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We have you covered

THE OUT OF THIS WORLD ISSUE

Bresnik family tree ripe with history

BY JILL R. TOLK
Special to the Daily Press

HOUSTON The history of one Santa Monica family spans both time and space.

Albert Louis Bresnik served as the personal photographer for Amelia Earhart from 1932 to 1937, the year she disappeared.

His grandson, Marine Corps Lt. Col. Randy Bresnik ("Komrade"), flew aboard space shuttle Atlantis during STS-129 last November. As the shuttle orbited Earth for 11 days, he often passed over cloud-covered Howland Island, Earhart's final destination. Flying on Atlantis with the astronaut was one of his grandfather's Earhart photographs and the legendary lady pilot's lucky scarf, frequently photographed by his grandfather over seven decades ago.

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Photo courtesy NASA

EYE ON THE SKIES: **Astronaut Randy Bresnik, a Santa Monica High School graduate, is seen in the background conducting a spacewalk in November during a mission to the International Space Station. In the foreground is a photo of Bresnik's grandfather Albert seated next to a photo of pilot Amelia Earhart. Albert Bresnik was Earhart's personal photographer.**

GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL PLAYOFFS

Samohi takes on familiar foe for championship

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

MATER DEI Santa Monica Head Coach Marty Verdugo hopes familiarity breeds success tonight in the California Interscholastic Federation Southern Section Division 1A final against Summit.

The two teams faced off in November as part of the Ladycat Classic with Summit walking away with a slim, 40-39, win. But, Verdugo and company learned a few things about their opponent in tonight's 8:30 p.m. championship game at Mater Dei High School in Santa Ana.

Verdugo picked up that the relatively undersized Summit team relies on pushing the ball up court with its athleticism. He noticed that they shy away from half-court sets in favor of an up-tempo style of play.

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City Hall wants drivers to share

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL Embracing public transit doesn't necessarily mean renouncing driving — it may just mean learning how to share.

Such is the hope at City Hall, where officials are aiming to reduce traffic congestion in Santa Monica by striking a deal with a so-called "carsharing" company that rents out vehicles by the hour.

By attracting one of these companies to town, officials say, people who only occasionally need to drive would be more likely to go car-less, and families with two cars would be tempted to get rid of one, using the bus or train for more of their transportation needs.

City Hall's transportation demand program manager, Annette Colfax, said bringing a carsharing company to Santa Monica is a high priority and was one of the first projects she began working on after starting her job last March.

Carsharing has become commonplace in cities like San Francisco, Portland, Ore., and Washington D.C., but so far hasn't taken off in car-obsessed Los Angeles.

As a relatively dense city with many mixed-use buildings, though, Colfax said Santa Monica is among the more natural places for a carsharing program in the region.

"People might not perceive Santa Monica that way but Santa Monica really has a lot of the characteristics of places where car sharing works," she said.

She plans to ask carsharing companies to submit their proposals to partner with City Hall in the next several months and said she hopes to ask the City Council to approve a carsharing program by August.

Exactly what City Hall will have to offer to attract a carsharing company, and how ambitious that company's investment in Santa Monica would be, still remain to be seen.

Colfax said she doesn't expect to recommend subsidizing a carsharing program directly, but said City Hall would likely have to provide incentives. Ideas on the table, she said, include allocating City Hall staff to promote the program and enforce its rules, and removing some parking meters and devoting those spaces exclusive-

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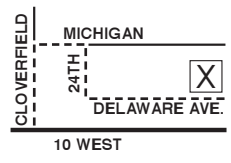
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WHAT'S UP WESTSIDE

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA AND SURROUNDS



Thursday, March 4, 2010

Darfur special screening
Santa Monica College
1900 Pico Blvd., HSS 165, 6:45 p.m.
This screening and discussion of Uwe Boll's film on the genocide in Sudan is currently being shown at select college campuses across the nation. Boll's portrayal of violence and rape with actual refugees has been controversial. Boll is a famous German director who has directed such movies as "Bloodrayne," "Postal," and "House of the Dead." Seating is based on first-arrival basis. Admission is free.

What's new this week?
Fairview Branch Library
2101 Ocean Park Blvd., 1 p.m. — 2:30 p.m.
A free-wheeling review and discussion of the week's key news stories at home and abroad, moderated by Jack Nordhaus. Ongoing each Thursday, beginning this week. For more information call (310) 458-8681.

Story time
Montana Branch Library
1404 Montana Ave., 11:15 a.m. — 11:45 a.m.
Stories for 3 to 5 year olds are read every Thursday morning. Fore more information call (310) 829-7081.

What's new
Fairview Branch Library
2010 Ocean Park Blvd., 1 p.m. — 2 p.m.
Get caught up on all the latest news from around the world with this free-wheeling review and discussion hosted by Jack Nordhaus.

Friday, March 5, 2010

Lunch with the Rotary
Riviera Country Club
1250 Capri Dr., Pacific Palisades, Noon
The Rotary Club of Santa Monica has long enjoyed a reputation as being the hub for Westside men and women dedicated to improving their local and worldwide communities. It is a melting pot for cultural ideas from the diverse ethnic makeup of members. Those interested in attending their regular lunch should contact June M. Doy at (310) 917-3313.

Mariachi music
El Texate Restaurant
316 Pico Blvd., 6 p.m. — 11 p.m.
Feeling a little stressed after a long week at work? Come party with Mariachi Alta California. Eat, drink and be merry. Show times are at 6 p.m., 8 p.m., and 10 p.m. For more information call (310) 399-1115.

Finding love
18th Street Arts Center
1639 18th St.
18th Street Arts Center kicks-off its 2010 season with "Love in a Cemetery." Robert Sain, LACMA lab founding director, and L.A.-based visual artist Andrea Bowers collaborate with the students of Otis MFA Public Practice and guest artist Olga Koumoundouros to transform 18th Street's gallery into a unique visual arts laboratory. This expansive collaboration between artist, curator, graduate students, and community organizations will consist of a participatory laboratory that sponsors community dialogues, public presentations and interventions, exhibits of artworks and project data to explore the social and political dimension of art organizations. For more information call (310) 453--3711. Admission is free.

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.

City Hall settles on firm for garden walk

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

CIVIC CENTER It's expected to become the cornerstone of City Hall's ambitious plan to remake Santa Monica's Civic Center.

The seven-acre site that today is a makeshift parking lot will one day become a pedestrian friendly juncture between the city's two main business districts, the future Expo Light Rail stop and the ocean, officials say.

And last month, they revealed the team that is likely to be charged with turning that vision into a reality.

Noted New York firm Field Operations, which was responsible for the acclaimed High Line Park completed last year in Manhattan, has won the recommendation of a City Hall selection panel.

The panel worked with City Hall staff to narrow a field of 24 applicants before unanimously agreeing to recommend Field Operations for the job. The firm won out over a group of finalists that included Frank Gehry and Shigeru Ban.

The City Council is expected to vote on hiring the team later this month. Terms of a design contract have not been finalized, and Public Works Director Lee Swain could not be reached for comment on Wednesday.

Lisa Switkin, an associate principal with Field Operations who will be the project manager for Palisades Garden Walk & Town Square, said the project represents a rare

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

MAIN STREET
Time running out for nominations

The Ocean Park Association is calling for nominations from the community for the grand marshal of the fourth annual 2010 Main Street Fourth of July Parade.

"The parade is a celebration of Santa Monica by Santa Monicans. Having a grand marshal is a wonderful opportunity to thank a leader in our community who has made a real difference ... and to lead the procession down Main Street past thousands of residents," said OPA board member Lori Nafshun, the chief organizer of the parade.

"This is our fourth year and the parade has become a beloved local tradition with approximately 700 participants from all walks of Santa Monica life and several thousand enthusiastic spectators," Nafshun said.

Past grand marshals include Santa Monica Police Chief Tim Jackman, retired Santa Monica Fire Chief Jim Hone and retired Roosevelt Elementary Principal Jerry Harris.

The parade takes place on the morning of July 4. In the past it has started at the Santa Monica Civic Center, run down Main Street to Marine Street and ended in the southern-most Santa Monica beach parking lot. The parade is produced by OPA with help from local business, community groups and residents.

