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Bias training coming to SMMUSD

BY JEFFREY I. GOODMAN
Daily Press Staff Writer

One of the most difficult things to do as an educator, Sarah Braff said, is to recognize the limits of one's own perspectives.

The president of the local Classroom Teachers Association announced this month that the Santa Monica-Malibu school district was one of four districts in the state chosen to conduct a pilot training program on bias.

"Teachers all want to think they're open-minded," Braff said at the Board of Education meeting March 3. "Where and how they were raised might affect whether they have a facility for the cultures of others. ... We need to meet kids where they are, not where we'd like them to be or where we think they should be."

The California Teachers Association has been working to address issues around bias, holding several talks and workshops on the matter since the start of the school year.

Braff's announcement about upcoming training comes as

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Local girl competes at regional spelling bee

Franklin Elementary student represents SMMUSD in Scripps contest

BY JEFFREY I. GOODMAN
Daily Press Staff Writer

Rylee Cooper will probably never forget how to spell "eclectic."

The Franklin Elementary School student was skilled enough to advance to the Los Angeles County Scripps Regional Spelling Bee this past weekend, but she tripped up on an eight-letter word that she might've spelled correctly in less grueling circumstances.

"She knows how to spell it," school principal Deanna Sinfield said. "But I think they wore her down. It's a pretty long competition."



COOPER

It was the end of an alphabetic marathon for Cooper, a fifth-grade student who represented her Montana Avenue campus and the Santa Monica-Malibu school district at the regional bee March 13 at Walter Reed Middle School in Studio City.

Cooper finished in the top half

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EXTREME MAKEOVER:

Café Edition

New owner spruces up Café 212 Pier



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COMMUNITY CAFE: Cafe 212 has a new owner and a renewed focus on providing locals with a place to meet and gather.

BY JENNIFER MAAS
Daily Press Staff Writer

A year ago the over 30 year old Café 212 Pier was a hangout for the homeless and people who exploited the coffee shop's free Wi-Fi. Now, under the management of new owner Roopinder Bhullar, it is home to art shows and poetry readings.

"It took almost a year to get it like this," Bhullar said. "But I've cleaned it up. I've painted it, cleaned it. And that was so important because a lot of people who enjoyed it had stopped coming because they said it was unhygienic. But now it's clean and we have an A rating."

Bhullar put in the time and effort to overhaul the location because she wanted it to gain a reputation as an event café. And so far she's been successful in that endeavor, as the café has not only held artistic events, but also Alcoholics Anonymous meetings, a Raymond Chandler book club and allows people to reserve their upstairs tables for study groups and conferences.

"I wanted to focus on it as a community café, a small business," she said. "I wanted people to recognize that and want to patronize us for that reason."

Bhullar, a London native who used to be a health and fitness instructor, a food journalist and grew up in a family that really appreciated a good meal, always wanted to own a café in a beach town. And when she found Café 212 Pier she knew it was a good fit.

"Santa Monica is very expensive," she said. "And I found this space and I said, 'This I can work with.'"

Though Bhullar did spend a lot of time creating a new atmosphere in the café, she did not lose focus when it came to the most important aspect of the business: the food and coffee.

"We try and make sure our food is really good and fresh and wholesome," Bhullar said. "I believe food is medicine. And I wanted to have a café where we could cook fresh every day."

The café's menu includes items like Nutella French toast, rose

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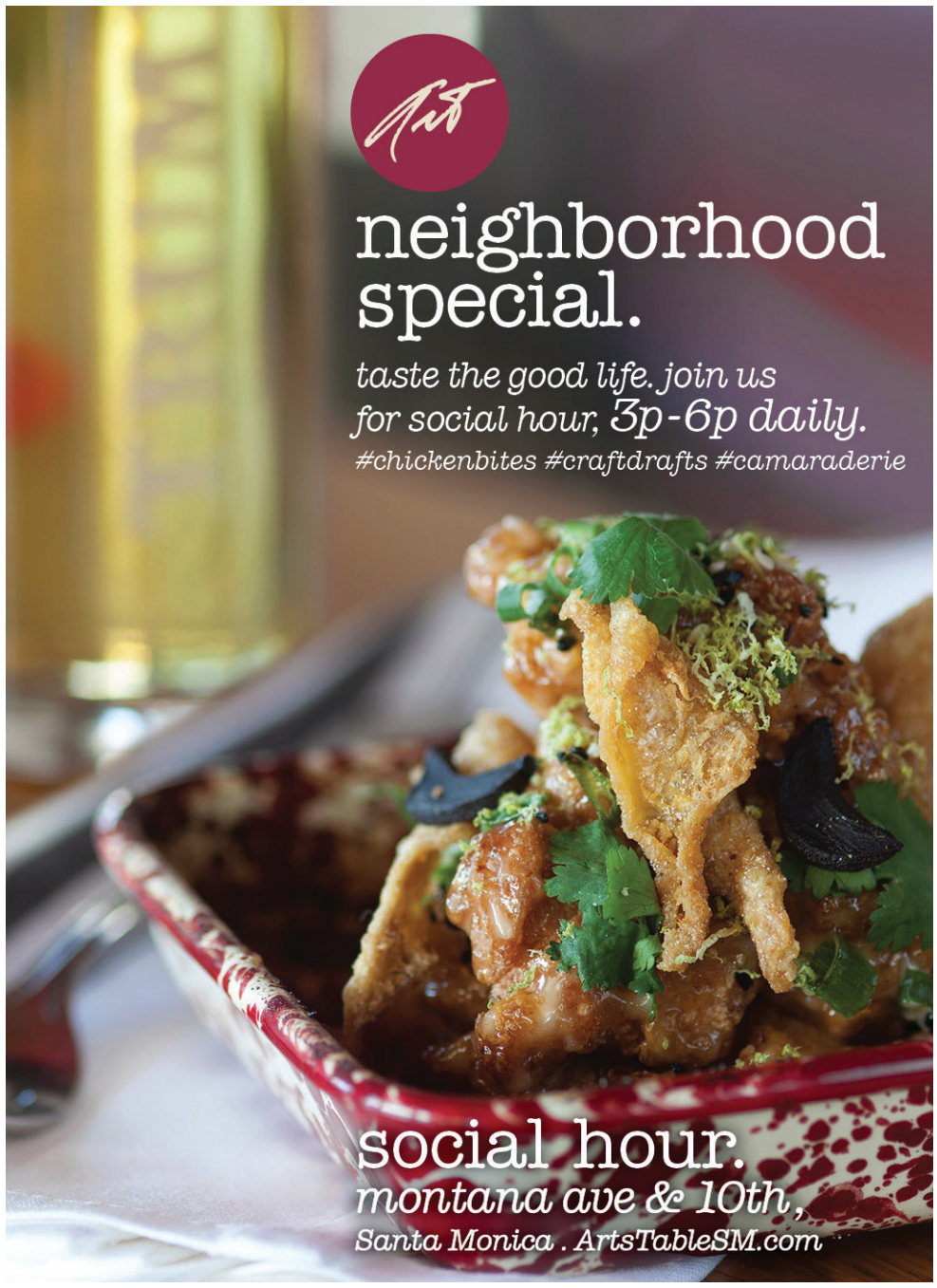

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Wednesday, March 16

Santa Monica Reads Book Discussion: Station Eleven

Trained facilitators lead discussions of our 2016 Santa Monica Reads featured book. Station Eleven begins in the present, as child actress Kirsten Raymonde watches actor Arthur Leander die onstage during a performance of King Lear. Outside, the world is being consumed by a virulent flu that will rapidly lay waste to most of humanity. As this layered novel unfolds, author Emily St. John Mandel follows her characters through time, in flashbacks providing back story, in the present as characters realize what is happening, and fifteen years forward as Kirsten and other survivors make their way through the broken landscape that remains. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave, 7-8:30 p.m.

Planning Commission Meeting

Regular Meeting of the Santa Monica Planning Commission. City Hall, 1685 Main St., 7 p.m. www.smgov.net/Departments/PCD/Boards-Commissions/Planning-Commission.

College Majors and Careers: What's the Connection?

Wondering what to major in, how to make that choice, and what the hot jobs of the future will be? Come learn about college majors and the careers they lead to, the "in-demand" professions, projected income and career paths. Presented by C2 Education and college counselor, Evelyn Alexander, of Magellan Counseling. Grades 9-12. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 7 - 8 p.m.

College Prep Series: "How to Access Financial Resources for My Child's Tuition"

Learn how to access financial resources to pay for college. Parents and students are welcome. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd., 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Commission for the Senior Community Meeting

Regular meeting of the Santa Monica Commission for the Senior Community. Ken Edwards Center, 1527 4th St., 1:30 p.m. www.smgov.net/Portals/Seniors/content.aspx?id=19277

Thursday, March 17

Upper West Breast Cancer Research fundraiser

Upper West will donate 25 percent of all restaurant proceeds that evening starting at 5 p.m. Two local Mar Vista marathon runners, Jessica Balsam and Holly Sortomme, are taking on the Boston and Vancouver Marathons in honor and support of their friends who are fighting against breast cancer, more info at https://give.bcrfcure.org/fightingforfriends. Raffle prizes, silent auction items and live music throughout the night. Upper West, 3321 Pico Blvd., 5 - 10 p.m.

