often you could find yourself lost in thought, making you somewhat accident-prone. A strong exercise program or having an effective stress-buster is a must. If you are single, you could meet someone with ease who knocks your socks off. Your appeal is high this year. If you are attached, the two of you will enjoy each other to the max if you share openly. TAURUS is an anchored associate.

Girls and Sports

By Justin Borus and Andrew Feinstein



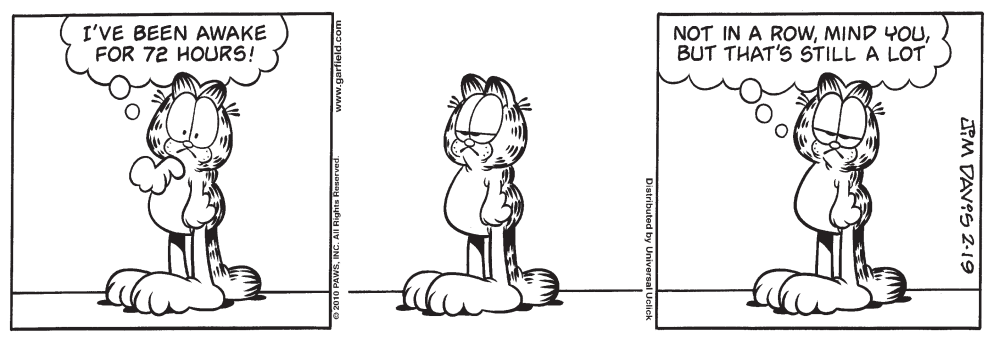
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By John Forgetta & L.A. Rose



Garfield

By Jim Davis



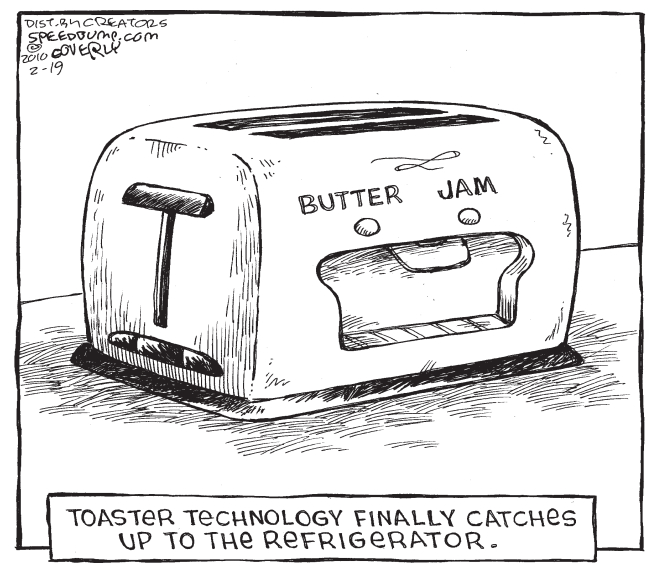
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Difficulty Level ★★★★

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GETTING STARTED

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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1 Toy-store section
6 Entice
11 Crockett's last stand
12 "What do —?"
13 Mexican money
14 Writer Sontag
15 Easy run
17 Money machines
18 Toe the line
20 Took the bus
22 By the unit
23 Man-machine hybrids
26 Forbidden
28 Planet's path
29 Like surgical tools
31 Can. neighbor
32 Salami shop
33 Map dot
34 Helgenberger of "CSI"
36 Become tiresome
38 "Get — of that!"
40 Mine finds
43 Director Sergio
44 Basketball's Shaquille
45 Tart fruit
46 Bathrobe material

DOWN

1 Opening
2 Pub order
3 House feature
4 Atlanta university
5 Middling
6 "— folly to be wise"
7 Peru neighbor
8 Skilled contractor
9 Tot transport
10 Sawbucks
16 Essay
18 Chooses
19 Pulse
21 Conical instrument
23 Spring shape
24 Basic idea
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27 Pizza herb
30 Sassy talk
33 Exact copy
34 Shopper's place
35 Out of the wind
37 Heaps
39 Comfy place
41 Stirrup setting
42 Artful

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Crimestopper: (1) In Frisco, Texas, in January, boutique owner Marian Chadwick, who was about to be robbed at gunpoint by a hooded intruder, pointed her finger at him and said: "In the name of Jesus, you get out of my store. I bind you by the power of the Holy Spirit." The man appeared stunned, then turned and walked out empty-handed, cursing. (2) A 20-year veteran Houston cop who wears badge number 666 told the Houston Chronicle in a December profile that once, 17 years ago, a dangerous perp who had been defiant that he would not be captured suddenly dropped to his knees and surrendered. He had glanced at the badge. Said he, "I ain't fighting the devil."

■ In Thailand, the endangered status of crocodiles and elephants is largely ignored by the public, who are instead enthralled with the giant pandas and their cub on loan from China. (There is even a 24-hour cable TV "panda channel.") At several of the country's zoos, officials now regularly paint their crocodiles and elephants in panda colors (with harmlessly washable paint) to call attention to their plight. Even though the paint must be reapplied daily, "It's impossible not to do it now," said one croc handler for a December Wall Street Journal dispatch. "People expect it."

TODAY IN HISTORY

1943 World War II: Battle of the Kasserine Pass in Tunisia begins.

1945 World War II: Battle of Iwo Jima – about 30,000 United States Marines land on Iwo Jima.

1949 Ezra Pound is awarded the first Bollingen Prize in poetry by the Bollingen Foundation and Yale University.

1953 Censorship: Georgia approves the first literature censorship board in the United States.

1959 The United Kingdom grants Cyprus its independence, which is then formally proclaimed on August 16, 1960.

1976 Executive Order 9066 was rescinded by President Gerald R. Ford's Proclamation 4417

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The fictitious business name referred to above was filed on 1/4/2009 In the county of LOS ANGELES.
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This business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL
/s/ SHAYNA D. INMAN
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 10/14/2009
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