The only criterion for nominees is that they be active in the Santa Monica community. The grand marshal selection is made by the OPA parade organizing committee. The honoree will be announced in April, once their willingness and availability on the morning of July 4 is confirmed.

Residents are asked to e-mail in the name of nominees with their thoughts as to why the person should be honored by March 12 to parade@opa-sm.org.

DAILY PRESS

SACRAMENTO
Dedicated woman

Assemblywoman Julia Brownley, D-Santa Monica, has selected Nancy Greenstein of Santa Monica as the 41st Assembly District Woman of the Year. Brownley praised the Santa Monica College trustee for her dedication to improving education, promoting social justice and protecting the environment.

"Nancy Greenstein is an effective problem solver who works behind the scenes to reach consensus on difficult issues, and wields enormous influence in Santa Monica and West Los Angeles," Assemblywoman Brownley said. "Her dedication and diplomacy inspire others to preserve Santa Monica's reputation as a spectacularly friendly city for people of all cultures."

Greenstein is serving her second term on the SMC Board of Trustees, where she helped develop the college's new Public Policy Institute. Greenstein also works as an award-winning director of Police Community Services for the UCLA Police Department.

She frequently attends local government meetings and works with community members on affordable housing, civil liberties and civil rights issues, education, youth, social services, transportation and the environment. Greenstein is a past president and current board member of the ACLU of Southern California.

She has a doctorate in education from UCLA, a master's degree in social welfare from UCLA with a specialty in community organizing, and a bachelor's of science degree from Boston University.

Greenstein will be honored during a special ceremony on the floor of the California State Assembly on March 8, followed by a reception for her and other district honorees.

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REEL DEAL

Natalie Saito *news@smdp.com*

Louie Salgado proudly displays the large flounder he caught while fishing off the Santa Monica Pier on Tuesday. On most days fisherman line up along the pier to try their luck. A fishing license is not neeeded to fish from the pier. The most common fish caught are perch, mackerel, white sea bass, leopard sharks and sting rays. People can donate what they catch to the Heal the Bay Aquarium on the east side of the pier.

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Tell the whole story

Editor:

There's one good reason the homeless numbers were down in January, and it didn't have anything to do with the City Hall programs mentioned by Julie Rusk ("Homeless population down 19 percent," Feb. 24). Santa Monica has a new holiday tradition that it wants to keep secret, and that's why this assault on the homeless takes place in the still of night while all the housed Santa Monicans sleep snug in warm cozy beds.

At 3 a.m. during the holiday season when all eyes were off Downtown Santa Monica, something sinister was happening. A squad of Santa Monica police were starting their holiday homeless haul. There were round-ups happening in the still of the night out of the sight of any scrutiny. Homeless were targeted, arrested, and/or advised about sleeping in Downtown.

The misanthropic, malevolent malfeasance of the situation lies in the fact that the homeless clearance squad operated within the boundaries of the new PBAD; which is the new business assessment district scandalously, schemingly, and conspiratorially created by the Bayside District Corp. and City Hall. It seems that the homeless were just not welcome within this area. If they were lucky enough to have fallen down for the night in an alley east of Lincoln Boulevard, (out of the PBAD boundaries) then for that holiday night their misfortune wasn't criminalized by City Hall.

Julie Rusk was definitely far from the holiday misery being inflicted on the weakest and most vulnerable Santa Monicans. At 3 a.m. she wasn't being awakened and shackled by a gang armed with body armor, Taser guns, batons, nunchucks, pepper spray, knives, steel-toed boots, etc. She was probably snug in a warm cozy bed while the homeless were being encouraged to find another city to inhabit. Hopefully, the next time she talks about the efforts to eliminate homelessness in the city, she'll tell the citizens about all the efforts that are being undertaken.

Daryl Bristol
Santa Monica

Cyclists show no disrespect

Editor:

How sad and potentially tragic (given traffic along Wilshire and Sunset boulevards) that bicyclists looking for a safe way to commute between Santa Monica and Westwood/UCLA have to confront hostility from the Veterans Administration ("Cyclists fighting for access to cemetery," March 2). How can it be disrespectful for bicyclists to use the cemetery as a safe route from Sepulveda Boulevard to Veteran Avenue when noisy and polluting cars constantly use the cemetery roads? And did you know that a number of years ago the VA put a gate in the fence along Veteran for the use of bicyclists (and walkers)? Maybe it would be different if taxes paid by us bicyclists were to be used to support the VA. Oh wait a minute, they already do.

Paul Bergman
Santa Monica





Meredith Pro Tem

Meredith C. Carroll — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Facing the music

THIS ISN'T THE FIRST TIME I'VE BEEN LATE to the party. While it premiered on NBC five years ago, "The Office" has only recently become a staple in my TV diet. I bought a new razor last month for the first time since 1987 upon discovering they're now being made with four times as many blades. And nine years after its inception, I am now an iPod user.

"I can't believe you don't have an iPod," my sister said to me in January as she handed me a brand new 16GB nano with a gloriously pink polished anodized aluminum finish. "Welcome to the 21st century."

It's fully loaded with games, a radio, alarm clock, photo album, video camera and player, pedometer, stopwatch, address book and voice memo pad. If only it dispensed M&Ms and red wine, it would be the world's most perfect device. And it plays music, too.

My husband — a Luddite who was proudly cell phone-less through 2004 and until last summer used the mobile equivalent of a rotary dial model — is also tardy to the party, having just jumped on the iBandwagon in the last month or so. Thankfully he's caught up quickly; Rick is actually the one digitizing all of our CDs.

Parenting, work and life have gotten in the way of a whole lot of music listening and buying in the past few years. In truth, despite the fact that many people share their musical tastes before they get married, we're only now delving really deeply into each other's style. This exercise, which has stretched three weeks and counting, has made me realize that had we done this before walking down the aisle, one or both of us might have declined to say "I do."

We're long since past that super-early relationship phase in which we feel obligated to pretend to share the same interests. Case in point: Rick is unabashedly judging me on my musical fitness like he's in the running to replace Simon on "American Idol." Janet Jackson, Beyoncé, Barbra Streisand, Indigo Girls and Brad Paisley are just a few of the artists at whom he's raised an eyebrow as he loads their CDs onto the computer.

"What?" I keep saying defensively. "I like what I like."

"Fine. But is there a specific reason for this Mel Tormé CD?" he asked me, looking pained.

"Do any of the songs on the album look familiar?" I replied with my own arched eyebrow.

"No."

"None?"

"Nope."

"Our wedding song, 'That's All,' is on it," I fumed.

He kept flipping through the CDs. "OK, sorry," he sighed. "But can you explain why we have the Japanese import of the soundtrack to 'Tootsie?'"

"Because I couldn't find the American version. And the theme song is a great love story," I said, feeling more than just a little wounded.

I'll comfortably absorb the blame for my questionable taste in music, even though in some cases I can't even take the credit for the decent selections. A fair portion of it was acquired according to whom I was dating at the time of purchase. The Rolling Stones was for Chris Fisher and Pink Floyd was for David Klagsbrun. Phil Collins and Marilyn Martin's "Separate Lives" was what I played to let Ted Burdick know our breakup was for the best. 38 Special's "Second Chance" was my subtle way of communicating to Jared Levin that I really, really wanted him back. Rush was for Lee Bendel (and Chicago's "Look Away" was what I played for myself when my collection of Rush CDs still didn't endear me to Lee).

WE'RE LONG SINCE PAST THAT SUPER-EARLY RELATIONSHIP PHASE IN WHICH WE FEEL OBLIGATED TO PRETEND TO SHARE THE SAME INTERESTS. CASE IN POINT: RICK IS UNABASHEDLY JUDGING ME ON MY MUSICAL FITNESS LIKE HE'S IN THE RUNNING TO REPLACE SIMON ON 'AMERICAN IDOL.'

I like to rock out like the best of them, but ultimately what makes me happiest is a good depressing love song. I doubt I'm the only one who feels that way, but Rick — with his stash of AC/DC and Widespread Panic — is clearly not on the same page.