Introduction to Buying & Selling Online

This class provides an overview of best practices for using online marketplaces such as Craig's List, Etsy, and eBay. Advanced level. Seating is first come, first served. For more information, please visit the Reference Desk or call (310) 434-2608. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

Housing Commission Meeting

Regular meeting of the Santa Monica Housing Commission. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 4:30 p.m.

Recreation & Parks Commission Meeting

Regular Meeting of the Santa Monica Recreation and Parks Commission. City Hall, 1685 Main St., 7:30 p.m.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Citywide

Young Collegians - Graduating Class '15

Santa Monica and Malibu High School freshman and parents turned out for the information session on the Young Collegians program last week held at Samohi to learn how they can make going to college a reality.

The program, established in 2008, is a partnership between the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District and Santa Monica College, available to students, many of whom will be the first in their families to attend college. One hundred students have graduated through this program, with 62 more on track to make college graduation a reality.

Some 45 families attended the meeting as prospects for cohort 9, entering the program this summer following their freshman year. The goal of the program is that by the time they graduate high school they will have at least 14 college units that can be transferred to SMC or other four-year institution. And, that the students actually see themselves as college-goers with a start to their path to college.

Samohi junior Luis Ramirez (Hernandez), who is part of Young Collegians cohort 7 spoke to the students about his journey through the program. "It was an honor to speak to students who are just like I was two years ago. Students who will be motivated by the guidance and support Young Collegians provides to follow their dreams and goals," Ramirez said. "I saw reflections of myself in that room and know they will go on to be successful."

Funded by the Santa Monica College Foundation and SMMUSD, and coordinated by Rosa Serratore from SMMUSD and Maral Hyeler of SMC, students in the program take a selection of courses during each summer with guidance and support by SMMUSD and SMC staff and professors.

"This collaboration was conceived to open the world of college for students who may not have had the dream to attend college, nor the where-with-all to make this dream a reality," Serratore said. "We are all so proud of our graduates and students now in the program, as they are ahead of their peers and have gained a great deal of confidence in the process."

The 19 students who graduated last May from the Young Collegians program are now attending SMC, other community colleges, as well as four-year universities including: UC Berkeley, Emerson College, Cal State Northridge, UC Riverside, San Jose State and other colleges around the country.

Young Collegians cohort 7 graduate Emily Colon, now at UC Berkeley studying chemical engineering said, "The YC program has provided me with the resources and sparked the motivation that I needed in order to succeed. To have dreams means nothing without knowing how to get there or wanting to work to get there. YC gave me the extra push that I needed."

Every July, the program celebrates the efforts of the students in the three cohorts taking classes over summer. The Young Collegians thank the supporters of the program and program coordinators, parents, administrators celebrate the students' efforts and accomplishments towards their successful journey into college.

- SUBMITTED BY GAIL PINSKER, SMMUSD COMMUNITY & PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER

Citywide

Connections For Children celebrates 40 year anniversary

In 1976, Connections For Children (CFC) was founded in Santa Monica as one of the first childcare and referral agencies in California. Now, 40 years later, CFC has helped tens of thousands of families meet their needs of childcare and early education. Connections For Children provides services as far north as Malibu and as far south as Rancho Palos Verdes, encompassing 14 cities on the Westside and South Bay.

Today, the non-profit organization helps more than 3,000 families annually of all income levels obtain quality child care arrangements, including free referrals, parent education and family development resources.

"Our mission has always been to build a stronger future for children, families and our communities through quality child care resources, education and guidance," says Patti Oblath, executive director and 16-year employee. "We thank our supporters for the past 40 years of success and look forward to a future of continued excellence," said the Santa Monica resident.

"40 years of service really adds up," said Oblath. "For example, we've fielded 165,000 requests for information and referrals; 35,000 children have benefitted from financial aid, and we've provided 37,500 hours of coaching for early educators. The number we're most proud of is how much we've added to the local economy and the small businesses that provide childcare. In the past 40 years through child care referrals, it's an impressive $185,000,000."

Last year alone, CFC contributed an estimated $5,163,225 into the local economy.

"We've enjoyed many collaborations along the way," said Board of Directors President Iao Katagiri. "In our early days, real estate developer Doug Pardee made a significant donation to boost the program. The City of Santa Monica also granted seed money to develop childcare resource and referral services with the City. Later, we forged successful collaborations with UCLA , as well as with Santa Monica and El Camino Community Colleges, all committed to quality child care. In addition, we were one of the first organizations funded by First 5 LA."

- SUBMITTED BY JACQUELINE MCLEAN- JONES, BARBARA BISHOP PUBLIC RELATIONS

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Friday, March 18

Planetarium show

"A Gibbous Moon and Jupiter!" Take a look at the 11-day-old gibbous Moon and at Jupiter and all four of its Galilean moons through a variety of telescopes with guidance from the planetarium director. The evening events are at 8 p.m. and are preceded by "The Night Sky Show" at 7 p.m., offering the latest news in astronomy and space exploration, a family-friendly "tour" of the constellations, and the chance to ask astronomy-related questions. Cost is $11. 1900 Pico Blvd., Drescher Hall is the three story brown building on the South East corner of Pico Blvd. and 17th Street.

Spring Jazz

The popular concert series opens with the Jon Mayer Quartet. Master bebop pianist Jon Mayer - described by Downbeat magazine as a musician who "mixes introspective lyricism and a hard-bop drive" - and his fellow jazz musicians never fail to entertain and enlighten. All concerts are held at 7 p.m. in The Edye at the Santa Monica College Performing Arts Center, located on Santa Monica Boulevard at 11th Street. Tickets cost $10.

The Groove Dance Night with Sarah Marsh

The GROOVE dance fitness class starts with a gentle warm-up that allows time for you to feel out your body in that moment. The class brings in simple movements that connect you to the delicious music and your own GROOVE. The guts of the class is a dynamic cardio dance party with styles of music from across the spectrum. Cost is $5. 1450 Ocean, 7 - 8 p.m. https://apm.activecommunities.com/santamonicarecreation/Activity_Search/50036

Guest House Open

Free tours begin at 11 a.m., 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. No reservations needed. Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 PCH. http://annenbergbeach-house.com/activities/cultural-programs-events-and-tours.aspx#Guest_House

Docent Tours

Docent led tours are offered the third Friday of each month. Docent led tours of the Main Library cover the library's gold LEED rating of sustainability, its art, architecture and even the library's collection. Docents are able to adapt the tour to fit your interest and time. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.

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Curious City

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The Weather Report for Sunday is excellent

TIME TRAVEL REVERIE

- we've all done it. It usually starts out with something ordinary, like, what if I had bought stock years ago when that dude speaking at the seminar gave his final tip, almost embarrassingly, about the new search engine no one had heard of yet, with the silly, baby talk name, that he predicted was going to be absolutely dominant? I can't remember the name... but I can probably Google it.

Then your thoughts get more personal, going back in time to correct errors or omissions. If only I'd had the nerve to put the moves on Susie Jackson, I could've had a life of lascivious licentiousness and daddy's lucre. If only my parents had married taller people, I could've dominated the NBA. Guitar, not accordion. Braces.

But a local musician has accomplished time travel and we'll all soon be the richer for it, starting this Sunday. That's when incomparable jazz drummer Peter Erskine brings his group to the Moss Theater at the New Roads campus here in Santa Monica, to debut his new album, "Dr. Um and the Lost Pages." Concert at 4 p.m., but don't miss the lecture at 3 p.m.

I have been fortunate enough to have two kids, two decades apart, who grew up very musically aware and have turned me on to lots of great stuff my radar missed. My son Chris alerted me when he was in his mid-teens to his favorite drummer in the universe, and so I sought out Peter Erskine's diverse work and he became mine too. Which led me to get hold of this longtime Santa Monican, back in the '90s when I did a series of 75 cable TV shows ("Not Just Another LA Music Show"), and he graciously agreed to come to the studio with his quartet and perform.

So now the press release comes across my desk about this album and concert, another rare treat for Santa Monica, and I'm all over it.

Erskine, still gracious, invited me to do an interview, with his collaborator famed pianist John Beasley, in the studio in back of his beautiful Japanese-styled home. At the end they sat down and played for me one of the album's Joe Zawinul compositions, "Borges Buenos Aires," and it was a pure delight.

As I wrote in last week's column, Erskine's career credits are jaw dropping (as are Bealey's) - please look them up, so you'll have some idea of the history you're listening to when Erskine gently or ferociously teases the skins. But he told me he felt he had moved away from the kind of playing he did in his youth, fusion and R&B, Weather Report and Steps Ahead, that he found so satisfying and just plain fun, and determined to find a way to do that again. This project, album and band, are that solution.

"I'd traveled my 'anti-drumming' path of recent years about as far as I could take it," he said. "The minimalism of my ECM and Fuzzy Music trio recording years had become my calling card. Now I feel inspired, like a kid, only one who's got something to say.

"When John and I started drawing up the concept and music for 'Dr. Um and the Lost Pages,' we got this notion of giving songs a second chance, music that had somehow been skipped or overlooked. I told John I had some music in my file cabinets from old Weather Report rehearsals that I didn't think had ever been recorded, stuff in Joe Zawinul's hand. John created an incredible arrangement of 'Borges Buenos Aires' and we recorded it and only later found out that Zawinul had later recorded it himself, with his own later edits.

"Our version was remarkably in sync with his changes, but also preserves the original that was never before realized - new life for this lost page of music."

"One of the other Weather Report songs we did for this album was 'Speechless,' the last recording that Jaco (Pastorius) and I made with the band," Erskine continued. "A gorgeous tune that no one has played since, so that qualified as another lost page."

Beasley then inquired, did you guys play live much? Erskine replied, "No, we just recorded and that was it."

The two also plumbed other corners of their own wide-ranging careers for material. "I had a fragment of a tune that I thought had kind of a Wayne Shorter vibe," said Beasley. "That became 'Lost Page.'"

I offered my own theory that if you're around long enough, songs that were left off an LP or CD can turn into gems, years later.

"I think so," Erskine agreed. "It wasn't the right time…" "Or you need to re-edit and update," Beasley offered.

"Or you need the right musicians to play it," Erskine added, "to bring it to life, and pretty much the same combo that recorded this will be playing this Sunday at Moss Theater. Which by the way is an incredible sounding room, I think the best in L.A. for this kind of music."

If you miss this opportunity, it's a page lost forever.

DON'T FORGET to read the LUVE initiative, which takes approval of large developments out of the hands of the City Council and leaves it up to the voters, and sign if you think that's a good idea.

MORE MUSIC NOTES: The 10th Annual Santa Monica Airport Art Walk last Saturday was great but too many of y'all missed the opportunity. Mark it on your calendar for next year - right now! Free admission and parking, it was a gorgeous day, all kinds of art and demonstrations, artists to chat with and workshops, plays from the Ruskin Theater, food trucks (not free), gardening, planes, a class in understanding abstract art, you name it. But I am a music guy and my favorite part was at the end of the day when I finally sat down to enjoy the Hot Club of Los Angeles, who played throughout the day. They're a terrifically talented quintet whose name indicates their style, that of game-changer '30s gypsy jazz guitarist Django Reinhardt and his Quintette du Hot Club de France. But you don't have to wait til next year's Art Walk; they play every Monday night at nearby tiny friendly dive the Cinema Bar (never a cover). Go. You'll thank me.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "Forgiveness is the fragrance that the violet sheds on the heel that has crushed it." - Mark Twain

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Innovation shines bright in Santa Monica

THE SUN SHONE BRIGHTLY OVER THE Santa Monica Pier on Saturday morning as electronic music played softly in the background. Gray Bright, comedian and engineer, welcomed Kristina Kipp to the stage to open the Innovation Panel at the 3rd annual S.T.E.A.M. Machines Innovation Fair and Rube Goldberg Machine Competition.

Kipp is a systems engineer at Jet Propulsion Laboratory, and she is working on an initiative that aims to launch a new Mars rover in 2020. Kipp brought with her an assortment of drill bits that the new rover is set to use to obtain samples of the Martian soil, and lauded their durability performance. She later explained to a young audience member why the high durability of the drills was crucial to the success of the Mars mission, as the bits could not be repaired or replaced.

Next was Cynthia Erenas, an 18 year old robotics champion in Los Angeles chosen from thousands to speak at the event. Erenas talked about her journey; about how she started out "as a troublemaker" before a teacher helped to put her on the right path by advising that she become an engineer. When she later met Will-I-Am, her life took a turn for the better and he ended up becoming like a brother to her. "The power of mentorships is massive," Gray reminded the audience.

Speaker Loretta Whitesides - a founder astronaut and consultant at Virgin Galactic - trained as an astrobiologist before co-creating a program founded in the name of Yuri Gagarin, the first human to enter space. Whitesides discussed her creation, "Yuri's Night," which is hailed as the World Space Party; with hundreds of events being held around the world each April.

The fourth panelist Bright interviewed was Diana Skaar, the head of business innovation in robotics at X (formerly GoogleX). Skaar's passion for electronics was awakened as a young girl when she got the opportunity to take apart a Commodore 64 in order to allow it to play more advanced games. She was later introduced to computer programming as a UCLA student, when she built a personal website.

In discussing the thought process at X, Skaar said, "There are three things we [at X] think about when we think about projects: 1) What's a really big problem to solve? 2) What's a radical solution to solving that problem? and 3) What's the break-through technology?"

She couldn't speak of current projects, but she spoke about X's Project Loon, the balloon satellite that provides three days of free internet service as it slowly flies over underserved global populations. The "big problem being that billions of people worldwide do not have any Internet access," Skaar said.

I had the opportunity to speak with Skaar to ask about Google's ties to the Santa Monica community, and she shared with me how "80 girls from [Santa Monica] middle schools and high schools came to the Google L.A. office where they were basically inspired to try coding.

"Google hosted a workshop where [the students] did a coding exercise. [Google] had a panel where [the students] heard from engineers, including female software engineers."

Skaar places great focus on gender-equality in science, technology, engineering, and math (often referred to as S.T.E.M.), and she mentioned that "last summer [Google was] one of the first four companies in Los Angeles to host 'Girls Who Code.' [The question is] not just why is S.T.E.M. important, but why is it important to get a diverse set of people studying S.T.E.M."

Skaar elaborated on the importance of studying S.T.E.M. fields when she said that, "by studying S.T.E.M. from a career standpoint, kids have so many more options."

"You could work on rockets that go into space, you can experience zero gravity forces, you can work on robots. I really believe that the future is based on technology, so having that background in science, technology, engineering, and math will really set you to succeed and help to shape our future."

The Innovation Panel featuring four outstanding women in S.T.E.A.M. fields was the set point in an inspirational afternoon filled with design-thinking robotics from area schools' S.T.E.M. clubs. It inspired the young kids and adults alike. And as my interview with Diana Skaar came to a close, I felt motivated by the day's events to ponder the question she said the X team asks when innovating: "What's a really big problem to solve?"

LUCA PISTOR is a freshman at Harvard-Westlake who founded the Santa Monica-based Junior Social Entrepreneurship Summit. To find out more about the program, go to www.jsesinternational.com.

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Our thoughts on the DCP

SANTA MONICA FORWARD SUBMITTED this letter to the Planning Commission on March 9, stating our position on the most recent draft of the Downtown Community Plan. SMF believes that increased housing opportunities for all income and age groups, enhanced mobility strategies, and neighborhood-serving amenities must be supported to create a downtown community that works for everyone.

DEAR COMMISSIONERS,

Santa Monica Forward would like to commend the hard work of city staff that went into creating the draft Downtown Community Plan. Overall, this plan presents an excellent vision for our city's future with a strong emphasis on creating a multimodal urban

Downtown that is accessible to all members of our community and preserving our Downtown's myriad historic assets. We understand that it is no easy feat to synthesize the many concerns of our diverse community.

However, Santa Monica Forward urges the Planning Commission to recommend changes to the draft Downtown Community Plan that would encourage and incentivize the production of housing, both market rate and affordable. In its current form, the draft

DCP represents a significant step backwards from the housing incentives established under the 1988 Zoning Ordinance, 1996 Bayside District Specific Plan and the 1993 residential density bonus ordinance.

Downtown Santa Monica presents a unique opportunity to create a better environment to protect the diversity of our city and make it more affordable for young adults and new families.

As the city's youngest and still growing neighborhood, the policy considerations that govern the City's more established neighborhoods (preservation of the status quo and discouraging redevelopment of existing buildings), simply do not make sense for the

Downtown. The recent downzoning of the City's boulevards means that the Downtown is one of the few areas of the City that still has the potential to provide much needed housing.

If we truly care about stemming displacement, preserving our existing neighborhoods, getting people out of their cars, and helping to reduce our carbon footprint, it is vital that the DCP actively and aggressively encourage housing growth in our downtown core. By sharply reducing the potential for new housing, the current draft DCP represents a step backward.