With the majority of our music now on the computer, I've started making playlists like the old mix tapes I made in high school and college. They have names like Good Love, Bad Love and Fun Pop. When we first started dating I made Rick a mixed CD, but it's a sore spot in our relationship since I know he never actually listened to it (his excuse was something about being averse to Berlin's "Take My Breath Away").

For someone who insists on listening to albums in their entirety and never listening to people who perform with showgirls in Las Vegas with show titles that incorporate the word "Experience," sharing an iTunes account with me is challenging for Rick, to be sure.

I think after I finish the playlist titled "Rick and Meredith's Greatest Hits," we'll be more in sync. If we can survive the iPod, then clearly we have "A Love That Will Last" (from "Princess Diaries 2: The Royal Engagement Soundtrack," duh).

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Life Matters

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Saying goodbye is never easy

DEAR NEW SHRINK,

I am interested in a comment you made in one of your last columns where you said "if you are good with someone before you lose them, you will do much better with the loss." This struck a chord with me because my best friend was recently diagnosed with terminal cancer. Unfortunately his doctors did not catch this early enough to treat and he has been given only four months to live. I know that it will be hard to say goodbye and even harder once he is gone. What can I do to make the most of this short time so that I can better handle the loss?

Signed,
Saying Goodbye

DEAR SAYING GOODBYE,

First off, let me extend my sympathy. I hate hearing this sort of thing and of course, it is a thousand times worse for you. There are no good words that anyone can say to help soothe this kind of suffering.

In the article you referred to, I think I mentioned that I had lost a few friends prematurely; I also have studied attachment and loss. In terms of future emotional adjustment, it is extremely important that friends and family do not take our pain away. If that happens, it will only go underground and haunt us later. Grieving is very important. It is natural, normal and needs to happen.

Often friends will say things in an attempt to take the pain away, really inadequate things like "you will find another spouse," when your spouse is dying. Or "thank God you have a lot of other friends." Like this will do any good at all. It actually has the opposite effect, making us feel as if we shouldn't be grieving so much. I have said some really dim-witted things myself and then thought you of all people should know better! But to a certain extent, we are comforting ourselves too, because this kind of sadness is close to unbearable.

Regarding your point, being good with someone before you lose them is critical because if you are not, you will regret it forever or at least for a very long time.

There is a difference between an attachment and a relationship. With someone that you are close to, you generally have both. You are going to mourn the attachment when you lose it, no matter what. Again, it is natural, normal and healthy to mourn.

But if your relationship is not so good, then you will have regrets for a long time. By this I mean if you have just had a fight, or if you have resentments between you or perhaps you have never really told that special friend how important they are to you, how much you love them. Perhaps you owe them an apology or should share a regret that you both may have.

If you feel 100 percent comfortable in the relationship and there is no unfinished business between you, you should be fine.

ANOTHER THING IS TO NOT BE AFRAID TO TALK ABOUT WHAT IS REALLY HAPPENING AND THE INEVITABLE – MAYBE EVEN HELP TO PLAN THE FUNERAL. RESEARCH HAS CONSISTENTLY SHOWN THAT DYING PEOPLE FEEL VERY LONELY WHEN EVERYONE AROUND THEM PRETENDS THAT THEY ARE GOING TO BE OK.

To be sure, perhaps you should imagine life without him, once he is gone. Think hard, now while you have a chance, is there anything that you are going to wish you had said to him? Perhaps you can write a letter but not to give to him; it's simply for your clarification. You will say it instead. You have a few months so you don't need to say it all at once. But start soon because with aggressive cancer, it can all happen very quickly and with some of the treatments your friend may have, he might be too sick to listen a good part of the time.

I realize that this can be really uncomfortable to do but if you are mentally prepared, you will do much better when that final day comes.

Another thing is to not be afraid to talk about what is really happening and the inevitable — maybe even help to plan the funeral. Research has consistently shown that dying people feel very lonely when everyone around them pretends that they are going to be OK. Your friend is going to want to talk about his feelings and being a part of that can be incredibly rewarding.

Being with someone who is dying and with them when they die is nice for them and good for us. This probably sounds surprising to some readers, and perhaps it isn't best for all, but most of the time folks are really glad that they were there in the end.

Good Luck! Saying goodbye is never easy but in this case, you asked the right question and you will be glad that you did.

DR. BARGE is a licensed psychologist with offices in Brentwood. Got something on your mind? Send your questions to newshrink@gmail.com. All questions will be kept anonymous; let us help you with your life matters!

The Q Line

Leading the council

Now that Terry O'Day has been selected to fill the late Mayor Ken Genser's seat on the City Council, the next order of business for the governing body is to appoint a new mayor.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
Who should be the next mayor, and why?

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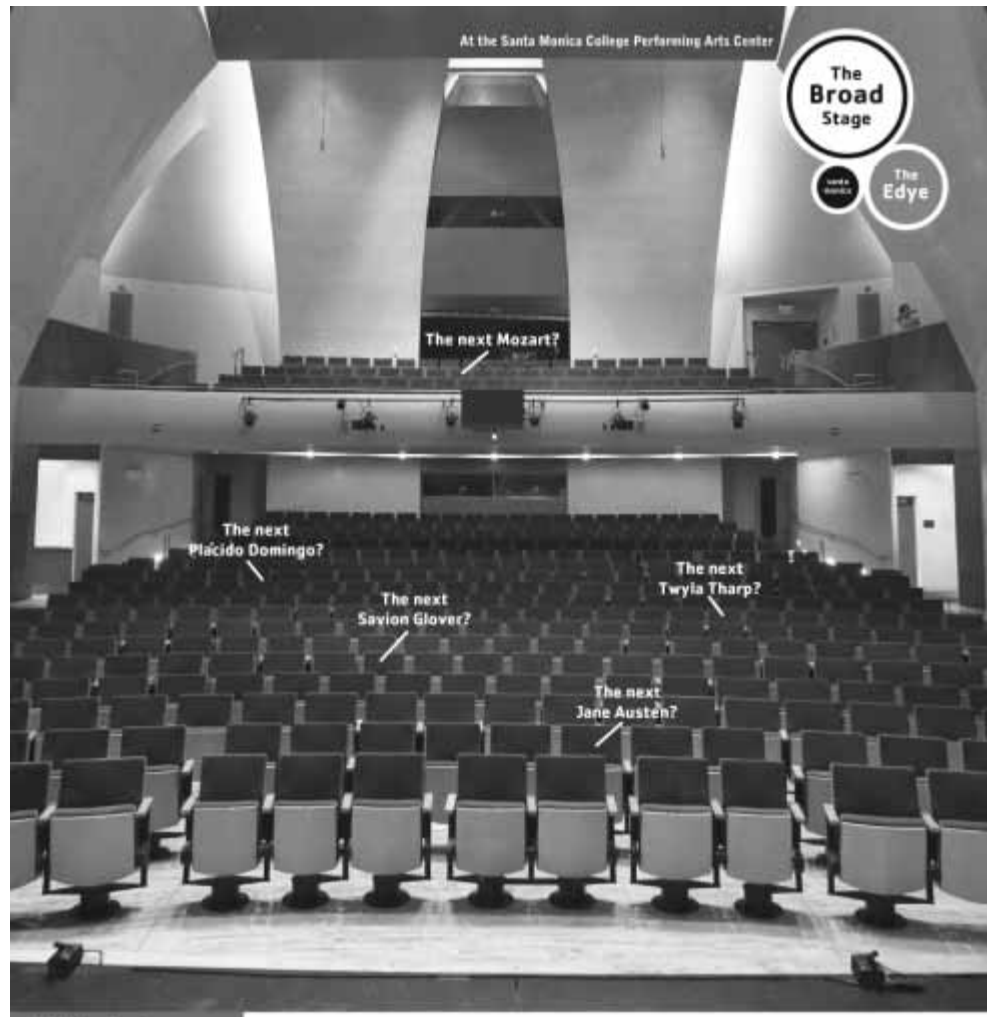