THE DCP ALLOWS LESS HOUSING COMPARED TO THE BAYSIDE DISTRICT SPECIFIC PLAN

The DCP should make it easier, not harder, to build what we need most in our community. We urge the Planning Commission to reconsider proposed decreases as compared to the 1988 Zoning Ordinance, 1996 Bayside District Specific Plan, and the 1993 residential density bonus ordinance in allowable residential densities that would only put further restraints on housing construction in our downtown.

As the draft DCP points out, its predecessor, the Bayside District Specific Plan, along with the City's residential density bonus ordinance adopted in 1993, established strong "incentives for residential uses to encourage housing development for a mixed-use Downtown (see City Ordinance No. 1687, parts 4 and 5). As a result, the number of

Downtown residential units doubled…to approximately 2,800 units," according to page six of the draft DCP.

The BDSP and density bonus ordinance achieved this housing growth by discounting residential floor area by 50 percent in the calculation of FAR. It was that real created the environment that allowed for the budding mixed-use, walkable community that Downtown is today.

By eliminating this 50 percent discount and effectively reducing maximum residential densities through much of the Downtown, the draft DCP sharply reduces the amount of housing that it will be possible to build.

Many of the mixed-use and 100 percent affordable housing projects in the Downtown could not be built under the draft DCP's proposed standards.

There are at least half a dozen mixed-use, mixed income, and 100 percent affordable housing projects that were built in what will become the DCP's Neighborhood Village district that couldn't get approved under the proposed standards because there are above the maximum FAR of 3.25. In total these projects contributed approximately 253 units to the Downtown.

It's also worth noting that the half dozen projects we found were processed with a much more streamlined administrative approval process, meaning they got built much faster than they would have if they had had gone through the lengthy and expensive discretionary approval process.

Given the urgency of our community's need for housing at all affordability levels, the draft DCP's FAR standards should be increased throughout the Downtown in order to continue to allow the kind of mixed-use and 100 percent affordable housing projects that have begun to transform Downtown from an aging commercial district into a vibrant, 21st century urban neighborhood.

BUILDING MARKET RATE HOUSING WILL STEM DISPLACEMENT

Santa Monica's population has only grown from 88,314 to 92,472 from 1980 to 2014.

Yet, in those 34 years, rents and home prices have skyrocketed and traffic has gotten increasingly worse. The majority of the people who make our city work - servers, hospitality workers, police officers, firefighters, teachers - are forced to commute great distances by car because of decades of minimal housing growth.

We continue to ignore the mounting body of evidence that restrictive zoning is accelerating our housing affordability crisis at our own peril and - perhaps more importantly - the peril of future generations that will inherit a Santa Monica even less accessible than it is today, unless we make substantive changes to our housing policies.

In a report released last year titled "California's High Housing Costs: Causes and

Consequences, the Legislative Analyst's Office argued that if California's coastal cities were to remain affordable to low and middle-income households, that the California legislature needed to promote strategies to create new housing and increased density in those cities, such as Santa Monica.

Given the enormity of the state's housing crisis, the Legislative Analyst's Office has advised the legislature to look beyond affordable housing programs and to "expand efforts to encourage private housing development" in order to help low-income

Californians. Page 16 of report spells this argument out.

In a follow up report released February 9, 2016, called "Perspectives on Helping

Low-income Californians Afford Housing," the Legislative Analyst's Office presented evidence that in communities where market rate housing growth was higher, housing costs for low-income households were kept lower, helping to mitigate displacement.

The report presents evidence that a lack of supply drives high housing costs and that building new housing adds to the supply of naturally affordable market rate housing as higher income renters move out of older housing stock and into newer construction.

Santa Monica Forward urges the Planning Commission to use the DCP as an opportunity to secure affordable housing opportunities for future generations of Santa Monica residents.

BUILDING MARKET RATE HOUSING CAN PROMOTE ECONOMIC EQUALITY

In the face of a dire regional housing crisis, it is irresponsible to make it harder for our community to respond to the growing need for new housing in jobsrich cities like our own. Doing so means that we are actively contributing to the growing divide between rich and poor that is plaguing our nation.

In the past year, President Obama has sought advice on how the United States, one of most inequitable advanced economies in the world, can once again be a place of opportunity for all.

A recent presentation by Jason Furman, the chair of the White House Council of

Economic Advisers, a group selected by President Obama to analyze and interpret economic developments and advise him on issues of national economic importance, illustrated that throughout the country, restrictive local housing policies have been widening the gap between rich and poor by increasingly making it harder for middle and low-income workers to access homes near quality jobs. That presentation, "Barriers to Shared Growth," is attached. Furman's findings were recently echoed by New York

Times columnist and distinguished economist Paul Krugman in his column, "Inequality and the City"

SANTA MONICA IS WELL PLACED TO ADDRESS THE HOUSING CRISIS BY ENCOURAGING THE DEVELOPMENT OF HOUSING DOWNTOWN

The lack of affordable housing is a massive problem but it is not Santa Monica's alone.

It is truly a regional and statewide problem. This problem took decades to create, and it will likely not be solved in one generation nor by one community plan.

However, the severity of the crisis does not mean that we can't do anything about it. On the contrary, the severity of the crisis demands we act now, lest our children inherit an even worse problem. In Santa Monica, where we require 30 percent of all new housing to be deed restricted affordable, all new housing growth has the double advantage of not only helping to keep rents in older housing stock from rising more quickly but also of creating a net gain of units accessible to low and moderate-income tenants.

We must begin all discussions of the current crisis with a frank assessment of its root causes. We no longer have the luxury of pretending that we can maintain a nominal growth position and simultaneously support an affordable Santa Monica. The ideas are incompatible and irreconcilable.

JUDY ABDO & JUAN MATUTE on behalf of Santa Monica Forward





Google reveals 77 percent of its online traffic is encrypted

MICHAEL LIEDTKE
AP Technology Writer

Google is disclosing how much of the traffic to its search engine and other services is being protected from hackers as part of its push to encrypt all online activity.

Encryption shields 77 percent of the requests sent from around the world to Google's data centers, up from 52 percent at the end of 2013, according to company statistics released Tuesday.

The numbers cover all Google services expect its YouTube video site, which has more than 1 billion users. Google plans to add YouTube to its encryption breakdown by the end of this year.

Encryption is a security measure that scrambles transmitted information so it's unintelligible if it's intercepted by a third party.

Google began emphasizing the need to encrypt people's online activities after confidential documents leaked in 2013 by former National Security Agency contractor Edward Snowden revealed that the U.S. government had been vacuuming up personal data transferred over the Internet. The surveillance programs exploited gaping holes in unencrypted websites.

While rolling out more encryption on its services, Google has been trying to use the clout of its influential search engine to prod other websites to strengthen their security.

In August 2014, Google revised its secret formula for ranking websites in its search order to boost those that automatically encrypted their services. The change meant websites risked being demoted in Google's search results and losing visitors if they didn't embrace encryption.

Google is highlighting its own progress on digital security while the FBI and Apple Inc. are locked in a court battle over access to an encrypted iPhone used by one of the two extremist killers behind the mass shootings in San Bernardino, California, in December.

Google joined several other major technology companies to back Apple in its refusal to honor a court order to unlock the iPhone, arguing that it would require special software that could be exploited by hackers and governments to pry their way into other encrypted devices.

In its encryption crusade, Google's is trying to make it nearly impossible for government spies and other snoops from deciphering personal information seized while in transit over the Internet.

"Our aim with this project is to hold ourselves accountable and encourage others to encrypt so we can make the web even safer for everyone," Google encryption "evangelists" Rutledge Chin Feman and Tim Willis wrote in a blog post .

The statistics show that Google's Gmail service is completely encrypted as long as the correspondence remains confined to Gmail. Mail exchanges between Gmail and other email services aren't necessarily encrypted.

Google's next most frequently encrypted services are maps (83 percent of traffic) and advertising (77 percent, up from just 9 percent at the end of 2013). Encryption frequency falls off for Google's news service (60 percent) and finance (58 percent).

Google, owned by Alphabet Inc., says it's still trying to overcome some of the technical problems that have made it more difficult to encrypt some of its services. Some older devices are also unable to handle modern encryption standards, according to Google.

Nearly 96 percent of Google's unencrypted traffic comes from mobile devices.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Citywide

IAPMO scholarship essay contest

The International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials (IAPMO), a worldwide organization of dedicated professionals striving to make our planet a safer and healthier place in which to live, is sponsoring an essay competition awarding scholarships to three young people.

Participants in this year's contest will submit essays expressing their thoughts on "The International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials (IAPMO) has been in existence since 1926. Of all The IAPMO Group's core competencies, which division do you feel is making the greatest impact and why?"

Participants must be a current high school senior; or enrolled or accepted as a full-time (12 credit hours) student in an accredited technical school, community college, trade school, four-year accredited college or university, or an apprentice program.

The deadline for essay submissions is 11:59 p.m. on May 1. Students must provide a copy of their full time schedule to confirm eligibility. Essays must be written on the topic noted above, and must be an original essay. One essay is allowed per student. Essays should be no fewer than 800 words and no more than 1,600 words. Essays must be typewritten, double-spaced. All citations to factual data should be noted in the footnote or in a references page. Cover page should include student's name, address, phone number and email. Essays must be submitted via email to essay@iapmo.org; via fax to 909-472-4241; or mail to: The IAPMO Group, Attn: Gaby Davis, Essay Contest, 4755 E. Philadelphia Street, Ontario, CA 91761

The Sandra Imprescia Essay Scholarship Committee will review essays to determine the top three. IAPMO's Board of Directors will select and announce essay contest winners by August 2016. Prizes will be awarded as follows:

First Place - one winner, $1,000. Publication of essay in Official and at IAPMO web site. One year IAPMO membership.

Second Place - one winner, $750. Publication of essay in Official and at IAPMO web site

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- SUBMITTED BY SHANE PETERS

LOS ANGELES

Coast Guard: faulty piping may have led to LA Harbor spill

The Coast Guard says a preliminary investigation finds faulty piping may have led to the leak of a large amount of oil in Los Angeles Harbor where cleanup efforts continue.

Petty Officer SondraKay Kneen says officials haven't determined how much oil leaked from the 577-foot car-carrying ship Istra Ace. The leak was stopped shortly after it was reported Sunday night.

Crews are on the scene again Tuesday, using boom, sweepers and absorbent pads to contain and clean up the oily mess.

The Coast Guard, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Los Angeles Port Police and fire officials are investigating.

Fish and Wildlife said Tuesday that there have been no reports of any animals impacted by the spill.

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LOS ANGELES

2 bald eagle chicks hatch on California's Santa Cruz Island

Two bald eagle chicks have hatched in a nest high in a tree in California's Channel Islands National Park.

Park officials say the first egg hatched Saturday and the second bird poked its head out of its shell Monday in Sauces Canyon on Santa Cruz Island.

Officials say it's the first successful hatch after three years of attempts for the parents.

The 11-year old male was brought to the island in 2005 and the female arrived in 2006 as part of an ongoing recovery effort.

Bald eagles disappeared from the Channel Islands by the 1960s because of DDT contamination. Since 2006, the birds have re-established territories on most of the eight islands.

The Sauces Canyon bald eagle pair is the first to lay eggs this season across the Channel Islands.

Live webcam video of the nest can be seen at www.explore.org.

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SAN FRANCISCO

PlayStation VR to debut in October for less than Rift, Vive

Sony's version of virtual reality will cost a few hundred dollars less than competitors when its headset is released in October.

The company announced a $399 price tag and the October release date for PlayStation VR on Tuesday during the Game Developers Conference.

The head-mounted display works in tandem with the PlayStation 4 console. The headset surrounds a wearer's vision and immerses them in 360-degree virtual worlds.

PlayStation VR's debut will follow the respective launches of the Oculus Rift and HTC Vive consumer versions.

The Rift will be available March 28 for $599. The Vive will be released April 5 for $799. They both require high-end PCs in order to work.

Sony said it expects over 50 games will be available for PlayStation VR at launch.

- DERRIK J. LANG, AP ENTERTAINMENT WRITER

LOS ANGELES

Nurses begin 7-day walkout at Los Angeles Medical Center

Registered nurses have begun a seven-day walkout at Kaiser Permanente's Los AngelesMedical Center.

The California Nurses Association says the job action that began Tuesday involves 1,200 nurses who are seeking their first collective bargaining contract and want to protect patient care and make economic gains that would boost retention and recruitment.

Kaiser Permanente says in a statement that it has proposed wages that would keep the nurses among the best-paid in Southern California. The statement also asserts that the strike is not about quality or adequate staffing levels.

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LOS ANGELES

2 workers hurt when wall falls at LA construction site

Los Angeles authorities say two workers were seriously injured when a wooden wall fell on them at a construction site in Hollywood.

The Fire Department says co-workers managed to lift the thousand-pound wall off the men, who were rushed to a hospital Tuesday morning.

The circumstances of the accident are under investigation.

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SAN FRANCISCO

Courts: California traffic amnesty program helped thousands

Tens of thousands of California drivers have had traffic fines and court fees reduced under an amnesty program pushed by Gov. Jerry Brown to help the poor.

State court officials said Tuesday that more than 58,000 drivers have received cost reductions in the first three months of an 18-month program that started in October.

When he announced the program in May, Brown called the traffic court system a "hellhole of desperation" for the poor who lose driving privileges because they can't afford skyrocketing traffic fines or miss a court date.

The Department of Motor Vehicles reports that about 612,000 people currently have a suspended driver's license for failure to appear or pay.

At least 3.3 million traffic and infraction tickets are eligible for the amnesty program.

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CAFE

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smoothies, veggie pesto pasta, cheese quesadillas and an Indian platter.

Bhullar is also quick to boast about their coffee, which is made exclusively for Café 212 Pier by a small roaster in Orange County.

"It is excellent and smooth, and we even sell the coffee beans."

Bhullar has tried to get the word out that the café has changed by offering "Loyal Piertons" loyalty card, focusing more on social media and offering discounts.

And though Bhullar is competing with both large chains and other small cafés, the fight over customers is not a real concern of hers.

"We offer a great product for a very good price in a place like Santa Monica. And I challenge you to come and see it is a comfortable place to be and I challenge people who go to Starbucks or wherever to see that we are better," Bhullar said.

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BHULLAR

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TRAINING

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SMMUSD attempts to close longstanding academic achievement gaps that exist between black and Latino students and their white and Asian peers.

On the recently implemented California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress tests, pass rates in English ranged from 45 percent for African-American students and 48 percent for Hispanic students to 78 percent for white students and 83 percent for Asians. Similarly, just 30 percent of black SMMUSD test-takers and 33 percent of Latino students met or exceeded standards in math, while white and Asian students' rates reached 69 percent and 77 percent, respectively.

"Clearly, in the last 27 years, we haven't succeeded in bridging the gap, so clearly we're doing something wrong," Braff told the school board.

The district recently hired renowned sociologist Pedro Noguera to analyze equity and access problems and come up with solutions to help educators improve outcomes for historically underperforming students. Noguera, an education professor at UCLA and director of the university's Center for the Study of School Transformation, is expected to report his findings to the board in the coming weeks.

Braff said the bias training will supplement Noguera's work. She said the local workshops will initially be geared toward district administrators and union leaders but added that it will eventually roll out at individual school sites.

"It's going to raise difficult questions that we're going to have to be brave enough to face up to," Braff said. "It's not going to be an easy process. The more we learn, the more we're going to question how things are going."

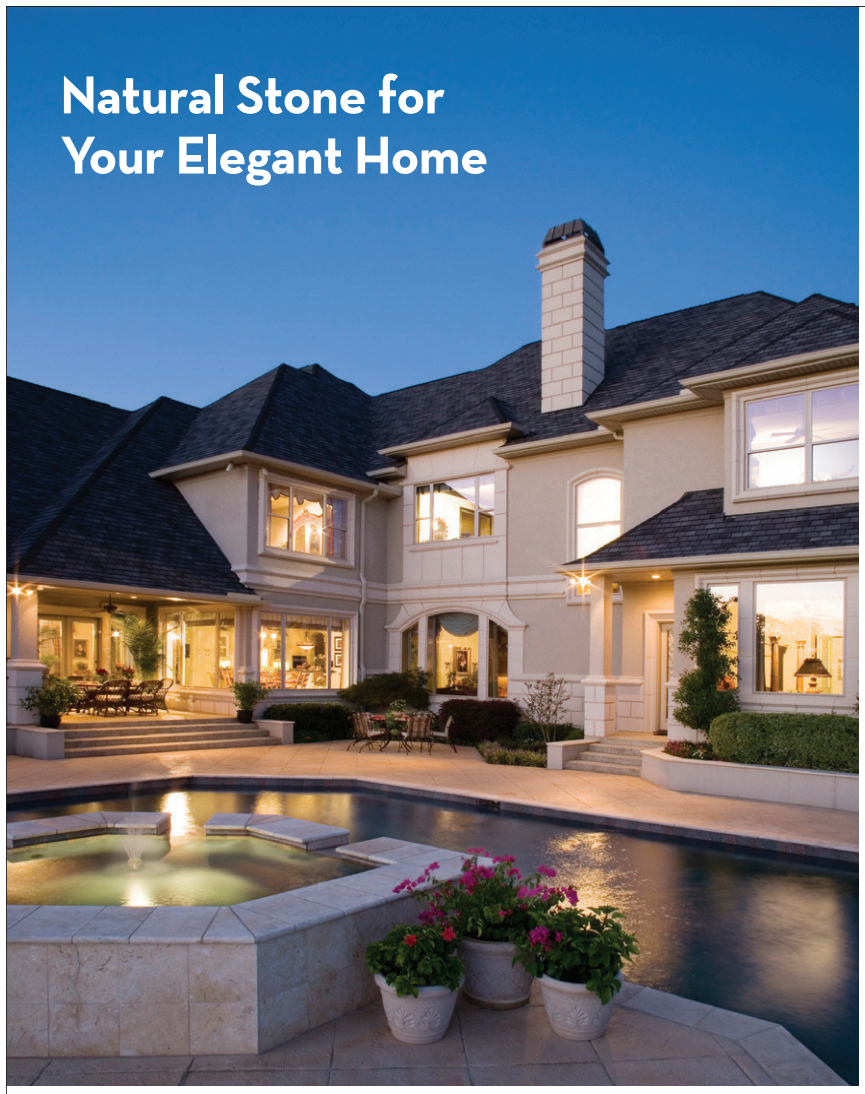
Braff said the training would include two intensive days of learning and discussion as well as monthly meetings and ensuing sessions to develop and talk about classroom strategies.