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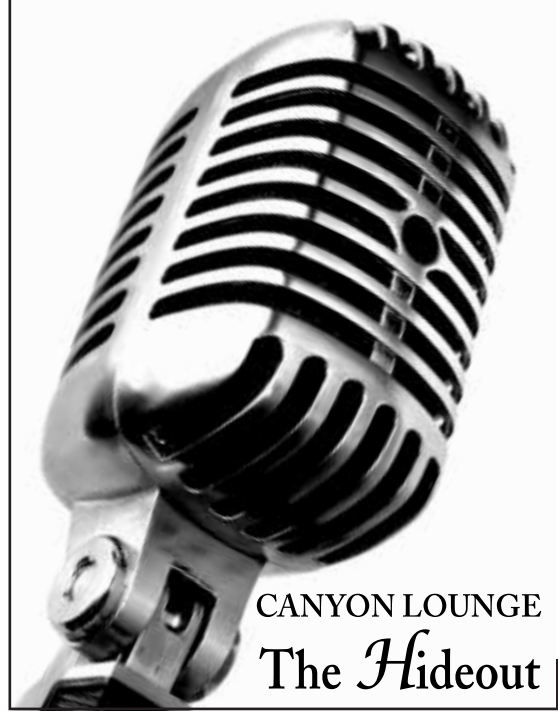
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Bresnik appearing at local schools

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HIGH UP: **Astronaut Randy Bresnik Jr., a graduate of Santa Monica High School, during a spacewalk in November during a mission to the International Space Station. Bresnik will talk about his trip this week at Samohi.**

PASSIONS FOR FLYING AND PHOTOGRAPHY

Albert Bresnik became interested in photography when he took a photography class in high school, said his son, Albert "Randy" Bresnik. The new love drew the budding shutterbug into a passion for aviation.

"Several aviators were his friends," said Randy Sr. "He would take pictures and then try to sell them. Back then, there were 35 airports in the L.A. basin. Now we're down to seven."

When Albert Bresnik met Earhart, he had already opened his own photography studio. He shot publicity pictures for Columbia Studios, capturing images of such stars as Shirley Temple, Gary Cooper, Jane Withers, Jack Elam and Randolph Scott. Randy Sr. said that Earhart liked his father because "he just took pictures."

"He would not ask her to pose," Randy Sr. said. "He was an old-time photographer. You had to wait for your shot."

According to Randy Jr., Earhart viewed Albert Bresnik as "a little brother."

"She was shy and private. He did not treat her as glitzy Hollywood."

EARHART'S FATEFUL DECISION

Randy Sr. said that his father met his mother at a casino in Avalon, on Catalina Island, in August 1936. A love for dancing brought Albert and Mary together.

But a fateful decision could have interfered with the couple's wedding on New Year's Eve in 1937.

"My dad was supposed to go with Amelia on her last flight," said Randy Sr. "But she came to him and said: 'I need more weight and fuel.'"

So Albert stayed on the ground, to the relief of Randy Jr.

"My dad was born in 1938," explained the astronaut. "If my grandfather had been on that plane, I wouldn't be here today."

When Albert received the news that Earhart and her navigator, Fred Noonan, had disappeared on July 2, 1937, the photographer sadly packed away all his negatives for five long decades.

In 1987, the San Fernando Ninety-Nines, a group of female aviators, invited Albert to talk about Earhart to honor the 50th anniversary of her disappearance.

"He began bringing out the photos," said Randy Sr. "And people started requesting them."

According to Randy Sr., Albert met his second wife, Gabrielle, in mid-1988 when a flying club asked him to give a talk about Earhart. The couple was married from October 1988 until October 1993, when Albert passed away.

Quipped Randy Sr. of his stepmother, now age 86: "She still goes out dancing a couple of times a week."

MEMORIES OF GRANDFATHER ALBERT

Randy Jr. remembered how, after Albert had found the Earhart photos again, his grandfather would drive cross-country with him each summer for the three years the astronaut attended college at the Citadel in Charleston, S.C.

They visited relatives and friends along the way, and then Albert would fly back home. Their four-day expedition was leisurely, compared with road trips that Randy Jr. would later take.

"I've driven coast-to-coast in two-and-a-half days," explained Randy Jr., citing sudden change of military orders as the reason.

So the unexpected doesn't seem to faze this former F/A-18 test pilot.

"I can go out on a spacewalk one day, my wife can have a baby the next day, I can go back out on another spacewalk the following day," Randy Jr. said with a laugh.

UNIQUE WAY OF MARKING TIME

By coincidence, last year Randy Jr. became the second astronaut to become a father while flying in orbit.

His wife Rebecca gave birth to their daughter, Abigail Mae, on Nov. 21. The happy event gave the Bresnik family a unique way of marking time.

"Abigail was flight day seven," quipped Randy Jr.

The astronaut, one of six on the STS-129 crew, was the 509th human being in space, the 189th to perform a spacewalk.

"We were not an elite bunch. We were regular people who worked hard."

A photographer himself, Randy Jr. said he enjoyed shooting from space photos of places he and his wife have visited on Earth. He captured shots of the Dead Sea and the Sea of Galilee in Israel; Cairo in Egypt; Hawaii; Italy, where the couple spent their honeymoon; and Kiev and Dnipropetrovsk, Ukraine, the hometown of their 4-year-old adopted son, Wyatt.

Astronaut Bresnik will make an appearance Thursday afternoon at Santa Monica College to share his space flight experience with local residents. Bresnik is also scheduled to appear at his alma mater, Santa Monica High School, and John Adams Middle School on Friday, March 5.

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City Hall selects firm for Civic Center renovation

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chance to design a significant public space in the Los Angeles area.

"It's an incredible opportunity. It's an incredible opportunity for L.A.," she said. "There hasn't been a large civic project like this in a long time."

There are no conceptual drawings of the firm's vision yet, Switkin said.

Besides her firm's experience, she said an important aspect of her pitch to the selection committee was a long track record of incorporating public input into the design process. She said the committee responded to the firm's commitment to "involve people in different ways" while staying on schedule.

The panel that has recommended the firm was composed of Qingyun Ma, dean of the USC School of Architecture; Ken Smith, a landscape architect and designer of the Orange County Great Park; and Marc Fisher, vice chancellor and campus architect at UCSB.

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Title would be Samohi's first

FROM **TITLE GAME** PAGE 1

"They do a lot of the same things," Verdugo said. "They are an athletic transition team and I expect them to stick to that."

At the lead of pretty much every Summit offensive possession is senior point guard Adrianne Thomas. Verdugo said her quickness creates a number of matchup problems and will counter by "ganging up" on her with double and even triple teams.

The difficult job of stopping Thomas will fall on junior transfer Moriah Faulk, who didn't play during the earlier meeting. Thomas gives up a couple of inches to the lanky Faulk, an advantage Verdugo is confident will make a difference.

Adding Faulk and Bianka Balthazar to the roster late in the season will present Summit with a few matchup options of its own.

"We're a totally different team now," Verdugo said. "We believe we're the better team."

Verdugo said the biggest difference is the Vikings' newfound ability to crowd the lane, denying playoff opponents the chance for easy put backs on missed shots.

Samohi's primary inside presence at that time was center Sabrina Norton. She has since left the school, her father, retired NFL star and college coach Ken Norton Jr., accepting a job to join former USC Head Coach Pete Carroll on the Seattle Seahawks coaching staff.

Filling in for Norton in the post has been Balthazar, a player quickly acclimating to Verdugo's system, giving the Vikings a sincere presence in the paint, or as Verdugo calls it, "Viking country."

He said that the team that dominates the post will mostly likely walk away with a CIF title that would be Santa Monica's first in school history.

As always, Samohi's offense will be powered by senior guard Thea Lemberger. She has consistently led the team on the offensive end of the floor and has increasingly become a factor on defense. It was her late-game heroics during the third round win against Rancho Cucamonga that have kept the Vikings' championship aspirations alive.

"We've made it our goal to be the first team to get a banner," Verdugo said. "We're excited to be here, but second place isn't our goal."

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Rooting section

The Samohi athletic department is organizing bus rides for tonight's CIF-SS Division 1A championship game between the Vikings and Summit at Mater Dei High School in Santa Ana. All students and fans are invited to ride along.