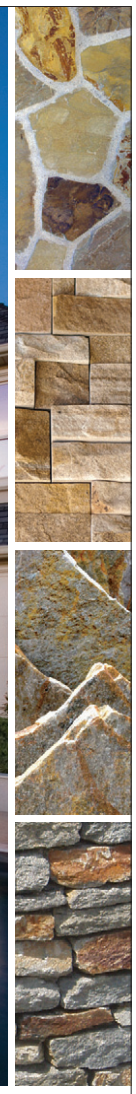
Board member Craig Foster voiced support for the bias training. He and other board members have had ample dialogue about closing the achievement gap in recent months.

Recently, officials at Santa Monica High School increased participation in Advanced Placement classes among minority and low-income students by identifying and reaching out to students who demonstrated they were capable of handling the rigorous coursework.

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SPELLING

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of a competition that featured more than 100 students in grades 2-8. The regional winner qualified for a spot in the national bee in Maryland in late May.

For Cooper, just getting to the regional bee required sensational spelling.

Fourth- and fifth-grade students at Franklin were invited to take a spelling test, and the top 10 performers participated in a Jan. 25 competition in front of their peers in the school's auditorium.

Organized by teacher Paula Flynn, who also serves as the official word pronouncer, the local bee is run using strict Scripps rules. Santa Monica police Sgt. Erika Aklufi and SMMUSD student services director Tara Brown, a former Franklin principal, served as judges.

The Franklin competition, which was launched at the suggestion of parents about four years ago, has become a beloved campus tradition for the students in the upper two grade levels.

"There is a growing interest in the spelling bee," Sinfield said. "They love it."

Sinfield said the school was "heavy with excitement" on the day of the Franklin bee, when Cooper outlasted nine fellow students in many rounds of competition to earn a spot in the regional contest.

"She's pretty good if she could beat all those kids who are very good spellers," Sinfield said.

The local bee strengthens a strong language arts curriculum at Franklin, where 94 percent of fifth-grade students and 82 percent of fourth-grade students met or exceeded the standard on the English portion of the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress, according to 2014-15 data. The pass rate was 68 percent across the district.

"They have to know roots of words, they have to learn a lot of the Latin roots that we find in English, see patterns and irregularities, and they have to learn context," Sinfield said. "They have to know how it's used in a sentence to know how to spell the correct version of the word."

Cooper, a student in Jeff Gonzalez's class, practiced with Flynn as well as on her own ahead of the regional bee. She breezed through words like "bandit" to advance in the competition before bowing out on the word meaning "composed of elements drawn from various sources," according to the Merriam-Webster dictionary.

Cooper extends a spelling legacy at Franklin that was championed by Brennan Jacobs, who represented the school at the regional bee in each of the previous two years.

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SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: **60.8°**

WEDNESDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** knee to chest high occ. 4ft
Modest SSW swell. Leftover WNW swell mix. AM winds look favorable.

THURSDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** knee to chest high
Modest/fun size blend of old WNW and SSW swells. Good AM winds.

FRIDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **1-3 ft** knee to waist high
WNW traces in the morning. Possible fresh W/WNW swell showing in the PM. Deep AM high tide.

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CRIME WATCH
BY DAILY PRESS STAFF



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

ON MARCH 3 AT APPROXIMATELY 8:20 P.M.

Officers were dispatched to a restaurant in the 800 block of Wilshire Boulevard in regards to a vandalism that just occurred. According to a witness, the subject, later described as Anthony Goldberg, 33, of Santa Monica, came and sat in the restaurant after he was seen tagging on a business across the street. Goldberg admitted to tagging. Goldberg was arrested bail was set at $1,000.

ON FEBRUARY 29 AT APPROXIMATELY 8:45 P.M.

The suspect was driving his vehicle westbound at the 1500 block of Wilshire Boulevard and veered left across the eastbound lanes, until he struck a parked car along the south curb. Santa Monica police officers arrived shortly afterward and noticed the suspect appeared to be driving under the influence. After conducting a field sobriety test, the arresting officer believed the suspect was under the influence of both drugs and alcohol. The suspect was taken into custody and submitted to a breathalyzer test at the jail. The suspect, Wilbert Wickers, 20, of Simi Valley, blew slightly under the legal limit, but he was also under the age of 21. The suspect was then taken to the hospital to get blood drawn for a drug test. The suspect was charged with DUI and underage drinking. Bail was set at $15,000.

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department responded to 355 calls for service on March 14.

HERE IS A SAMPLING OF THOSE CALLS CHOSEN BY THE SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS STAFF.

Burglary 1200 block of Montana 12:36 a.m.
Auto burglary 1500 block of 11th 12:37 a.m.
Construction noise 3rd Street Prom/Arizona 6:27 a.m.
Battery 300 block of Pico 6:34 a.m.
Vandalism 800 block of Santa Monica 7:35 a.m.
Out of order traffic lights Lincoln/Pico 8:16 a.m.
Assault 2nd/Broadway 8:18 a.m.
General parking problem 2500 block of 5th 8:21 a.m.
Traffic hazard 200 block of Ocean 8:55 a.m.
Vandalism 300 block of Wilshire 8:59 a.m.
Vehicle with excessive tickets 700 block of Cedar 9:16 a.m.
Death investigation 2300 block of Ocean Park 10:12 a.m.
Auto burglary 900 block of Euclid 10:41 a.m.
Petty theft 3rd/Bicknell 10:42 a.m.
Petty theft 1400 block of 9th 11:45 a.m.
Lewd activity 1100 block of Lincoln 11:51 a.m.
Found property 3rd Street Prom/Arizona 11:55 a.m.
Paparazzi complaint 2900 block of Olympic 12:38 p.m.
Trespassing 1500 block of 12th 12:45 p.m.
Burglary 800 block of Broadway 12:46 p.m.
Elder abuse 1100 block of 7th 1:13 p.m.
Speeding Yale/Arizona 1:20 p.m.
Traffic collision 4th/Olympic 1:21 p.m.
Traffic hazard 1900 block of 17th 1:26 p.m.
Hit and run 700 block of California 1:53 p.m.
Oversize vehicle violation 900 block of Ozone 1:55 p.m.
Indecent exposure 1900 block of Main 1:59 p.m.
Assault w/deadly weapon 1900 block of Lincoln 2:02 p.m.
Fraud 1000 block of 7th 2:11 p.m.
Auto burglary 1300 block of 4th 2:12 p.m.
Domestic violence 1200 block of 15th 2:52 p.m.
Bike theft 2000 block of Main 3:03 p.m.
Grand theft 600 block of 25th 3:19 p.m.
Indecent exposure 2400 block of Main 4:05 p.m.
Fight 4th/Montana 4:32 p.m.
Battery 1500 block of Ocean 5:23 p.m.
Traffic collision 10th/Pico 5:28 p.m.
Traffic collision 800 block of Pico 5:29 p.m.
Vandalism 600 block of Wilshire 6:39 p.m.
Traffic collision 500 block of 14th 7:08 p.m.
Rape 1700 block of Cloverfield 7:09 p.m.
Hit and run Ocean/Bay 8:52 p.m.
Indecent exposure 6th/Washington 9:35 p.m.
Drunk driving 1500 block of Ocean 9:41 p.m.
Oversize vehicle violation 500 block of Georgina 9:55 p.m.
Missing person 2200 block of Wilshire 10:11 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

The Santa Monica Fire Department responded to 40 calls for service on March 14.