Anybody interested should contact Athletic Director Norm Lacy on campus at (310) 395-3204 ext. 495 or by e-mail at nlacy@smmusd.org.

Carsharing in L.A. mostly an unproven proposition

FROM **SHARE** PAGE 1

ly to shared cars. City Hall could also agree to use the carsharing program to reduce the number of cars in its fleet.

Colfax said most carsharing companies are cautious about entering new markets and would require incentives in order to risk a roll-out in Santa Monica.

One company, Flexcar, used to have a fleet in Santa Monica. But after being acquired by Zipcar in 2007, the cars vanished from the streets.

John Williams, a spokesman for Zipcar, said the company at one point had about 50 cars in Los Angeles-area neighborhoods but in the last couple of years has scaled back.

"It wasn't generating the revenue that we needed it to," Williams said of the L.A.-area neighborhood program. "The lesson learned there was we needed to find where the best usage was and we saw that on the university campuses."

The company now concentrates on the college market in L.A., with about 30 cars available at campuses, he said.

Williams said he wasn't sure if Zipcar would submit a proposal to expand into Santa Monica, but noted the company launched a pilot program in partnership with Los Angeles last September that brought 12 Zipcars to the city's neighborhoods.

"The long term approach is to find the best spots in the greater Los Angeles area where car sharing can succeed," Williams said.

Despite Zipcar's decision to scale back in the area, Colfax and others in the industry say Santa Monica and some other pockets in the region remain attractive markets for carsharing.

"I think the overall L.A. basin is a difficult carsharing market," said Dave Brook, a Portland-based carsharing consultant. "There certainly are some areas that are prime territory for carsharing and Santa Monica is among the most prime areas it's got."

> **"SANTA MONICA REALLY HAS A LOT OF THE CHARACTERISTICS OF PLACES WHERE CAR SHARING WORKS."**
>
> **Annette Colfax,**
> Santa Monica's transportation demand program manager

But he said to entice a company Santa Monica will have to work out an incentive package. Even much denser cities where cars are less embedded in the culture generally have to provide some incentives, he said.

"Carsharing is not a high-margin business, so you need all the help you can get," he said.

Even so, it appears to be a business with growing appeal for entrepreneurs.

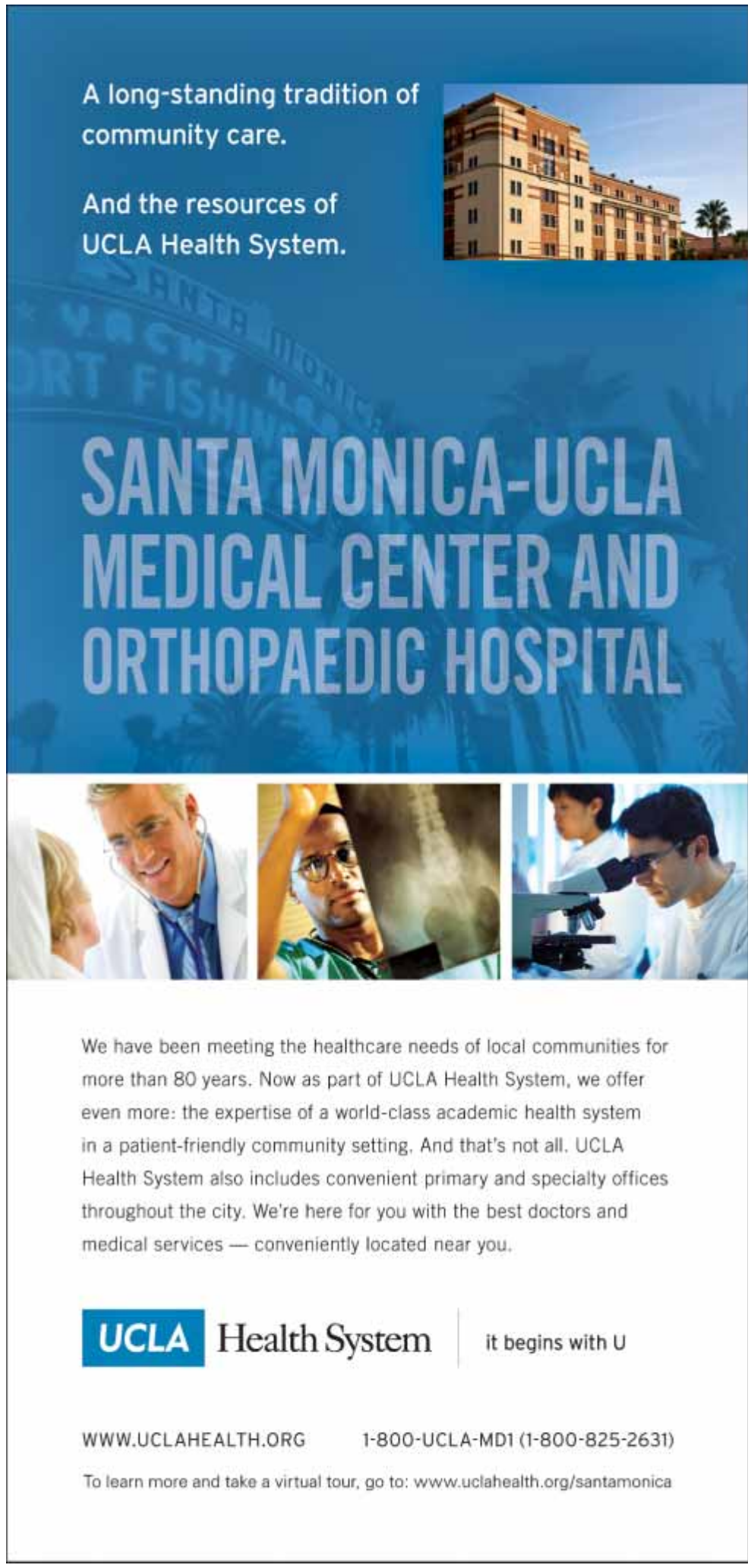
Melissa Hebert launched her company, LAX Carsharing, last year to concentrate on the L.A.-area. And several established companies like U-Haul, Hertz Rent-a-Car and Enterprise Rent-A-Car have all recently entered the carsharing business.

Hebert said in her business model strong partnerships with cities and developers are a must. She didn't disclose any details of the pitch she'll make, but said she plans to submit a proposal to Santa Monica.

"It's a big walking city so we want to be able to take advantage of that," she said.

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Obama takes charge, demands vote on health care

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WASHINGTON The end game at hand, President Barack Obama took command Wednesday of one final attempt by Democrats to enact bitterly contested health care legislation, calling for an "up or down vote" within weeks under rules denying Republicans the ability to kill the bill with mere talk.

Appearing before a White House audience of invited guests, many of them wearing white medical coats, Obama firmly rejected calls from Republicans to draft new legislation from scratch. "I don't see how another year of negotiations would help. Moreover, the insurance companies aren't starting over," the president said, referring to a recent round of announced premium increases affecting millions who purchase individual coverage.

While Obama said he wanted action within a few weeks, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., seemed to hint a final outcome could take far longer. "We remain committed to this effort and we'll use every option available to deliver meaningful reform this year," he said.

The results will affect nearly every American, mandating major changes in the ways they receive and pay for health care or leaving in place current systems that leave tens of millions with no coverage and many others dissatisfied with what they do get. With Republicans united in opposition, there is no certainty about the outcome in Congress — or even that Democrats will go along with changes Obama urged on Wednesday in what he described as a bipartisan gesture.

With polls showing voters unhappy and Democrats worried about this fall's elections, Obama also sought to cast the coming showdown in terms larger than health care, which is an enormously ambitious undertaking in its own right. "At stake right now is not just our ability to solve this problem, but our ability to solve any problem," he said.

Republicans dug in for another struggle on an issue that they agreed would echo into the fall campaign.

The Senate GOP leader, Mitch McConnell of Kentucky, said a decision by Democrats to invoke rules that bar filibusters would be "met with outrage" by the public. "This is really not an argument between Democrats and Republicans. It's an argument between Democrats and the American people," he said.