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EMS 100 block of Winnett 2:09 a.m.
EMS 600 block of Strand 3:49 a.m.
EMS 2800 block of Ocean Park 3:57 a.m.
EMS 2300 block of 3rd 4:48 a.m.
EMS 800 block of 10th 6:20 a.m.
EMS 300 block of Pico 6:26: a.m.
Injuries from assault 300 block of Pico 6:35 a.m.
Automatic alarm 300 block of Olympic 7:22 a.m.
EMS 1600 block of 16th 7:31 a.m.
EMS 300 block of Olympic 7:36 a.m.
Fire investigation 2900 block of Ocean Park 7:46 a.m.
EMS 2000 block of Santa Monica 8:13 a.m.
EMS 1300 block of 15th 9:05 a.m.
EMS 1600 block of Cloverfield 9:34 a.m.
EMS 1900 block of 20th 10:11 a.m.
EMS 2300 block of Ocean Park 10:12 a.m.
EMS 1300 block of 15th 10:26 a.m.
EMS 2200 block of Montana 10:37 a.m.
EMS 1500 block of 5th 11:25 a.m.
EMS 1300 block of Wilshire 11:41 a.m.
EMS 900 block of Pico 2:13 p.m.
Vehicle fire Moomat Ahiko/Ocean 2:31 p.m.
EMS 900 block of 11th 3:15 p.m.
EMS 1100 block of Wilshire 3:43 p.m.
EMS 2600 block of 28th 3:51 p.m.
EMS 1300 block of 15th 4 p.m.
EMS 2000 block of Santa Monica 4:17 p.m.
EMS 1500 block of Centinela 5:24 p.m.
EMS 800 block of Pico 5:28 p.m.
Injuries from assault 2900 block of Wilshire 5:45 p.m.
EMS 500 block of Colorado 7:51 p.m.

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Rotisserie part
5 Mall unit
9 What x sometimes means
11 Midwest airport
12 Unescorted
13 Food of the gods
14 Great weight
15 Cheese choice
17 Cheese choice
19 "— been swell!"
20 Milking seat
21 Compass dir.
22 Secret meeting
24 Spots on TV
26 Lion features
29 Parisian pal
30 Cheese choice
32 Cheese choice
34 Operated
35 Choir member
36 Vent cover
38 Reviewer Roger
39 Restaurant patron
40 Steak choice
41 Years gone by

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Yesterday's answer

DOWN

1 Baseball card data
2 Cockpit occupants
3 "Right away, boss"
4 Kayo count
5 Herring's kin
6 Submit
7 Decorative
8 Fruit basket items
10 Region
11 Portent
16 Lama, e.g.
18 A bunch
21 Sicilian volcano
23 Wild
24 One-celled organism
25 Sit-down affair
27 Book goofs
28 Declares
29 Following
30 Jazz great Al
31 Sluggish
33 Went fast
37 Drake's music

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Difficulty Level ★★★

GETTING STARTED

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SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

6	8	3	2	7	4	5	1	9
7	1	2	5	8	9	6	3	4
9	5	4	6	1	3	2	7	8
4	3	9	1	5	7	8	2	6
8	2	5	3	4	6	7	9	1
1	7	6	8	9	2	4	5	3
3	6	1	7	2	8	9	4	5
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Mega#: 13
Jackpot: 20M

Super LOTTO PLUS
Draw Date: 3/12
2 16 27 34 36
Mega#: 12
Jackpot: 9M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 3/14
4 5 24 28 37

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 3/14
MIDDAY: 8 0 1
Draw Date: 3/14
EVENING: 7 8 1

DAILY DERBY
Draw Date: 3/14
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2nd: 09 Winning Spirit
3rd: 01 Gold Rush
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WORD UP!

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1. a writer or speaker who uses words pretentiously or with careless disregard for meaning.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1984 - William Buckley, the CIA station chief in Beirut, Lebanon, is kidnapped by Islamic fundamentalists and later died in captivity.

1985 - Associated Press newsman Terry Anderson is taken hostage in Beirut. He is released on December 4, 1991.

1988 - Iran-Contra affair: Lieutenant Colonel Oliver North and Vice Admiral John Poindexter are indicted on charges of conspiracy to defraud the United States.

1988 - Halabja chemical attack: The Kurdish town of Halabja in Iraq is attacked with a mix of poison gas and nerve agents on the orders of Saddam Hussein, killing 5000 people and injuring about 10000 people.

1988 - The Troubles: Ulster loyalist militant Michael Stone attacks a Provisional IRA funeral in Belfast with pistols and grenades. Three people are killed and more than 60 wounded. The attack was filmed by news crews.

1989 - In Egypt, a 4,400-year-old mummy is found near the Pyramid of Cheops.

1995 - Mississippi formally ratifies the Thirteenth Amendment, becoming the last state to approve the abolition of slavery. The Thirteenth Amendment was officially ratified in 1865.

NEWS OF THE WEIRD BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ The online-pornography colossus Pornhub's charity fundraising promotion during February benefited the Moclips Cetological Society ("Save the Whales") in honor of World Whale Day on Feb. 13. Its news release celebrated whales' sexuality -- that they, like humans, do not limit their horniness to procreation. The company said it would, from Feb. 8 to Feb. 29, donate a penny for every 2,000 videos played on its ubiquitous free websites. (That offer might appear modest, but a Seattle Post-Intelligencer reporter noted, over the first two days, the world's porn consumers had played 532 million videos -- earning the charity $2,660.)

■ Vicky Leyton, 72, announced her retirement recently in Benidorm, Spain, over health concerns, but the lady's 30-year run in her one-of-a-kind, "Sticky Vicky" magic show can hardly be forgotten by the 6 million fans who have witnessed it. Trained as a ballerina but emulating magicians who pull rabbits out of top hats, Vicky extracted an impressive array of items, also -- from the body cavity that is occasionally the subject of News of the Weird stories. One review in Spain's El Pais newspaper described a typical inventory: fluffy flags, flowers, ping-pong balls, sausages, eggs, a string of razor blades, a bottle and a light bulb (that was aglow!).

Where your friends are, Capricorn

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ Follow your instincts no matter what you are dealing with. As a result, you might come up with some wild, great ideas. Someone whose feedback you respect will be quite impressed with an idea of yours. This person will step out of your way. Tonight: Head home early.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ You could be forced to rethink a plan. Your perspective on a certain problem seems to have changed. Your creativity will open up to many possibilities, as long as you drop self-imposed restrictions. A friend will help you see another path as well. Tonight: Brainstorm away.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Even with your flirtatious ways, you can become quite jealous. Right now, because of the expression of affection between you and someone else, you might feel more complete than usual. You could end up in an intense one-on-one talk. Tonight: Spend time with loved ones.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ Others are working with you, and you don't have the normal hassles to deal with. Reach out to someone you have not seen in a while. All of the sharing from different parties brings a change in perspective, not only for you, but also for a loved one. Tonight: As you like it.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ You might not feel up to snuff, so you'll probably want to schedule a lengthy nap. Listen to your inner thoughts, as they will point you in the right direction. A partner proves to be unusually imaginative. Tonight: You could be deceived by a risk, but you'll land well.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ Your friends will prove how supportive they are. A partner or loved one helps you digest a very romantic and dynamic thought. You might not be ready to hear the implications involved yet, as so many other ideas are being presented. Tonight: Only where the crowds are.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ A situation tosses you into prominence. You could be taken aback by others' willingness to make an adjustment and follow your suggestions. A domestic matter seems to transform itself without a lot of work. Be pleased, and just go with the flow. Tonight: Let others come to you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Work with others on a one-on-one level. The results you get could delight you. Reach out to those who seem to demonstrate an ability to see the big picture. Your sixth sense comes through for you in a way that you might not have anticipated. Tonight: Use your instincts.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Deal with a friend or loved one directly. You could be so overwhelmed by what you hear, whether it is good or bad news, that you might feel the need to have a separate conversation to clarify what you have heard. You work well in general with one other person. Tonight: Out.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ It appears as if others are in control right now. Don't fight the trend, and allow them to tend to matters that normally are your priority. Assume that you will have extra time, and figure out what you'd like to do with it. Try to squeeze in some fun. Tonight: Where your friends are.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ You clearly have a lot to get done, and you have the intention to do just that. Keep in mind a recent example of a boss pointing to wasted time. You will do an excellent job of catching up. What is clear is that you find your own rhythm. Trust your beat. Tonight: Clear your desk.

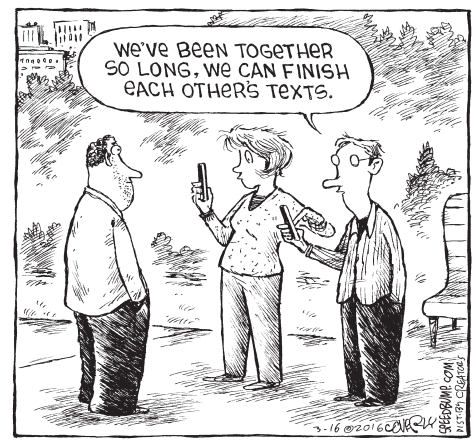
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Your imagination carries you into new realms with very different ideas. Do not deny the inevitable; instead, go with the flow. A friendship draws your attention, perhaps because this person is controlling and/or has profoundly changed. Tonight: Use your creativity well.