At its core, the legislation under discussion still is largely along the lines Obama has long sought and GOP critics attack as a government takeover of health care. It would extend coverage care to tens of millions of uninsured Americans while cracking down on insurance company practices such as denying policies on the basis of a pre-existing medical conditions.

A new "insurance exchange" would be created in which private companies could sell policies to consumers under terms fixed by the federal government. Much of the cost of the legislation, nearly $1 trillion over a decade, would be financed by cuts in future Medicare payments to hospitals and other providers and higher payroll taxes on individuals earning more than $200,000 and couples over $250,000.

The president's appearance marked a presumably final pivot point in a long, uphill effort by Obama and other Democrats to enact far-reaching changes to the health care system — and with his own administration at an important crossroads. Eager to turn attention to efforts to stimulate the economy and create jobs, the president is seeking a victory on health care that can also give him a boost on other priority legislation.

At the same time, a defeat could damage Obama's ability to help fellow Democrats heading into the fall campaign. Failure on health care could well lead to a shake-up of the president's White House team, which has received criticism recently from Democratic lawmakers.

After nearly a year of struggle, the House and Senate passed separate bills late last year, and appeared on course for approving a final compromise version early in 2010. But those efforts were abruptly abandoned when Republicans unexpectedly won a special election in Massachusetts. Sen. Scott Brown's victory gave the GOP an ability they had lacked, the strength to sustain a filibuster, a form of opposition that requires supporters of a bill to post 60 Senate votes in order to cut off debate and force a final decision.

Democrats went into something of a political fetal position, and have begun to stir in recent days only as Obama asserted his determination with a bipartisan summit followed by a revised set of proposals.

Obama said the use of rules that deny the minority the right to a filibuster had been used numerous times in recent years, including on passage of welfare reform legislation in the 1990s and twice when President George W. Bush pushed tax cuts to passage.

Health care "deserves the same kind of up or down vote" as those earlier measures, he said.

Under the rather complicated approach under discussion, the House would be asked to approve the bill that passed the Senate late last year, despite objections by many members of the rank and file to several provisions. Simultaneously, both houses would also vote for a companion measure whose purpose would be to make changes in the first bill sought by either House Democrats or the White House.

Obama said he was exploring GOP proposals for cracking down on fraudulent medical charges, revamping ways to resolve malpractice disputes, boosting doctors' Medicaid reimbursements and offering tax incentives to curb unnecessary patient visits to doctors.

The ideas include an experiment that would establish special courts in which judges with medical expertise would decide malpractice allegations. The idea has been criticized by the Center for Justice & Democracy, a consumer group that prefers the current system of awarding damages. It said health courts would be "anti-patient."

The White House and Democratic leaders said they hoped that Obama's maneuvering would at least win the votes of wavering conservative and moderates in their own party, even if it didn't entice Republicans.

But there was no guarantee of success, despite Obama's vow to do everything in his power to succeed — and a White House announcement that he would travel to Pennsylvania and Missouri next week to campaign for the legislation.

Toyota customers: Repairs didn't work

BY KEN THOMAS & TOM KRISHER
Associated Press Writers

WASHINGTON Some Toyota owners say they're still having trouble with unintended acceleration after their recalled cars were repaired, and the Transportation Department said Wednesday it is looking into their complaints.

The complaints raise new questions about whether Toyota's remedy will solve the problem. David Strickland, the administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, said in a statement the agency is reaching out to consumers about the complaints "to get to the bottom of the problem and to make sure Toyota is doing everything possible to make its vehicles safe."

"If Toyota owners are still experiencing sudden acceleration incidents after taking their cars to the dealership, we want to know about it," Strickland said.

The government has received a limited number of acceleration reports from the Toyota owners whose floor mats or gas pedals have been fixed. Toyota and the government are investigating potential electrical problems as part of the Japanese automaker's recall of more than 8 million vehicles worldwide.

NHTSA has linked 52 deaths to crashes allegedly caused by Toyota's acceleration problems. The company has blamed mechanical causes or drivers pressing the wrong pedal and repaired about 1 million vehicles, but has said it is looking into electronics as a potential cause.

Toyota did not immediately comment on the new complaints.

Stewart Stogel, 49, of Mount Vernon, N.Y., said his 2009 Camry accelerated to about 15 mph on a street near his home on Saturday, five days after a dealership trimmed the gas pedal and installed new brake override software as part of the floor mat recall. The car didn't stop for several seconds even though he pressed on the brakes. Stogel said he barely avoided going down an embankment and hitting a wall.

"At first the brakes didn't engage at all," said Stogel, a freelance journalist. "Just as I approached Terrace Avenue, the wheels were able to get some traction, and all of the sudden the engine did disengage."

Stogel said the car had accelerated two previous times, and both times Stogel said he took it to dealerships to be checked. In one case it was inspected by a Toyota corporate technician who could find nothing wrong, he said.

After the latest incident, Stogel called his dealer, who told him to return with the car. He also left a message with Toyota Motor Sales U.S.A. President Jim Lentz. On Tuesday, Stogel's dealer called and asked him to return with the Camry so Toyota engineers can inspect it.

Carolyn Kimbrell, 59, a retired office assistant in Whitesville, Ky., said her 2006 Toyota Avalon accelerated last weekend as she pulled up to her mailbox near her home — about a week after the car had been fixed. Kimbrell had just returned from a shopping trip to the mall with her 9-year-old granddaughter.

Kimbrell's car dealer on Feb. 20 inserted a small piece of metal into the gas pedal mechanism to eliminate friction that was causing the pedal problems. The dealer is scheduled to provide a separate fix to prevent the accelerator pedal from becoming trapped in the floor mat. But now Kimbrell said she wonders if the company's fix will solve the problem.

"It just scares you," Kimbrell said. "If I had been trying to stop at a busy intersection, that would have been bad."

The recalls have prompted three congressional hearings, hurt Toyota's safety and quality reputation and generated death and injury lawsuits. Federal prosecutors in New York are conducting a criminal investigation into the recalls and the Securities and Exchange Commission is probing what the automaker told investors.

Toyota on Tuesday said its U.S. sales fell 9 percent in February but it would offer repeat buyers two years of free maintenance to help rebuild customer loyalty.

During congressional hearings, Toyota executives said all new models sold in the United States will have the override system by 2011 and many recalled vehicles will be retrofitted with the brake override as a precaution. Toyota said it has fixed about 1 million recalled vehicles.

SF mayor introduces ban on sidewalk sitting

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN FRANCISCO San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom introduced a city ordinance Tuesday that would make it illegal to sit or lie on public sidewalks, a ban that opponents say unfairly targets the homeless.

Newsom, who unveiled the proposal at a board of supervisors meeting, said it would make city sidewalks safer for pedestrians and merchants.

The ban was first floated by Police Chief George Gascon in response to reports that thugs in the city's Haight-Ashbury neighborhood were bullying merchants and pedestrians.

Gascon has made combatting "nuisance crimes" a priority since arriving in San Francisco last summer.

The mayor said he became a supporter after seeing someone smoking crack and blocking the entrance to a business on Haight Street while he was out with his infant daughter.

Newsom says he's sensitive to the needs of people on the street, but also hears complaints from merchants.

The ordinance introduced Tuesday would cover sidewalks throughout the city, but that would likely be amended by supervisors to further hone the proposal's reach, said Tony Winnicker, the mayor's spokesman.

"It's another tool for police and the community to address aggressive and unacceptable behavior we see in some commercial districts," Winnicker said.

At a hearing in front of the board of supervisors public safety committee Monday, Assistant Police Chief Kevin Cashman said the goal of the law was to "change behavior," not arrest people.

Public defender Jeff Adachi said his office would likely challenge the law's constitutionality.

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New batting gloves promise to protect hands

RONALD BLUM
AP Sports Writer

Omir Santos tried on his new batting gloves, said to slow the impact of a harmful fastball down to the mere annoyance of a junkball, and voiced excitement.

"I think it's going to help," the New York Mets catcher said. "It sounds like it's going to work."