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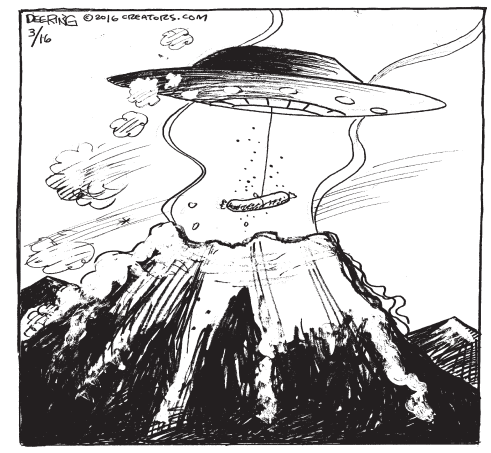
JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS
The stars show the kind of day you'll have:
★★★★★Dynamic ★★ So-So
★★★★ Positive ★ Difficult
★★★ Average

This year you will become well-known for your flights of fantasy as well as for your ability to imagine what others cannot. As a result, people often head your way when they have a problem to solve. If you are single, you are likely to stumble into a very special relationship. This person easily could be Mr. or Ms. Right. Try not to push this person to move too fast. If you are attached, your relationship indirectly serves as your muse. Treat your significant other as a friend as well as the love of your life. CANCER shows his or her feelings even more than you do.

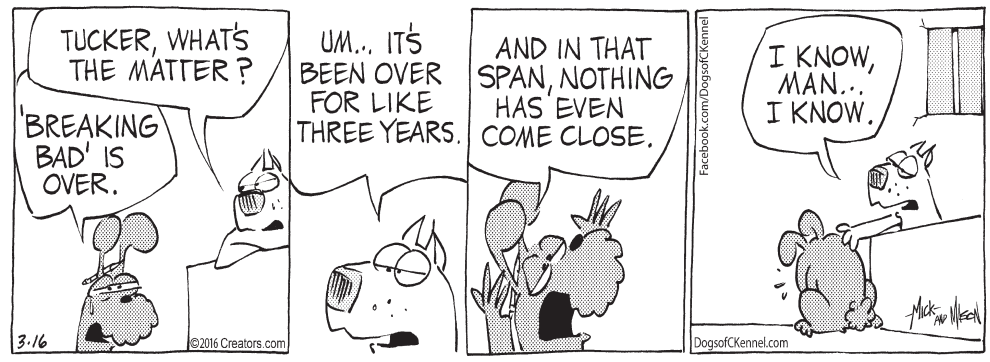
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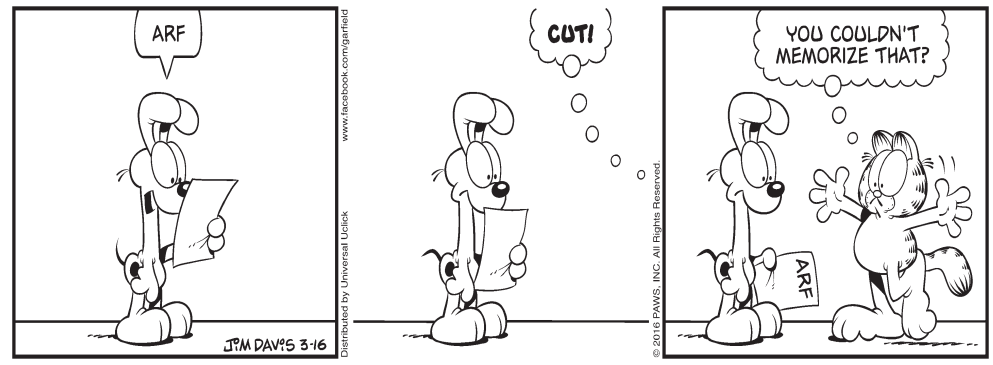
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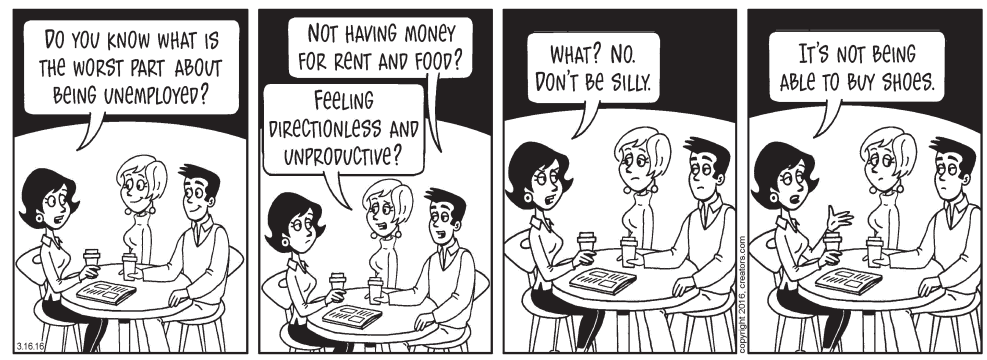
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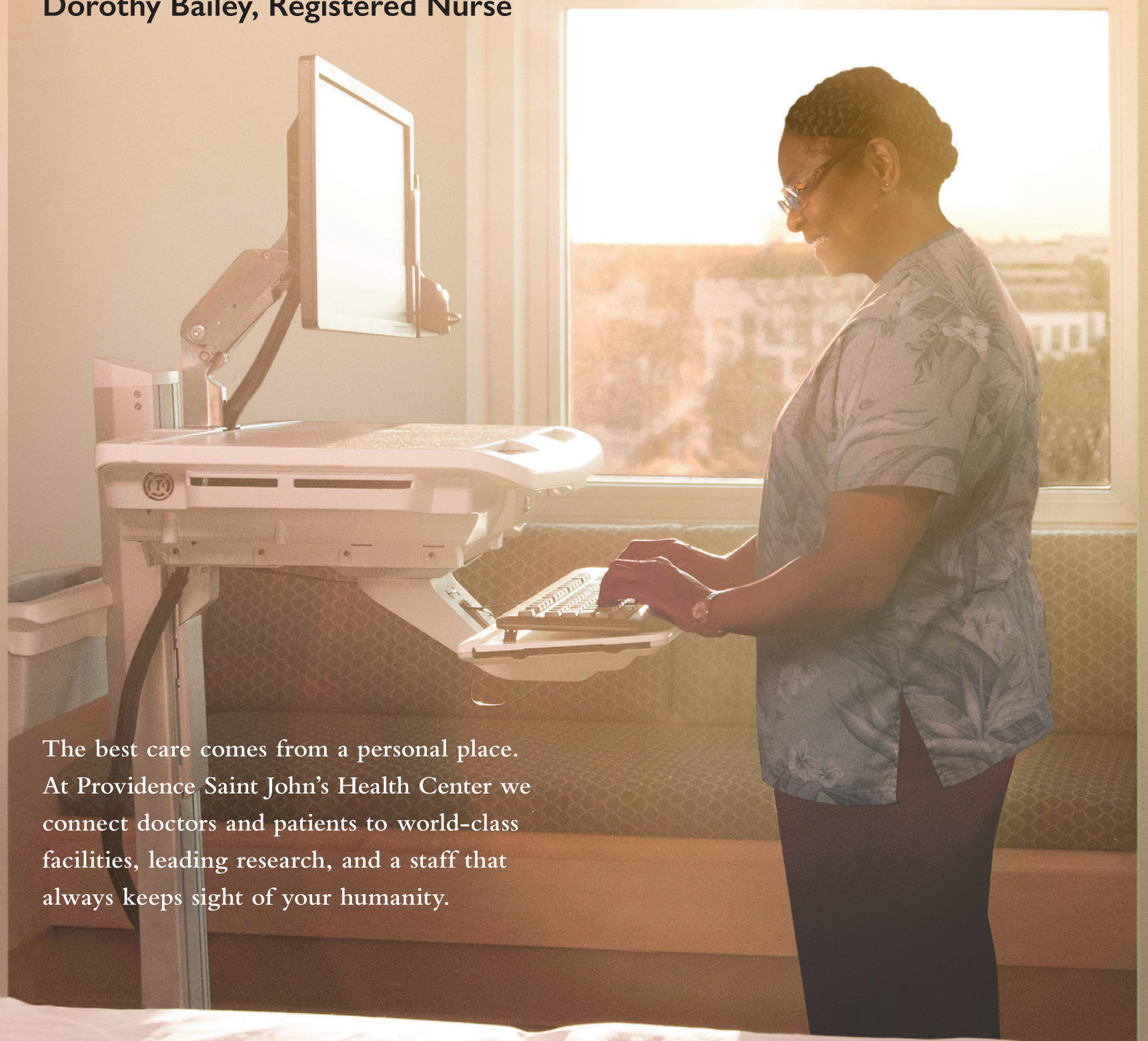


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