The latest high-tech protective product in a sport that's slow to accept innovation, the batting gloves are manufactured by the startup company XProTeX, which hired former All-Star Reggie Smith to go around spring training trying to persuade big leaguers to switch.

Bob Watson, Major League Baseball's vice president of on-field operations, said his department already has given its approval, which is necessary for all on-field gear.

"We looked at the data. No, I didn't put it on and take a fastball," said Watson, a former All-Star himself. "Now, is this going to stop all major injuries? That I can't tell you, but according to the data, it should cut down on broken bones and severe injuries coming from pitched balls."

XProTeX was formed by X Bats president Jack Kasarjian, whose company is known for supplying maple bats to major leaguers and — at about $100 each — to youth ballplayers. After consulting the former president of the motocross equipment company SixSixOne, Kasarjian developed an impact-absorbing material called Advanced Impact Composite.

The model that was taken to spring training is the 14th generation.

"Essentially it will reduce the impact by over 60 percent, so a 100 mph fastball will be reduced to that of a 39 mph fastball, which is the difference between in a cast and being a little bit sore," he said. "It's really an area where players are very vulnerable. Their hands are their most important tool in baseball. If your hands are injured, you can't hold the ball, catch a ball, hold a bat, hit a ball."

Tampa Bay manager Joe Maddon examined the gloves this week and thought back to Sept. 7, when Rays slugger Carlos Pena was hit by a CC Sabathia pitch, breaking two fingers and ending his season. Pena had an AL-leading 39 homers at the time along with 100 RBIs.

"Carlos would have hit 45 home runs last year if that glove actually works," Maddon said. "Most of the time, changes like that move at a glacier pace. Guys don't want to be the first one to try it. Somebody's going to try it and going to get hit and they're not going to break their hand or wrist, and all of a sudden everybody's going to want it. Or conversely, if somebody's not wearing it, and they do get hit and get broken, he's going to want it."

Protection does come at a price.

A quick check online shows batting glove prices for previous models run from about $5-$50.

XProTex's top-of-the line Raykr retails for $80. It is made specifically for right-handed or left-handed batters, and has AIC protection on the outside of the hand and wrist, and the inner wrist. A step down is the $50 Hammr, which has less protection, and then there is the $35 Dinger, a symmetric model that protects the wrist only. There also are pads for catcher's mitts and baserunners (to prevent their fingers from being hyperextended).

Smith says players have responded positively when he shows them the equipment.

"It's exceeded our expectations," he said. "It's the difference of being injured or being a little sore so they get to stay on the field."

But even if the gloves fit, that doesn't necessarily mean players wear them.

Kasarjian says the large equipment corporations are obstacles.

"The agents have been steering players toward these bigger companies because the companies are offering the players who are up and coming in the agents' stables deals in return for delivering the major leaguers," he said. "We're kind of bucking the culture, but we're getting people's attention really quickly. Everybody is now seeing one or two players on their team and they're asking for them."



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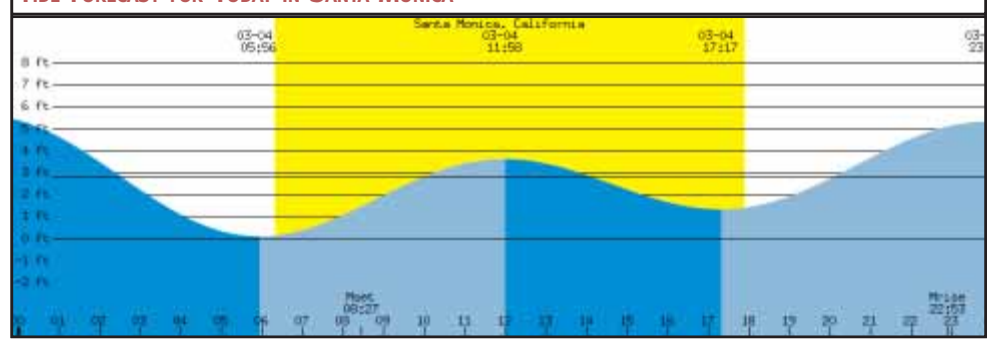
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Swell should back off some with DOH sets becoming less likely. Head high+ for most west facing breaks seems like a reasonable expectation.

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- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 9/27

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Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Los Alisos creeks.	A+	A+
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Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	A+
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	F	F
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	F	C
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach.	A+	A
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	D
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Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	A
Los Flores State Beach at Los Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	A
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A+	F
Pena Creek at Los Tunos County Beach.	B	A
Tuna Canyon.	ns	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	F	F
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	A+
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	D	D
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	F
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A+	F
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A+	F
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	C	F
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	C
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A+	F
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	D	C
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+	B
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.	D	D
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	A	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
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Aero Theatre
1328 Montana Ave.
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It's a Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad World (NR) 2hr 42min
70 mm print
7:30

Call theater for information.

AMC Loews Broadway 4
1441 Third Street Promenade

Cop Out (R) 1hr 50min
1:45, 4:20, 7:00, 9:30

From Paris With Love (R) 1hr 35min
2:00, 7:20

The Imaginarium of Doctor Parnassus (PG-13) 2hr 2min
4:30, 9:40

Shutter Island (R) 2hr 18min
3:15, 6:30, 9:35

Up in the Air (R) 1hr 49min
1:30, 4:15, 6:50, 9:25

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

Alice in Wonderland (in Disney Digital 3D)
12:01 a.m.

Avatar 3D (PG-13) 2hr 40 min
2:15, 6:00

Cop Out (R) 1hr 50min
2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00

The Wolfman (R) 1hr 42min
2:20, 4:45, 7:25, 9:50

Shutter Island (R) 2hr 18min
1:00, 2:00, 4:00, 5:15, 7:15, 8:30, 10:15

Dear John - Digital Presentation (PG-13) 1hr 48min
1:45, 4:20, 7:00

The Crazies (R) 1hr 41min
1:15, 4:15, 7:05, 9:45

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

An Education (PG13) 1hr 55min
1:50, 4:30, 7:30, 10:00

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

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

The Ghost Writer (PG-13) 2hr 23min
1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00

Mann's Criterion Theatre
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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, 9:50

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

Valentine's Day (PG-13) 1hr 57min
12:10, 1:00, 3:10, 4:05, 6:10, 7:00, 9:10, 10:10

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It's dinner for two, Aries

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Make adjustments, as others who rule the roost have very different ideas from you. Don't fight city hall. Your intuition comes through when dealing with financial and partnership matters. Stay centered, despite crosswinds. You will make an excellent decision. Tonight: Dinner for two.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Getting together with others seems like a natural pleasure. Business does filter through in some cases. A meeting could be vital to deciding which fork in the road to take. Take in a different view. You might be surprised by how your perspective changes. Tonight: Defer to another's suggestion.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ How you see a situation and the choices you make could change during the day. New information comes forward. Many people look up to you; be aware that you are a role model. You might be uncomfortable with the admiration. Tonight: Clear your desk.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ Where others are baffled, you seek solutions. Others come to you with a lot of information, which you will digest. You seem to understand the headlines, as opposed to the story. Others appreciate your final judgments. Tonight: Why not start the weekend early?

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ If you're inclined to work from home, please do. You might need some time to anchor and rethink recent events. You'll accomplish a lot more in a calm atmosphere. Do your best to create just that. Give thought to a home-based business. Tonight: Order in.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ Be open to communication that could come in from out of left field. You'll gain a deeper understanding and move past a problem. Defer to a partner or several different people who seem energized over a key issue. Tonight: Hang with a friend or two.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ Make decisions directly, keeping your finances in mind. Clear out as much work as possible. A personal matter or an issue involving property cannot be postponed much longer. Listen to what is shared. Tonight: Your treat.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ You are all smiles as a child or new friend piques your interest. Enjoy what is happening here. Opportunities come forward when sharing with others; you simply understand more. Let your ingenuity play out more often. Tonight: Still on a roll.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ Close your door if you can get more done that way. Listen to your instincts when dealing with a personal goal. Good news on the domestic front could be quite distracting. Focus on what you must do, and only that. Tonight: Take some much-needed quiet time.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ You naturally hit a home run. Whether in a meeting, on the phone or networking, others respond as you would like. Communication flourishes, and success follows. Carefully consider an image change, especially if it will work. Tonight: Where the action is.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ You are on top of your game. You are processing a lot of information that you might not choose to share yet. Re-evaluate a financial investment or big purchase. Be smart and make smart decisions. Tonight: A must appearance.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ Keep reaching out for more information. Finding an expert or two could be helpful. Some of you might be toying with the idea of learning more in your chosen field. Check out the different available opportunities. Tonight: Go for some exotic cuisine.

Happy birthday

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

Use your strong intellect and high creativity, and this year could be quite special. Last January, you entered a new positive luck cycle marked by a willingness to grow and evolve. Your goals could change as situations change. Revisit your desires several times this year. Don't be surprised if they change, and even if your circle of friends changes. If you are single, someone quite enticing could mosey into your life. This person could be Mr. or Ms. Right. If you are attached, plan a trip or perhaps take a special course together. The bond between you cements even more. SCORPIO helps you see another perspective.

Girls and Sports
By Justin Borus and Andrew Feinstein



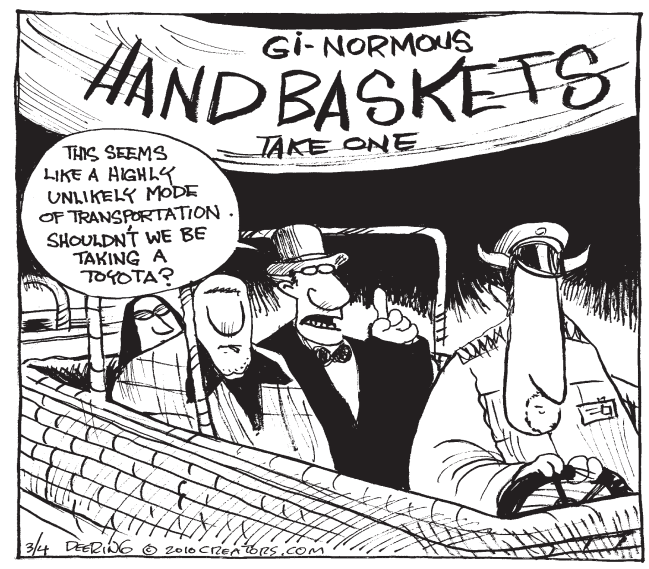
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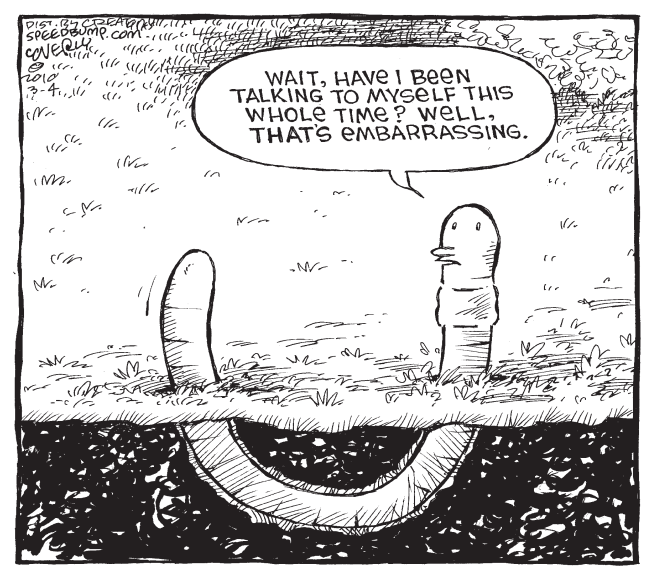
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Difficulty Level ★★★

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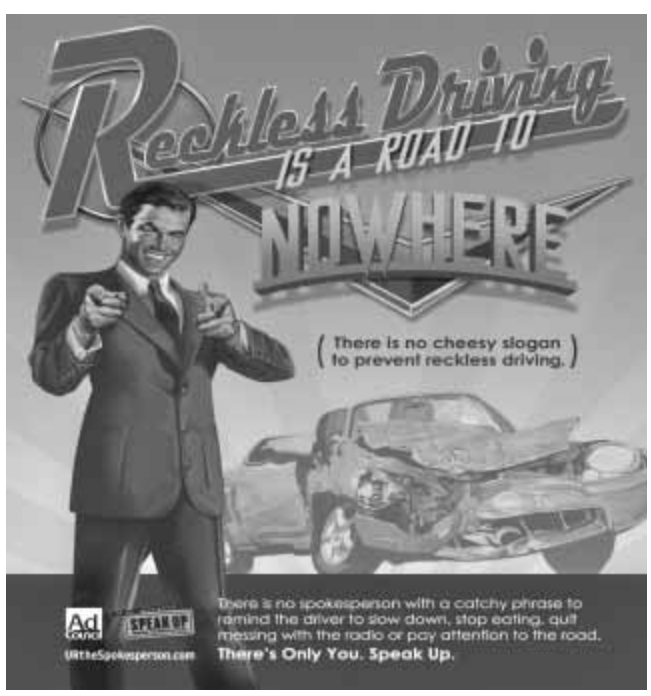
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SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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

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1 Asti export
5 Ship staffs
10 Battery end
12 Block-head
13 Rubber source
14 Fancy home
15 Unbroken
16 Man or monkey
18 Sight from Yemen
20 "My country — of thee"
21 Longing
23 Hosp. workers
24 Let off steam
26 Without a date
28 Pipe player
29 Chase away
31 Every-thing
32 Maximally
36 Ecolo-gist's concern
39 Hole number
40 Bacon from "Diner"
41 Safari sight
43 VCR button
44 1983 Streisand movie
45 Phone sounds
46 Diner buy

DOWN

1 Bravery
2 Laugh-able
3 Famous
4 Poem of praise
5 Food writer Sheraton
6 Genesis name
7 "My Way" singer
8 Using one's horn
9 Emphasis
11 Pros
17 Joplin tune
19 Weather-map icon
22 Arcane knowledge
24 California city
25 Put some zest into
27 Cruise, e.g.
28 Bundle
30 Bowler, for one
33 Conjec-ture
34 Pole star?
35 Fantasy villain
37 Maze runners
38 Colony members
42 Skirt line

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Yesterday's answer

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13					■	14				
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EVENING: 5 5 3

DAILY DERBY:
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RACE TIME: 1:40.66

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ "Texting" While Driving Is Not the Problem: (1) Briton Rachel Curtis, 23, was sentenced to 12 months in prison by Bristol Crown Court in October for leading police on a high-speed chase while injecting heroin. (2) Authorities in Scottsboro, Ala., in December arrested a man after a high-speed chase during which he allegedly had methamphetamine cooking in the front seat. (3) Long-haul trucker Thomas Wallace was charged with manslaughter in Buffalo, N.Y., in January after his rig struck a parked car, killing the occupant, while Wallace was distracted watching pornography on his laptop computer.

■ Too-Swift Justice: It is not unheard of for someone to commit a crime and then immediately surrender, usually for safety or for the comfort of a warm jail cell (such as Timmy Porter, 41, did in Anchorage, Alaska, in October immediately after robbing the First National Bank Alaska). However, Gerard Cellette Jr., 44, tried to be even more helpful. Knowing that he would soon be arrested (and probably convicted) for running a $53 million Ponzi scheme in the Minneapolis area, he walked into a county judge's chambers in December and offered to begin serving time. The judge explained that Cellette would have to wait until charges were filed and a plea recorded.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1994 Space shuttle STS-62 (Columbia 16) launches into orbit.

1994 Bosnia's Bosniaks and Croats sign an agreement to form a federation in a loose economic union with Croatia.

1997 U.S. President Bill Clinton bans federally funded human cloning research.

2001 4 March 2001 BBC bombing: a massive car bomb explodes in front of the BBC Television Centre in London, seriously injuring 11 people. The attack was attributed to the Real IRA.

2001 Hintze Ribeiro disaster, a bridge collapses in northern Portugal, killing up to 70 people.

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